

No. 1987-66

AN ACT

HB 8

Providing that certain funds received under the Federal Job Training Partnership Act shall be used to provide support services related to job training; and providing for eligibility for such services.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. Short title.

This act shall be known and may be cited as the Dislocated Worker Training Assistance Act.

Section 2. Statement of purpose.

It is the intention of the General Assembly that dislocated workers without adequate means of support to meet their basic personal needs may receive support services necessary to enroll in and remain in appropriate job training programs and to encourage dislocated workers to enroll in training programs in an expeditious manner after their lay-off notice is received.

Section 3. Definitions.

The following words and phrases when used in this act shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

“Department.” The Department of Labor and Industry of the Commonwealth.

“Dislocated worker.” Individuals who are eligible under section 302 of the Job Training Partnership Act (Public Law 97-300, 96 Stat. 1322).

Section 4. Establishment of needs-based payment fund by grant recipients.

Every entity who applies for a grant under Title III of the Job Training Partnership Act (Public Law 97-300, 96 Stat. 1322) may apply for additional funds under this act to support needs-based payments for dislocated workers enrolled in those programs on a form and in the manner prescribed by the department, subject to the approval of the department.

Section 5. Eligibility for needs-based payments.

(a) Eligible individuals.—Individuals eligible for needs-based payments under this act are dislocated workers who meet all of the following requirements:

- (1) They are enrolled in a Title III program.
- (2) They are not earning a wage.
- (3) Their unemployment compensation payments have been exhausted under any State or Federal program, including specific eligibility under the Trade Act of 1974 (93-618, 19 U.S.C. § 2101 et seq.), as amended.

Individuals who are otherwise eligible for employment or training services may not be denied such services by reason of being eligible for needs-based payments which could be provided under this act.

(b) Level of payment.—Needs-based payments shall be authorized so each recipient of a Title III grant would be permitted to establish a level of payment tailored to the individual need of each dislocated worker. The maximum payment shall not exceed the maximum cash assistance payment for that county: Provided, however, That participants with no other income shall be eligible to receive up to the maximum payment level. Participants with other sources of income shall be eligible to receive a needs-based payment consistent with the level authorized for participants in the Title II program operated in the area.

(c) Extent of payment.—Payments shall be made up to the extent to which funds are appropriated for the program, but in no case will payments be permitted for a period of training which exceeds two years.

(d) Suspension of payment.—Each recipient of a Title III grant must assure that payments are disallowed for days of training which the participant fails to attend.

Section 6. Dislocated worker programs.

Funds not allocated for use for needs-based payments or bonus payments shall be used for general employment and training programs for dislocated workers.

Section 7. Reporting.

The department shall submit a report to the General Assembly, no later than July 31 each year on the need for needs-based payments in Title III programs. The General Assembly shall have complete access to all data upon which the annual report is based.

Section 8. Effective date.

This act shall take effect July 1, 1987.

APPROVED—The 13th day of July, A. D. 1987.

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