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AN ACT 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, 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, Chancellor for  
14 Community and Technical College Education, the closest  
15 community and technical college and four-year college or  
16 university, State Workforce Investment Division, Executive  
17 Director of the West Virginia Vocational Rehabilitation  
18 Services, the local juvenile court system, the local workforce  
19 investment board, the Chancellor for Higher Education, the  
20 Director of West Virginia Division of Juvenile Services, the  
21 local mental or behavioral health organizations and other  
22 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 of 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 for  
9 Higher Education, the Chancellor for Community and  
10 Technical College Education, president of the local

11 community and technical college and four-year college or  
12 university, the Director of the West Virginia Division of  
13 Juvenile Services, the local mental or behavioral health  
14 organizations and other governmental and community-based  
15 organizations and partner agencies to serve as a clearinghouse  
16 to coordinate comprehensive youth and family services. The  
17 pilot project shall be housed within the community and will be  
18 directed by a local community-based nonprofit organization.

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

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

25 (1) Early childhood development:

26 (A) Increase in the number of mothers receiving early  
27 prenatal care;

28 (B) Increase in the number of mothers participating in the  
29 Right From the Start Program;

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

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

34 (E) Increase in the number of four year-olds enrolled in  
35 preschool.

36 (2) Preschool youth and teen measures:

- 37       (A) Decrease in school truancy;
- 38       (B) Decrease in truancy hearings;
- 39       (C) Decrease in school suspensions;
- 40       (D) Decrease in school expulsions;
- 41       (E) Decrease in high school dropouts at a select school;
- 42       (F) Increase in the number of youth participating in a  
43 mentoring program;
- 44       (G) Increase in academic performance for select students;
- 45       (H) Increase in the number of youth participating in  
46 summer employment; and
- 47       (I) Increase in the number of youth entering postsecondary  
48 education or the workforce.
- 49       (3) Parent measures:
- 50       (A) Increase in the number of individuals registered at the  
51 WorkForce West Virginia Center;
- 52       (B) Increase in the number of individuals enrolled in job  
53 training;
- 54       (C) Increase in the number of individuals completing job  
55 training with a certification or credential;
- 56       (D) Increase in the number of individuals placed in  
57 employment; and
- 58       (E) Increase in the number of children enrolled in the CHIP  
59 program.

The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

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