

1 **Senate Bill No. 502**

2 (By Senators Palumbo, Kessler (Mr. President), Unger, Stollings,
3 Cann and McCabe)

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5 [Introduced March 12, 2013; referred to the Committee on
6 Education.]
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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 clarifying
13 the special community-based pilot demonstration project to
14 improve outcomes for at-risk youth.

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

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

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

20 **§18-21-2. Creation of a Special Community-Based Pilot**
21 **Demonstration Project to Improve Outcomes for**
22 **At-Risk Youth.**

1 Effective July 1, 2012, and if funds are available, the
2 Secretary of the West Virginia Department of Health and Human
3 Resources shall select a community-based organization to establish
4 a special Community-Based Pilot Demonstration Project to Improve
5 Outcomes for At-Risk Youth in a specified community for a duration
6 of four years. The project will identify, implement and document
7 best practices that can be replicated in other communities. The
8 designated community-based organization shall operate the special
9 pilot project under the direction of the Secretary of the
10 Department of Health and Human Resources and shall work in
11 collaboration with the State School Superintendent, local county
12 school superintendent, Executive Director ~~of the President~~ or the
13 Chancellor of the Community and Technical College System, the
14 closest community and technical college and four-year college or
15 university, State Workforce Investment Division, Executive Director
16 of the West Virginia Vocational Rehabilitation Services, the local
17 juvenile court system, the local workforce investment board, the
18 Chancellor of the Higher Education Policy Commission, the Director
19 of West Virginia Division of Juvenile Services, the local
20 mental/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.**

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

- 1 (1) Early childhood development:
- 2 (A) Increase in the number of mothers receiving early prenatal
3 care;
- 4 (B) Increase in number of mothers participating in the Right
5 From the Start Program;
- 6 (C) Increase in the number of children screened by birth to
7 three year-old program for early development delays;
- 8 (D) Increase in the number of three year-olds enrolled in Head
9 Start;
- 10 (E) Increase in the number of four year-olds enrolled in
11 preschool.
- 12 (2) Preschool youth and teen measures:
- 13 (A) Decrease in school truancy;
- 14 (B) Decrease in truancy hearings;
- 15 (C) Decrease in school suspensions;
- 16 (D) Decrease in school expulsions;
- 17 (E) Decrease in high school dropouts at a select school;
- 18 (F) Increase in the number of youth participating in a
19 mentoring program;
- 20 (G) Increase in academic performance for select students;
- 21 (H) Increase in number of youth participating in summer
22 employment; and
- 23 (I) Increase in number of youth entering postsecondary

1 education or job.

2 (3) Parent Measures:

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

5 (B) Increase in the number of individuals enrolled in job
6 training;

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

9 (D) Increase in the number of individuals placed in
10 employment; and

11 (E) Increase in number of children enrolled in the CHIP
12 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.

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