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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.



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 P.L.2019,
20 c.125 (C.34:15D-29); and facilitate the provision of education and
21 training to youth by means of grants provided by the Youth
22 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, 2016, 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.); and
43 during any fiscal year beginning after June 30, 2019, 0.5% shall be
44 deposited in an account of the Workforce Development Partnership
45 Fund reserved for an appropriated to the Department of Labor and

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 Workforce Development for the Apprenticeship Start-Up Grant
2 Program created pursuant to section 3 of P.L.2019, c.417
3 (C.34:15D-6.1); 6% shall be deposited in an account of the
4 Workforce Development Partnership Fund reserved to provide
5 employment and training services for qualified disadvantaged
6 workers, and through fiscal year 2023, not less than 10% of the
7 revenues deposited in that account shall be reserved to provide
8 employment and training services to qualified disadvantaged
9 workers in the pursuit of industry-valued credentials under the pilot
10 program established pursuant to P.L.2019, c.252 (C.34:15D-30 et
11 al.); 37% shall be deposited in an account of the Workforce
12 Development Partnership Fund reserved for and appropriated to the
13 Office of Customized Training; 5% shall be deposited in an account
14 of the Workforce Development Partnership Fund reserved for the
15 Youth Transitions to Work Partnership created pursuant to
16 P.L.1993, c.268 (C.34:15E-1 et seq.); 3% shall be deposited in an
17 account of the Workforce Development Partnership Fund reserved
18 for occupational safety and health training; 5% shall be deposited in
19 an account of the Workforce Development Partnership Fund
20 reserved for and appropriated to the Talent Network Program
21 established pursuant to section 2 of P.L.2019, c.125 (C.34:15D-29);
22 3% shall be deposited in an account of the Workforce Development
23 Partnership Fund reserved for the New Jersey Innovation and
24 Research Fellowship Program established pursuant to section 3 of
25 P.L.2015, c.235 (C.34:15D-26); 10% shall be deposited in an
26 account of the Workforce Development Partnership Fund reserved
27 for administrative costs as defined in section 3 of P.L.1992, c.43
28 (C.34:15D-3); 0.5% shall be deposited in an account of the
29 Workforce Development Partnership Fund reserved for the State
30 Employment and Training Commission to design criteria and
31 conduct an annual evaluation of the program; and 5% shall be
32 deposited in an account of the Workforce Development Partnership
33 Fund to be used, at the discretion of the commissioner, for any of
34 the purposes indicated in subsection a. of section 4 of P.L.1992,
35 c.43 (C.34:15D-4).

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

44 d. Beginning July 1, 2002, and for any subsequent fiscal year,
45 if the unexpended cash balance in any of the accounts indicated in
46 subsection b. of this section, except for the account reserved for the
47 Talent Network Program, less any amount awarded in grants but not
48 yet disbursed from the account, is determined to exceed 20% of the

1 amount of contributions collected for deposit in the account
2 pursuant to this subsection during the fiscal year then ended, the
3 excess shall be regarded as an unemployment compensation
4 contribution and deposited into the unemployment compensation
5 fund within seven business days of the date that the determination is
6 made. If the unexpended cash balance in the account reserved for
7 the Talent Network Program, less any amount awarded in grants but
8 not yet disbursed from the account, is determined to exceed 20% of
9 the amount of contributions collected for deposit in the account
10 pursuant to this subsection during the fiscal year then ended, the
11 excess shall be deposited into the Workforce Development
12 Partnership Fund account reserved for the Office of Customized
13 Training.

14 e. \$250,000 shall be allocated to the Apprentice Assistance and
15 Support Services Pilot Program established pursuant to section 1 of
16 P.L.2019, c.419 (C.34:15D-6.2) from the \$29,690,000 which was
17 appropriated pursuant to the annual appropriations act for State
18 fiscal year 2019 from the Workforce Development Partnership Fund
19 for the purpose of funding Work First New Jersey Work Activities
20 and Work First New Jersey-Training Related Expenses, and,
21 \$1,100,000 shall be allocated to the pilot program in each of fiscal
22 years 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, and 2024 from the amounts
23 appropriated pursuant to the annual appropriations act in those
24 fiscal years from the Workforce Development Partnership Fund for
25 the purpose of funding Work First New Jersey Work Activities and
26 Work First New Jersey-Training Related Expenses. Of the funds
27 allocated to the pilot program pursuant to this subsection, 90% shall
28 be dedicated to the Child Care Stipend program and 10% to
29 transportation reimbursement.

30 (cf: P.L.2019, c.419, s.2)

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32 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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37 This bill dedicates funding from the State's Workforce
38 Development Partnership Fund to the Department of Labor and
39 Workforce Development which shall disperse those funds to One
40 Stop Career Centers for the promotion of apprenticeships and
41 apprenticeship programs in the State accredited and approved by the
42 United States Department of Labor. It requires that at least 5% of
43 the 25% of training funds dedicated for displaced workers be
44 reserved for the promotion of apprenticeships and apprenticeship
45 programs.