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SYNOPSIS

Provides dedicated funding for promotion of apprenticeships and apprenticeship programs from Workforce Development Partnership Fund.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning the promotion of apprenticeships and
2 apprenticeship programs in the State and amending P.L.1992,
3 c.43.

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

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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); provide for the
19 Talent Network Program as provided for in section 2 of
20 P.L.2019, c.125 (C.34:15D-29); and facilitate the provision of
21 education and training to youth by means of grants provided by the
22 Youth Transitions to Work Partnership pursuant to the provisions of
23 P.L.1993, c.268 (C.34:15E-1 et al.). All appropriations to the fund,
24 all interest accumulated on balances in the fund and all cash
25 received for the fund from any other source shall be used solely for
26 the purposes specifically delineated by this act.

27 b. During any fiscal year beginning after June 30, 2001, of the
28 total revenues dedicated to the program during any one fiscal year:
29 25% shall be deposited in an account of the Workforce
30 Development Partnership Fund reserved to provide employment and
31 training services for qualified displaced workers, and, during any
32 fiscal year beginning after June 30, 2021, not less than 5% of the
33 revenues deposited in that account shall be reserved for and
34 appropriated to the Department of Labor and Workforce
35 Development which shall disperse those funds to One Stop Career
36 Centers to promote apprenticeships and apprenticeship programs in
37 the State accredited and approved by the United States Department
38 of Labor, and through fiscal year 2023, not less than 10% of the
39 revenues deposited in that account shall be reserved to provide
40 employment and training services to qualified displaced workers in
41 the pursuit of industry-valued credentials under the pilot program
42 established pursuant to P.L.2019, c.252 (C.34:15D-30 et al.); 6%
43 shall be deposited in an account of the Workforce Development
44 Partnership Fund reserved to provide employment and training
45 services for qualified disadvantaged workers, and through fiscal

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 year 2023, not less than 10% of the revenues deposited in that
2 account shall be reserved to provide employment and training
3 services to qualified disadvantaged workers in the pursuit of
4 industry-valued credentials under the pilot program established
5 pursuant to P.L.2019, c.252 (C.34:15D-30 et al.); 37% shall be
6 deposited in an account of the Workforce Development Partnership
7 Fund reserved for and appropriated to the Office of Customized
8 Training; 5% shall be deposited in an account of the Workforce
9 Development Partnership Fund reserved for the Youth Transitions
10 to Work Partnership created pursuant to P.L.1993, c.268 (C.34:15E-
11 1 et seq.); 3% shall be deposited in an account of the Workforce
12 Development Partnership Fund reserved for occupational safety and
13 health training; 5% shall be deposited in an account of the
14 Workforce Development Partnership Fund reserved for and
15 appropriated to the Talent Network Program established pursuant to
16 section 2 of P.L.2019, c.125 (C.34:15D-29); 3% shall be deposited
17 in an account of the Workforce Development Partnership Fund
18 reserved for the New Jersey Innovation and Research Fellowship
19 Program established pursuant to section 3 of P.L.2015, c.235
20 (C.34:15D-26); 10% shall be deposited in an account of the
21 Workforce Development Partnership Fund reserved for
22 administrative costs as defined in section 3 of P.L.1992, c.43
23 (C.34:15D-3); 0.5% shall be deposited in an account of the
24 Workforce Development Partnership Fund reserved for the State
25 Employment and Training Commission to design criteria and
26 conduct an annual evaluation of the program; and 5.5% shall be
27 deposited in an account of the Workforce Development Partnership
28 Fund to be used, at the discretion of the commissioner, for any of
29 the purposes indicated in subsection a. of section 4 of
30 P.L.1992, c.43 (C.34:15D-4).

31 c. Beginning January 1, 1995, through June 30, 2002, the
32 balance in the fund as of the previous December 31, as determined
33 in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, shall
34 not exceed 1.5 times the amount of contributions deposited for the
35 calendar year then ended. If the balance exceeds this amount, the
36 excess shall be deposited into the unemployment compensation
37 fund within seven business days of the date that the determination is
38 made.

39 d. Beginning July 1, 2002, and for any subsequent fiscal year,
40 if the unexpended cash balance in any of the accounts indicated in
41 subsection b. of this section, except for the account reserved for the
42 Talent Network Program, less any amount awarded in grants but not
43 yet disbursed from the account, is determined to exceed 20% of the
44 amount of contributions collected for deposit in the account
45 pursuant to this subsection during the fiscal year then ended, the
46 excess shall be regarded as an unemployment compensation
47 contribution and deposited into the unemployment compensation
48 fund within seven business days of the date that the determination is

1 made. If the unexpended cash balance in the account reserved for
2 the Talent Network Program, less any amount awarded in grants but
3 not yet disbursed from the account, is determined to exceed 20% of
4 the amount of contributions collected for deposit in the account
5 pursuant to this subsection during the fiscal year then ended, the
6 excess shall be deposited into the Workforce Development
7 Partnership Fund account reserved for the Office of Customized
8 Training.

9 (cf: P.L.2019, c.252, c.3)

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11 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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16 This bill dedicates funding from the State's Workforce
17 Development Partnership Fund to the Department of Labor and
18 Workforce Development which shall disperse those funds to One
19 Stop Career Centers for the promotion of apprenticeships and
20 apprenticeship programs in the State accredited and approved by the
21 United States Department of Labor. It requires that at least five
22 percent of the 25 percent of training funds dedicated for displaced
23 workers be reserved for the promotion of apprenticeships and
24 apprenticeship programs.