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2 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

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4 **Senate Bill No. 253**

5 (By Senators Palumbo and Laird)

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7 [Originating in the Select Committee on Children and Poverty;
8 reported February 19, 2014.]
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11 A BILL to amend and reenact §18-21-2 and §18-21-4 of the Code of
12 West Virginia, 1931, as amended, all relating to the special
13 Community-Based Pilot Demonstration Project to Improve
14 Outcomes for At-Risk Youth; updating certain titles; and
15 making technical corrections.

16 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

17 That §18-21-2 and §18-21-4 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931,
18 as amended, be amended and reenacted, all to read as follows:

19 **ARTICLE 21. SPECIAL COMMUNITY-BASED PILOT DEMONSTRATION PROJECT**
20 **TO IMPROVE OUTCOMES FOR AT-RISK YOUTH.**

21 **§18-21-2. Creation of a special Community-Based Pilot**
22 **Demonstration Project to Improve Outcomes for**
23 **At-Risk Youth.**

24 Effective July 1, 2012, ~~and~~ if funds are available, the

1 Secretary of the West Virginia Department of Health and Human
2 Resources shall select a community-based organization to establish
3 a special Community-Based Pilot Demonstration Project to Improve
4 Outcomes for At-Risk Youth in a specified community for a duration
5 of four years. The project will identify, implement and document
6 best practices that can be replicated in other communities. The
7 designated community-based organization shall operate the special
8 pilot project under the direction of the Secretary of the
9 Department of Health and Human Resources and shall work in
10 collaboration with the State School Superintendent, local county
11 school superintendent, ~~Executive Director of the President of the~~
12 ~~Community and Technical College System~~ Chancellor for Community and
13 Technical College Education, the closest community and technical
14 college and four-year college or university, State Workforce
15 Investment Division, Executive Director of the West Virginia
16 Vocational Rehabilitation Services, the local juvenile court
17 system, the local workforce investment board, the Chancellor ~~of the~~
18 ~~Higher Education Policy Commission~~ for Higher Education, the
19 Director of West Virginia Division of Juvenile Services, the local
20 mental or behavior health organizations and other governmental and
21 community-based organizations.

22 **§18-21-4. Organization and goals of the community-based pilot**
23 **demonstration program.**

24 (a) The pilot program shall be operated by a local

1 community-based organization under the direction the Secretary of
2 the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources and in
3 collaboration with the State School Superintendent, county school
4 superintendent, Executive Director of the State Workforce
5 Investment Division, Executive Director of WV Vocational
6 Rehabilitation Services, the local juvenile court system, the
7 Chancellor ~~of the Higher Education Policy Commission~~ for Higher
8 Education, ~~President of the Community and Technical College System~~
9 the Chancellor for Community and Technical College Education,
10 president of the local community and technical college and
11 four-year college or university, the Director of the West Virginia
12 Division of Juvenile Services, the local mental/behavior health
13 organizations and other governmental and community-based
14 organizations and partner agencies to serve as a clearinghouse to
15 coordinate comprehensive youth and family services. The pilot
16 project shall be housed within the community and will be directed
17 by a local community-based nonprofit organization.

18 (b) The pilot project shall operate out of a centrally located
19 building to coordinate services to youth and their families in the
20 selected county from birth to seventeen years of age who are
21 referred by the Department of Health and Human Resources.

22 (c) The goal of the pilot program is to improve outcomes for
23 at-risk youth as measured by the following metrics:

24 (1) Early childhood development:

1 (A) Increase in the number of mothers receiving early prenatal
2 care;

3 (B) Increase in number of mothers participating in the Right
4 From the Start Program;

5 (C) Increase in the number of children screened by birth to
6 three year-old program for early development delays;

7 (D) Increase in the number of three year-olds enrolled in Head
8 Start;

9 (E) Increase in the number of four year-olds enrolled in
10 preschool.

11 (2) Preschool youth and teen measures:

12 (A) Decrease in school truancy;

13 (B) Decrease in truancy hearings;

14 (C) Decrease in school suspensions;

15 (D) Decrease in school expulsions;

16 (E) Decrease in high school dropouts at a select school;

17 (F) Increase in the number of youth participating in a
18 mentoring program;

19 (G) Increase in academic performance for select students;

20 (H) Increase in number of youth participating in summer
21 employment; and

22 (I) Increase in number of youth entering postsecondary
23 education or job.

24 (3) Parent measures:

1 (A) Increase in the number of individuals registered at the
2 WorkForce West Virginia Center;

3 (B) Increase in the number of individuals enrolled in job
4 training;

5 (C) Increase in the number of individuals completing job
6 training with a certification or credential;

7 (D) Increase in the number of individuals placed in
8 employment; and

9 (E) Increase in number of children enrolled in the CHIP
10 program.