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REFERRED TO LABOR AND INDUSTRY, APRIL 20, 2010

AN ACT

1 Establishing the Youth Job Creation Program and continuing
2 federally funded subsidized adult employment programs.

3 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
4 hereby enacts as follows:

5 Section 1. Short title.

6 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Youth Job
7 Creation Program Act.

8 Section 2. Definitions.

9 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall
10 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
11 context clearly indicates otherwise:

12 "Community-based agency." A private, nonprofit organization
13 that is representative of a community or a significant segment
14 of a community that is engaged in meeting human, educational or
15 environmental community needs. The term shall include community
16 development corporations, neighborhood groups and organizations,
17 union-related organizations, employer-related nonprofit

1 organizations, organizations operating career intern or literacy
2 programs, educational or religious institutions and other
3 nonprofit organizations.

4 "Department." The Department of Labor and Industry of the
5 Commonwealth.

6 "Program." The Youth Job Creation Program established under
7 section 3.

8 "Qualified youth." An individual between 16 and 21 years of
9 age.

10 "TANF." The Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program
11 under the Social Security Act (49 Stat. 620, 42 U.S.C. § 301 et
12 seq.).

13 Section 3. Youth Job Creation Program.

14 (a) Establishment.--The Youth Job Creation Program is
15 established within the department to provide grants to
16 community-based agencies to provide funding to hire qualified
17 youth for subsidized employment.

18 (b) Benefits.--The following shall apply:

19 (1) Qualified youth may be employed for no more than six
20 weeks at an hourly rate of \$9 per hour, unless limited by
21 Federal regulation.

22 (2) The maximum number of hours for each individual
23 employed under the program shall be 25 hours per week for no
24 more than six weeks.

25 (c) Eligibility.--A qualified youth shall be eligible if the
26 youth is unemployed. The receipt of TANF benefits by the
27 qualified youth's parents or legal guardians shall not preclude
28 eligibility.

29 Section 4. Powers and duties of the department.

30 The department shall have the following powers and duties:

1 (1) To establish procedures for community-based agencies
2 to apply for the funds available under this act.

3 (2) To provide notice to community-based agencies,
4 including Workforce Investment Boards of necessary procedures
5 and requirements to apply for the program. The notice may be
6 posted on the department's Internet website.

7 (3) To provide a report within six months from the
8 effective date of this section to the chairman and minority
9 chairman of the Labor and Industry Committee of the Senate
10 and the chairman and minority chairman of the Labor Relations
11 Committee of the House of Representatives, which shall
12 provide an update on the increase in jobs with the
13 implementation of this act. The report shall be made
14 available for public inspection and posted on the
15 department's publicly accessible Internet website.

16 (4) To audit grants or funds awarded under this act to
17 ensure that funds have been used in accordance with this act
18 and the terms and standards adopted by the department.

19 Section 5. Funding.

20 No more than 17% of the funds in the Tobacco Product Tax
21 Account shall be used to fund the program.

22 Section 20. Effective date.

23 This act shall take effect immediately.