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FOR

Senate Bill No. 253

(By Senators Palumbo and Laird)

[Originating in the Select Committee on Children and Poverty;
reported February 19, 2014.]

A BILL to amend and reenact §18-21-2 and §18-21-4 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, all relating to the special Community-Based Pilot Demonstration Project to Improve Outcomes for At-Risk Youth; updating certain titles; and making technical corrections.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

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

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

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

1 Effective July 1, 2012, ~~and~~ if funds are available, the
2 Secretary of the West Virginia Department of Health and
3 Human Resources shall select a community-based
4 organization to establish a special Community-Based Pilot
5 Demonstration Project to Improve Outcomes for At-Risk
6 Youth in a specified community for a duration of four years.
7 The project will identify, implement and document best
8 practices that can be replicated in other communities. The
9 designated community-based organization shall operate the
10 special pilot project under the direction of the Secretary of
11 the Department of Health and Human Resources and shall

12 work in collaboration with the State School Superintendent,
13 local county school superintendent, ~~Executive Director of the~~
14 ~~President of the Community and Technical College System~~
15 Chancellor for Community and Technical College Education,
16 the closest community and technical college and four-year
17 college or university, State Workforce Investment Division,
18 Executive Director of the West Virginia Vocational
19 Rehabilitation Services, the local juvenile court system, the
20 local workforce investment board, the Chancellor ~~of the~~
21 ~~Higher Education Policy Commission~~ for Higher Education,
22 the Director of West Virginia Division of Juvenile Services,
23 the local mental or behavior health organizations and other
24 governmental and community-based organizations.

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

1 (a) The pilot program shall be operated by a local
2 community-based organization under the direction the
3 Secretary of the West Virginia Department of Health and

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

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

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

29 (1) Early childhood development:

30 (A) Increase in the number of mothers receiving early
31 prenatal care;

32 (B) Increase in number of mothers participating in the
33 Right From the Start Program;

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

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

38 (E) Increase in the number of four year-olds enrolled in
39 preschool.

40 (2) Preschool youth and teen measures:

41 (A) Decrease in school truancy;

42 (B) Decrease in truancy hearings;

43 (C) Decrease in school suspensions;

44 (D) Decrease in school expulsions;

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

46 (F) Increase in the number of youth participating in a
47 mentoring program;

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

49 (H) Increase in number of youth participating in summer
50 employment; and

51 (I) Increase in number of youth entering postsecondary
52 education or job.

53 (3) Parent measures:

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

56 (B) Increase in the number of individuals enrolled in job
57 training;

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58 (C) Increase in the number of individuals completing job

59 training with a certification or credential;

60 (D) Increase in the number of individuals placed in

61 employment; and

62 (E) Increase in number of children enrolled in the CHIP

63 program.