

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 601 Session of 2019

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REFERRED TO LABOR AND INDUSTRY, APRIL 30, 2019

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of December 18, 2001 (P.L.949, No.114),
 2 entitled "An act establishing a unified workforce investment
 3 system; restructuring certain administrative functions,
 4 procedures and entities; transferring workforce development
 5 functions of Commonwealth agencies; establishing the
 6 Pennsylvania Workforce Investment Board; providing for
 7 critical job training grants, for guarantees for program
 8 quality and performance for workforce development programs,
 9 for workforce leadership grants and for industry
 10 partnerships; establishing the Keystone Works Program; and
 11 authorizing local workforce investment boards," in
 12 preliminary provisions, providing for preference for training
 13 programs.

14 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
 15 hereby enacts as follows:

16 Section 1. The act of December 18, 2001 (P.L.949, No.114),
 17 known as the Workforce Development Act, is amended by adding a
 18 section to read:

19 Section 105. Preference for training programs.

20 (a) Pennsylvania National Guard and reserve component
 21 members.--Unless prohibited by Federal law or regulation, a
 22 member of the Pennsylvania National Guard or a reserve component
 23 of the United States Armed Forces who has been ordered to active

1 Federal or State service shall be given a preference for
2 placement in any program under this act for a period of one year
3 after discharge of the member from active duty. Preference for
4 placement shall be given after the member provides documentation
5 of the dates of active duty and meets the eligibility
6 requirements of the program.

7 (b) Spouses.--Unless prohibited by Federal law or
8 regulation, a spouse of a member of the Pennsylvania National
9 Guard or a reserve component of the United States Armed Forces
10 who has been ordered to active Federal or State service shall be
11 given a preference for placement in any program under this act
12 for a period of one year after discharge of the member from
13 active duty. Preference for placement shall be given after the
14 spouse provides documentation of the member's dates of active
15 duty and meets the eligibility requirements of the program.

16 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.