

BY: Appropriations Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 13

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 4, after "Assembly" insert "regarding the purpose of the STEP Program"; in line 14, after "regulations" insert "and guidelines"; in lines 19 and 20, strike "by a certain date"; in line 23, after "requirements;" insert "requiring the Department to distribute STEP Program grants consistent with certain recommendations, to establish certain financial and data collection procedures, and to provide certain technical assistance;"; and in line 24, after "date;" insert "expressing the intent of the General Assembly if certain funds are used; expressing the intent of the General Assembly that certain funds be directed primarily to certain individuals;".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 3, in line 26, after "UNDER" insert "TITLE 11,".

On page 4, in line 2, after "LEVEL;" insert "AND"; in line 3, after "(4)" insert "(I) 1."; in lines 4, 5, 6, and 7, strike "(I)", "(II)", "(III)", and "(5)", respectively, and substitute "A.", "B.", "C.", and "2.", respectively; in lines 7 and 8, strike "ITEM (4) OF THIS SUBSECTION" and substitute "ITEM (I)1 OF THIS ITEM"; in line 8, after "MONTHS" insert ";OR

(II) HAS WORKED AT LEAST 20 HOURS PER WEEK IN ONE OF THE ACTIVITIES LISTED IN ITEM (I)1 OF THIS ITEM FOR AT LEAST 6 MONTHS IN THE PRECEDING 12 MONTHS";

in line 19, strike "TRAINING"; and strike beginning with "CONSISTS" in line 22 down through "PROGRAM" in line 23 and substitute "THAT:

(1) MAY CONSIST OF MONEYS CONTRIBUTED BY AN ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUAL OR EMPLOYER; AND

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(2) SHALL CONSIST OF MONEYS FROM THE STEP PROGRAM";  
in line 26, after "UNDER" insert "TITLE 11"; after line 32, insert:

"(I) "SPATIAL MISMATCH" MEANS A PATTERN IN WHICH EMPLOYERS IN NEED OF WORKERS AND EMPLOYEES SEEKING JOBS ARE IN DIFFERENT JURISDICTIONS WITHIN THE SAME JOB MARKET, CREATING A WORKER SHORTAGE IN ONE JURISDICTION AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN ANOTHER JURISDICTION."

and in line 33, strike "(I)" and substitute "(J)".

### AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 5, in lines 1 and 4, strike "(J)" and "(K)" respectively, and substitute "(K)" and "(L)", respectively; in line 7, strike "INCLUDE" and substitute "INCLUDES"; and in line 18, strike "EACH YEAR".

On page 5, after line 11, insert:

"(A) THERE IS A STEP PROGRAM TO PROVIDE SKILLS-BASED TRAINING AND WRAPAROUND SERVICES TO LOW-INCOME INDIVIDUALS WITH DEPENDENT CHILDREN AND PROVEN WORK HISTORIES."

in lines 12, 14, 18, and 21, strike "(A)", "(B)", "(C)", and "(D)", respectively, and substitute "(B)", "(C)", "(D)", and "(E)", respectively; in line 20, strike "§ 11-704" and substitute "§ 18-404"; in line 32, after the first "BOARD" insert "OR A GROUP OF TWO OR MORE LOCAL WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARDS"; and in line 34, after "BOARD" insert "OR A GROUP OF TWO OR MORE LOCAL WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARDS".

### AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 6, in line 13, after "EVALUATION" insert "OF THE APPLICATIONS"; in line 20, strike "AND"; after line 22, insert:

"(IV) WHERE APPLICABLE, THE EXTENT TO WHICH TWO OR MORE LOCAL WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARDS WORK TOGETHER TO OVERCOME ANY SPATIAL MISMATCH OR OTHER SIGNIFICANT BARRIERS THAT MAY EXIST BETWEEN EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES WITHIN A LOCAL OR REGIONAL JOB MARKET; AND"

in line 31, after “REGULATIONS” insert “AND GUIDELINES”; in line 34, before “AFTER” insert “(A)”; in the same line, after “RECEIVING” insert “THE FINAL”; in line 35, after “DISTRIBUTE” insert “AND ADMINISTER”; and after line 36, insert:

“(B) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL:

(1) ESTABLISH FINANCIAL PROCEDURES AND REPORTING MECHANISMS TO ENSURE THAT STEP PROGRAM FUNDS ARE BEING APPROPRIATELY USED FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE STEP PROGRAM;

(2) ESTABLISH DATA COLLECTION PROCEDURES THAT PROVIDE FOR THE COLLECTION, TRACKING, AND REPORTING TO THE BOARD OF STEP PROGRAM DATA NEEDED BY THE BOARD TO COMPLETE THE REPORTING AND EVALUATION REQUIREMENTS OF THE STEP PROGRAM; AND

(3) ASSIST IN PROVIDING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO THE LOCAL WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARDS.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 7, in line 16, after “USED” insert “BY ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS”; in line 27, strike the second “AND”; after line 29, insert:

“(V) COORDINATION OF OUTREACH AND MARKETING EFFORTS AMONG LOCAL WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARDS THAT RECEIVE STEP PROGRAM GRANTS; AND

(VI) AN INTERNET WEBSITE WITH INTERNET LINKS BETWEEN THE WEBSITES OF THE DEPARTMENT, THE BOARD, THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES, THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, THE MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION, AND OTHER APPROPRIATE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, TRAINING PROGRAMS, AND BUSINESS ASSOCIATIONS;”;

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strike lines 33 and 34 in their entirety; in line 35, strike “(8)” and substitute “(7)”; and in the same line, strike “BOARD BY OCTOBER 31 OF” and substitute “DEPARTMENT”.

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 8, in line 5, strike the second “AND”; after line 7, insert:

“(IV) THE NUMBER OF LOCAL WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARDS WORKING TOGETHER TO ADDRESS SPATIAL MISMATCH AND THE NUMBER OF EMPLOYERS AND ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS AFFECTED; AND”;

in line 8, strike “(9)” and substitute “(8)”; in line 10, after “(1)” insert “IN ADDITION TO SKILLS-BASED TRAINING AND WRAPAROUND SERVICES PROVIDED DIRECTLY TO ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION,”; in line 11, after “TO” insert “IDENTIFY AND”; in line 22, strike “OR” and substitute “AND”; in line 30, strike “OF EACH YEAR” and substitute “, 2003 AND EACH YEAR THEREAFTER”; and in line 33, after “BOARD,” insert “USING THE DATA COLLECTED AND PROVIDED BY THE DEPARTMENT,”.

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 9, after line 18, insert:

“SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of the General Assembly that if a portion of the STEP Program is funded with moneys from the federal Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) block grant, a local workforce investment board that receives a STEP Program grant shall make best efforts to direct a proportionate amount of STEP Program funds to services for individuals who are current or recent recipients of TANF Program or Family Investment Program services.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of the General Assembly that a local workforce investment board that receives a STEP Program grant shall make best efforts to ensure that STEP Program funds are directed primarily toward services for low-income working parents.”;

and in line 19, strike “2.” and substitute “4.”.