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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LABOR RELATIONS, OCTOBER 19, 1983

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of July 1, 1978 (P.L.584, No.109), entitled "An  
2 act establishing an agency to create the linkage necessary  
3 for the planning of an economic development system for  
4 Pennsylvania, and making an appropriation," providing for the  
5 establishment, operation and functions of area labor  
6 management committees; extending the existence of the  
7 council, making appropriations; and making a repeal.

8 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
9 hereby enacts as follows:

10 Section 1. Section 2 of the act of July 1, 1978 (P.L.584,  
11 No.109), known as the Milrite Act, is amended by adding a  
12 definition to read:

13 Section 2. Definitions.

14 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall  
15 have, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, the  
16 meanings given to them in this section:

17 "Area Labor Management Committee (ALMC)." An organization of  
18 members from both the business community and organized labor in  
19 a particular geographic area created for the purposes of:

20 (1) Improving communications between labor and

1     management.

2             (2) Providing a forum to discuss and investigate ways to  
3     further the goals of increased quality of work life and  
4     increased productivity.

5             (3) Discovering ways to improve organizational  
6     effectiveness.

7             (4) Finding solutions to problems of mutual concern to  
8     both labor and management not susceptible to resolution  
9     within the collective bargaining structure.

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11    Section 2. Sections 6 and 7 of the act are amended to read:

12    Section 6. Powers and duties of council.

13    The council shall have the following powers and duties:

14             (1) Undertake research and investigation relating to the  
15     promotion of the industrial potential of Pennsylvania.

16             (2) Create plans for economic revitalization of  
17     Commonwealth industries.

18             (3) Recommend implementation procedures for all plans,  
19     maximizing existing mechanisms with proven ability to  
20     accomplish tasks, linkages among current programs, business,  
21     labor and government insights into practicality and  
22     workability of suggested approaches.

23             (4) Encourage and stimulate cooperation and coordination  
24     among Federal, State and local programs.

25             (5) Recommend structural changes and updating of  
26     economic delivery tools of State Government to the Governor  
27     and General Assembly.

28             (6) Draw upon labor, management and government  
29     participants to promulgate plans and implement procedures.

30             (7) Recommend organizational structure and participants

1 particularly suited to local needs and conditions.

2 (8) Support the organization, establishment and  
3 operation of local and regional Area Labor Management  
4 Committees by providing technical and other available  
5 assistance.

6 (9) Provide for a Statewide organization for area labor  
7 management committees to foster the exchange of information  
8 between area labor management committees.

9 [(8)] (10) The council shall have the power to:

10 (i) Enter into contracts.

11 (ii) Appoint, fix compensation of, and prescribe  
12 duties of an executive director, secretary and such other  
13 personnel as the council deems necessary to accomplish  
14 the purposes of this act.

15 (iii) Retain counsel.

16 (iv) Accept grants from public and private sources.

17 (v) Borrow money and issue obligations, secured or  
18 unsecured, to acquire, hold, own and pledge or dispose of  
19 funds, money, securities and other property, real or  
20 personal, tangible or intangible to the extent necessary  
21 to carry out the purposes of this act.

22 (vi) Adopt and promulgate rules and regulations  
23 necessary to accomplish the provisions of this act.

24 Section 7. Limited duration.

25 The council shall cease to exist [six] twelve years from the  
26 effective date of this act unless the General Assembly extends  
27 its life.

28 Section 3. (a) The sum of \$400,000, or as much thereof as  
29 may be necessary, is specifically appropriated to the Milrite  
30 Council for the fiscal year July 1, 1983 to June 30, 1984 for

1 the purpose of providing grants to Area Labor Management  
2 Committees.

3 (b) The sum of \$100,000, or as much thereof as may be  
4 necessary, is specifically appropriated to the Milrite Council  
5 for the fiscal year July 1, 1980 to June 30, 1984 for the  
6 purposes of implementing the provisions of section 2 of this  
7 act.

8 Section 4. As much of section 212 as related to the  
9 appropriation to the Milrite Council for grants to industry and  
10 Area Labor Management Committees of the act of July 21, 1983  
11 (No.7A), is repealed.

12 Section 5. This act shall take effect immediately.