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## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** January 6, 2011

**TO:** ALL HOUSE MEMBERS

**FROM:** KEVIN MURPHY, 113<sup>th</sup> Legislative District  
Lackawanna County

**SUBJECT:** Co-Sponsorship Request: Re-Introduction of Former HB 399 (2009-10 Session), Workforce Development Preference for National Guard Members & Reservists

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In the near future, I plan to re-introduce legislation that would amend the Workforce Development Act. Under the Federal Jobs for Veterans Act of 2002, veterans and, in certain cases, spouses of veterans are given preference in federally funded job training programs. The intent of my legislation is to extend that benefit to members of the Pennsylvania National Guard and Army Reserves, and their spouses.

Specifically, my legislation would give active duty PA National Guard members and PA Reservists preference for placement into job training programs for a period of one year after discharge from active duty. The bill would also give preference for job training placement to eligible spouses of active duty National Guard members and Reservists.

This bill was passed unanimously by the House last session by a vote of 192-0.

If you would like to join me in co-sponsoring this legislation, please contact Steph in my office via email at [shardman@pahouse.net](mailto:shardman@pahouse.net). Thank you.