

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Members of the House of Representatives

FROM: Representative Chris Sainato

DATE: January 26, 2011

SUBJECT: Co-Sponsorship of the Pennsylvania Mature Worker Task Force
Previous House Bill 2685

In the near future, I will re-introduce the Pennsylvania Mature Worker Task Force to direct the Department of Aging to establish mature worker training programs for persons 55 or older.

The Pennsylvania Mature Worker Task Force would coordinate the Commonwealth's efforts to assist older persons who are seeking training to enable them to remain in or re-enter the work force. It would also support business growth and development across this Commonwealth with respect to the aging work force. In addition, the Mature Worker Task Force would help combat ageism and stereotypes relating to aging workers. Lastly, this important legislation would provide for the powers and duties of the task force, which would be required to work with the Department of Labor and Industry to assist mature workers. The Department of Aging would be required to collect data and information to coordinate State-funded research and employment training efforts to ensure the most efficient use of funds available for those purposes.

Previous Cosponsors:

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