

ASSEMBLY, No. 1357

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

219th LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2020 SESSION

Sponsored by:

Assemblyman DANIEL R. BENSON

District 14 (Mercer and Middlesex)

Assemblyman JAMEL C. HOLLEY

District 20 (Union)

Assemblywoman VALERIE VAINIERI HUTTLE

District 37 (Bergen)

SYNOPSIS

Establishes NJ Life Sciences Training and Development Program in DOLWD.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



1 **AN ACT** establishing the New Jersey Life Sciences Training and
 2 Development Program using workforce development funds and
 3 amending and supplementing P.L.1992, c.43.

4
 5 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
 6 *of New Jersey:*

7
 8 1. Section 9 of P.L.1992, c.43 (C.34:15D-9) is amended to read
 9 as follows:

10 9. a. A restricted, nonlapsing, revolving Workforce
 11 Development Partnership Fund, to be managed and invested by the
 12 State Treasurer, is hereby established to: provide employment and
 13 training services to qualified displaced, disadvantaged and
 14 employed workers by means of training grants or customized
 15 training services; provide for the other costs indicated in subsection
 16 a. of section 4 of P.L.1992, c.43 (C.34:15D-4); provide for the New
 17 Jersey Innovation and Research Fellowship Program as provided for
 18 in section 3 of P.L.2015, c.235 (C.34:15D-26); and facilitate the
 19 provision of education and training to youth by means of grants
 20 provided by the Youth Transitions to Work Partnership pursuant to
 21 the provisions of P.L.1993, c.268 (C.34:15E-1 et al.). All
 22 appropriations to the fund, all interest accumulated on balances in
 23 the fund and all cash received for the fund from any other source
 24 shall be used solely for the purposes specifically delineated by this
 25 act.

26 b. During any fiscal year beginning after June 30, 2001, of the
 27 total revenues dedicated to the program during any one fiscal year:
 28 25% shall be deposited in an account of the Workforce
 29 Development Partnership Fund reserved to provide employment and
 30 training services for qualified displaced workers; 6% shall be
 31 deposited in an account of the Workforce Development Partnership
 32 Fund reserved to provide employment and training services for
 33 qualified disadvantaged workers; **42%** 40% shall be deposited in
 34 an account of the Workforce Development Partnership Fund
 35 reserved for and appropriated to the Office of Customized Training;
 36 3% shall be deposited in an account of the Workforce Development
 37 Partnership Fund reserved for occupational safety and health
 38 training; 5% shall be deposited in an account of the Workforce
 39 Development Partnership Fund reserved for the Youth Transitions
 40 to Work Partnership created pursuant to P.L.1993, c.268 (C.34:15E-
 41 1 et seq.); 3% shall be deposited in an account of the Workforce
 42 Development Partnership Fund reserved for the New Jersey
 43 Innovation and Research Fellowship Program established pursuant
 44 to section 3 of P.L.2015, c.235 (C.34:15D-26); 2% shall be
 45 deposited in an account of the Workforce Development Partnership

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **thus** in the above bill is
 not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 Fund reserved for the New Jersey Life Sciences Training and
2 Development Program established pursuant to section 2 of P.L. ,
3 c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill); 10% shall be
4 deposited in an account of the Workforce Development Partnership
5 Fund reserved for administrative costs as defined in section 3 of
6 P.L.1992, c.43 (C.34:15D-3); 0.5% shall be deposited in an account
7 of the Workforce Development Partnership Fund reserved for the
8 State Employment and Training Commission to design criteria and
9 conduct an annual evaluation of the program; and 5.5% shall be
10 deposited in an account of the Workforce Development Partnership
11 Fund to be used, at the discretion of the commissioner, for any of
12 the purposes indicated in subsection a. of section 4 of P.L.1992,
13 c.43 (C.34:15D-4).

14 c. Beginning January 1, 1995, through June 30, 2002, the
15 balance in the fund as of the previous December 31, as determined
16 in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, shall
17 not exceed 1.5 times the amount of contributions deposited for the
18 calendar year then ended. If the balance exceeds this amount, the
19 excess shall be deposited into the unemployment compensation
20 fund within seven business days of the date that the determination is
21 made.

22 d. Beginning July 1, 2002, and for any subsequent fiscal year,
23 if the unexpended cash balance in any of the accounts indicated in
24 subsection b. of this section, less any amount awarded in grants but
25 not yet disbursed from the account, is determined to exceed 20% of
26 the amount of contributions collected for deposit in the account
27 pursuant to this subsection during the fiscal year then ended, the
28 excess shall be regarded as an unemployment compensation
29 contribution and deposited into the unemployment compensation
30 fund within seven business days of the date that the determination is
31 made.

32 (cf: P.L.2015, c.235, s.2)

33

34 2. (New section) a. The Department of Labor and Workforce
35 Development, in consultation with the New Jersey Economic
36 Development Authority and the Secretary of Higher Education,
37 shall establish the New Jersey Life Sciences Training and
38 Development Program.

39 b. The New Jersey Life Sciences Training and Development
40 Program shall be funded through the funds reserved for that
41 program from the Workforce Development Partnership Fund
42 pursuant to section 9 of P.L.1992, c.43 (C.34:15D-9). The funds
43 shall be distributed by the department as follows:

44 (1) The department shall work in consultation with the New
45 Jersey Economic Development Authority and Secretary of Higher
46 Education to fund job training and career development programs
47 that connect life sciences employers located throughout the State

1 with college graduates that have completed a course of study that
2 focuses on the life sciences.

3 (2) The job training and career development programs shall be
4 hosted by life sciences employers at any place of business located
5 in this State or at an institution of higher education located in this
6 State. The programs shall focus on life sciences career
7 development as well as any specialized training that prepares life
8 sciences college graduates for immediate employment with a host
9 life sciences employer upon completion of a job training and career
10 development program.

11 (3) The job training and career development programs funded
12 pursuant to this act shall provide life sciences employers the ability
13 to train workers at no cost to the employer.

14 c. The department, in consultation with the New Jersey
15 Economic Development Authority, shall promulgate rules and
16 regulations providing for the establishment, administration, and
17 evaluation of the New Jersey Life Sciences Training and
18 Development Program.

19 d. The department, in consultation with the New Jersey
20 Economic Development Authority, shall conduct an evaluation of
21 the effectiveness of the New Jersey Life Sciences Training and
22 Development program overall, and its capacity to promote the
23 growth of life sciences businesses and life sciences employment, no
24 later than five years after the approval of the first job training and
25 career development program.

26
27 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

28
29

30 STATEMENT
31

32 This bill will dedicate workforce development funds for a New
33 Jersey Life Sciences Training and Development Program in the
34 Department of Labor and Workforce Development. The program
35 will be designed by the department in consultation with the New
36 Jersey Economic Development Authority and the Secretary of
37 Higher Education.

38 The program will fund job training and career development
39 programs, administered by the department, which focus on
40 connecting life sciences employers located throughout the State
41 with college graduates that have completed a course of study that
42 focuses on the life sciences. The job training and career
43 development programs will be hosted by life sciences employers at
44 any place of business located in this State or at an institution of
45 higher education located in this State and shall focus on specialized
46 training that prepares college graduates for employment with a host
47 life sciences employer upon completion of a job training and career
48 development program. The programs funded by the bill will

- 1 provide life sciences employers the ability to train workers at no
- 2 cost to the employer
- 3 The bill requires the department to conduct an evaluation of the
- 4 program five years after approval of the first job training and career
- 5 development program to determine the effectiveness of the program
- 6 overall.