
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
SEPTEMBER 26, 2012

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of October 1 through 5, 2012, as "JobTrak
2 PA Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's 14 community colleges received a \$20
4 million Federal grant to collaborate and increase workplace
5 skills through the JobTrak PA initiative; and

6 WHEREAS, JobTrak PA will allow the colleges to collaborate in
7 an unprecedented way and bring affordable and expedited work
8 force delivery courses for adult students, particularly for
9 laid-off workers seeking employment in the industries of
10 advanced manufacturing, energy distribution, production and
11 conservation and health care information technology; and

12 WHEREAS, According to employers, there is a critical shortage
13 of qualified workers to fill jobs in the industries of advanced
14 manufacturing, energy distribution, production and health care
15 technology; and

16 WHEREAS, It is projected that there will be 4,800 job
17 openings in advanced manufacturing in the coming years, more
18 than 32,000 job openings in energy distribution, production and

1 conservation by 2016 and more than 9,000 job openings in health
2 care information technology by 2016; and

3 WHEREAS, The 14 community colleges pledge to bring about the
4 rapid redeployment of laid-off workers to high-wage, high-demand
5 jobs throughout this Commonwealth through the JobTrak PA
6 initiative; and

7 WHEREAS, Through JobTrak PA, the community colleges will
8 enhance their partnerships with local businesses to develop
9 courses and place students in high-skill, high-demand jobs upon
10 degree completion; and

11 WHEREAS, Pennsylvanians across this Commonwealth will have
12 access to these new opportunities for obtaining the skills
13 needed for a fast track to a new job; therefore be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
15 week of October 1 through 5, 2012, as "JobTrak PA Week" in
16 Pennsylvania and encourage all unemployed and underemployed
17 citizens to take advantage of the services offered by their
18 local community college to help them get back to work.