



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 5503

February Session, 2006

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AN ACT ESTABLISHING A YOUTH TRUST ACCOUNT.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a
2 youth trust account which shall be a separate nonlapsing account in
3 the General Fund. The account shall contain any moneys required by
4 law to be deposited in the account. The Office of Workforce
5 Competitiveness shall administer the account. The moneys of the
6 account shall be (1) used to provide job training and employment
7 opportunities for youth fourteen to twenty-one years of age, in
8 accordance with subsection (b) of this section, and (2) allocated by the
9 Office of Workforce Competitiveness for such purpose to the state's
10 regional workforce investment boards based on criteria established in
11 the Workforce Investment Act of 1998, P.L. 105-220, as from time to
12 time amended.

13 (b) (1) At least eighty per cent of funds allocated pursuant to this
14 section shall be used to provide in-school assistance to promote
15 academic and employment success through activities that promote
16 basic skill improvement, career exploration, contact with employers,
17 employment opportunities and job readiness. Such activities shall
18 include activities for fourteen and fifteen year old youths to provide
19 year-round subsidized job training opportunities with a focus on
20 developmentally appropriate career exposure, employment skills, and

21 academic enhancement programs designed to provide such youth with
22 experience and understanding of various careers, related educational
23 pathways and the labor market. Such activities shall also include
24 activities for sixteen to twenty-one year old youths to enhance
25 employment skills, assist with academic deficiencies and provide a
26 link to subsidized employment in the public and private sectors
27 related to the youth's knowledge, skills and interests.

28 (2) The remaining funds allocated pursuant to this section shall be
29 designated for out-of-school programs for sixteen to twenty-one year
30 old youths with a focus on employment competencies and
31 employment retention skills.

32 (3) The program may require participating employers to retain
33 employment of such youths for a period up to eighteen months.

34 (c) The Office of Workforce Competitiveness may adopt regulations,
35 in accordance with chapter 54 of the general statutes, to implement this
36 section.

37 Sec. 2. (*Effective from passage*) The State Treasurer shall transfer the
38 sum of twenty million dollars from the General Fund, to the youth
39 trust account established in section 1 of this act, for the fiscal year
40 ending June 30, 2006, for the purpose of funding programs pursuant to
41 section 1 of this act.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section

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