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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~~ or the
12 Chancellor of the Community and Technical College System, the
13 closest community and technical college and four-year college or
14 university, State Workforce Investment Division, Executive Director
15 of the West Virginia Vocational Rehabilitation Services, the local
16 juvenile court system, the local workforce investment board, the
17 Chancellor of the Higher Education Policy Commission, the Director
18 of West Virginia Division of Juvenile Services, the local mental or
19 behavior health organizations and other governmental and
20 community-based organizations.

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

23 (a) The pilot program shall be operated by a local
24 community-based organization under the direction the Secretary of

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

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

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

22 (1) Early childhood development:

23 (A) Increase in the number of mothers receiving early prenatal
24 care;

1 (B) Increase in number of mothers participating in the Right
2 From the Start Program;

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

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

7 (E) Increase in the number of four year-olds enrolled in
8 preschool.

9 (2) Preschool youth and teen measures:

10 (A) Decrease in school truancy;

11 (B) Decrease in truancy hearings;

12 (C) Decrease in school suspensions;

13 (D) Decrease in school expulsions;

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

15 (F) Increase in the number of youth participating in a
16 mentoring program;

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

18 (H) Increase in number of youth participating in summer
19 employment; and

20 (I) Increase in number of youth entering postsecondary
21 education or job.

22 (3) Parent measures:

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

1 (B) Increase in the number of individuals enrolled in job
2 training;

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

5 (D) Increase in the number of individuals placed in
6 employment; and

7 (E) Increase in number of children enrolled in the CHIP
8 program.

(NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to amend language in the code for accuracy and clarification concerning the special community-based pilot demonstration project. The bill changes "President of the Community and Technical College System" to "Chancellor of the Community and Technical College System". It also adds the word "preschool" following the reference to increased enrollment of four-year olds in Section 4.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from the present law, and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.)

EDUCATION COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

On page two, section two, lines twelve through fourteen, by striking out the words "Executive Director or the Chancellor of the Community and Technical College System" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "Chancellor for Community and Technical College Education";

On page two, section two, lines eighteen and nineteen, by striking out the words "of the Higher Education Policy Commission" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "for Higher Education";

On page three, section four, line eight, by striking out the words "of the Higher Education Policy Commission" and inserting in

lieu thereof the words "for Higher Education";

And,

On page three, section four, line nine, by striking out the words "Chancellor of the Community and Technical College System" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "the Chancellor for Community and Technical College Education".