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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 71 (State Government) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, providing for miscellaneous provisions  
3 relating to searchable database for State job openings.

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

6 Section 1. Title 71 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
7 Statutes is amended by adding a part to read:

8 PART XXX

9 MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

10 Chapter

11 91. Searchable Database for State Job Openings

12 CHAPTER 91

13 SEARCHABLE DATABASE FOR STATE JOB OPENINGS

14 Sec.

15 9101. Definitions.

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3 § 9101. Definitions.

4 The following words and phrases when used in this chapter  
5 shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the  
6 context clearly indicates otherwise:

7 "Commonwealth agency." Any of the following:

8 (1) The Governor's Office.

9 (2) A department, office, agency, authority, board or  
10 commission of the Commonwealth that is subject to the policy  
11 supervision and control of the Governor.

12 (3) The office of Lieutenant Governor.

13 (4) An independent department.

14 (5) An independent agency.

15 (6) A court or agency of the unified judicial system.

16 (7) The General Assembly or an agency of the General  
17 Assembly.

18 (8) A State-owned university.

19 (9) A State-related university.

20 (10) An organization that is established by the  
21 Constitution of Pennsylvania, a statute or an executive order  
22 and that performs or is intended to perform an essential  
23 government function.

24 "Independent agency." As follows:

25 (1) An office, agency, authority, board or commission of  
26 the Commonwealth that is not subject to the policy  
27 supervision and control of the Governor.

28 (2) The term does not include:

29 (i) An independent department.

30 (ii) A court or agency of the unified judicial

1 system.

2 (iii) The General Assembly or an agency of the  
3 General Assembly.

4 (iv) A State-affiliated entity.

5 (v) A State-related institution.

6 (vi) A political subdivision of the Commonwealth or  
7 an office, agency, authority, board or commission of a  
8 political subdivision of the Commonwealth.

9 "Independent department." Any of the following:

10 (1) The Department of the Auditor General.

11 (2) The Treasury Department.

12 (3) The Office of Attorney General.

13 (4) An office, agency, authority, board or commission of  
14 an entity under paragraph (1), (2) or (3).

15 "Office." The Governor's Office of Administration.

16 "PAStatejobs." The website developed and established under  
17 section 9102 (relating to website generally).

18 "State-owned university." A university under the  
19 Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education.

20 "State-related university." The Pennsylvania State  
21 University, the University of Pittsburgh, Temple University and  
22 Lincoln University and their associated branch campuses.

23 § 9102. Website generally.

24 (a) Development and establishment.--Notwithstanding any  
25 other provision of law, no later than July 1, 2023, the office  
26 shall develop and establish, or contract with a third party to  
27 develop and establish, a publicly accessible and searchable  
28 Internet website that includes a database of State job openings  
29 in accordance with this chapter, to be known as PAStatejobs.

30 (b) Maintenance and update.--The office shall maintain and

1 update, or contract with a third party to maintain and update,  
2 PAStatejobs.

3 § 9103. Posting on website.

4 (a) Requirement for posting.--Each Commonwealth agency shall  
5 post all available job openings for the Commonwealth agency on  
6 PAStatejobs.

7 (b) Contents of posting.--A posting for a job opening on  
8 PAStatejobs shall include at least the following:

9 (1) The job title.

10 (2) The date that the job is available.

11 (3) The deadline for applying for the job.

12 (4) The required work experience for the job.

13 (5) The required education for the job.

14 (6) A brief description of the job duties.

15 (7) The salary or wage information and applicable  
16 benefits regarding the job.

17 (8) How to apply for the job.

18 (9) The name and contact information of the person to  
19 whom job inquiries may be directed.

20 (10) The name and address of the Commonwealth agency  
21 posting the job advertisement.

22 § 9104. Access to website.

23 (a) Free service.--The Internet website hosting PAStatejobs  
24 may not charge an individual to search for available job  
25 postings on PAStatejobs.

26 (b) Search function.--The search function on PAStatejobs  
27 must allow an individual to query the database by any of the  
28 following:

29 (1) The name of the Commonwealth agency.

30 (2) Job title.

1           (3) Relevant date.

2           (4) Keyword.

3           (5) Distance.

4           (6) Location.

5           (c) Subscription.--PAStatejobs must allow an individual to  
6 subscribe to receive an automatic electronic notice sent to an  
7 email address of the subscriber when a posted job opening meets  
8 the subscriber's established criteria.

9    § 9105. Administration.

10          (a) Cooperation.--Each Commonwealth agency shall cooperate  
11 with the office in submitting or uploading the information to  
12 PAStatejobs.

13          (b) Accuracy.--Each Commonwealth agency shall be responsible  
14 for verifying the accuracy and completeness of the information  
15 submitted or uploaded to PAStatejobs.

16    § 9106. Construction.

17          Subject to the requirements of this chapter, nothing in this  
18 chapter shall preclude a Commonwealth agency from advertising a  
19 job opening in the Commonwealth agency by an additional method  
20 of advertising.

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