

(2) "QUALIFIED EX-FELON EMPLOYEE" DOES NOT INCLUDE AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS THE SPOUSE OF, OR HAS ANY OF THE RELATIONSHIPS SPECIFIED IN § 152(A)(1) THROUGH (8) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE TO, A PERSON WHO CONTROLS, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, MORE THAN 50% OF THE OWNERSHIP OF THE BUSINESS ENTITY.

(H) "WAGES" MEANS WAGES WITHIN THE MEANING OF § 51(C)(1), (2), AND (3) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE WITHOUT REGARD TO § 51(C)(4) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE THAT ARE PAID BY A BUSINESS ENTITY TO AN EMPLOYEE FOR SERVICES PERFORMED IN A TRADE OR BUSINESS OF THE EMPLOYER.

(I) "WORKFORCE INVESTMENT AREA" MEANS A WORKFORCE INVESTMENT AREA DESIGNATED BY THE GOVERNOR UNDER SUBTITLE 5 OF THIS TITLE.

11-702.

(A) THERE IS A PILOT PROGRAM FOR LONG-TERM EMPLOYMENT OF EX-FELONS TO PROVIDE INCENTIVES TO BUSINESS ENTITIES TO ENCOURAGE THE LONG-TERM EMPLOYMENT OF QUALIFIED EX-FELON EMPLOYEES.

(B) (1) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2007, THE DEPARTMENT, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE BOARD, SHALL ESTABLISH A PILOT PROGRAM FOR THE EMPLOYMENT OF EX-FELONS PROVIDED IN § 11-703 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(2) THE PILOT PROGRAM ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE SHALL TERMINATE AT THE END OF DECEMBER 31, 2011.

(C) THE PURPOSE OF THE PILOT PROGRAM IS TO IMPLEMENT A PROGRAM IN AT LEAST TWO AREAS OF THE STATE TO PROVIDE FIDELITY BONDS AND TO QUALIFY BUSINESS ENTITIES FOR TAX CREDITS TO ENCOURAGE THE LONG-TERM EMPLOYMENT OF QUALIFIED EX-FELON EMPLOYEES UNDER THE PILOT PROGRAM.

(D) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL:

(1) PURCHASE THE NECESSARY AMOUNT OF FIDELITY BONDS TO PROVIDE BONDS TO BUSINESS ENTITIES FOR A FULL YEAR OF EMPLOYMENT FOR UP TO 150 QUALIFIED EX-FELONS EACH YEAR; AND

(2) PROVIDE THE FIDELITY BONDS PURCHASED EACH YEAR TO THE ONE-STOP CENTERS IN THE WORKFORCE INVESTMENT AREAS DESIGNATED UNDER § 11-703 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(E) THE PILOT PROGRAM SHALL:

(1) BE IMPLEMENTED IN ONE-STOP CENTERS IN AT LEAST TWO WORKFORCE INVESTMENT AREAS OF THE STATE AS DESIGNATED BY THE DEPARTMENT IN CONSULTATION WITH THE BOARD UNDER § 11-703 OF THIS SUBTITLE; AND

(2) PROVIDE FIDELITY BONDS TO BUSINESS ENTITIES THROUGH THE ONE-STOP CENTERS IN TWO OR MORE AREAS OF THE STATE AS DESIGNATED UNDER § 11-703 FOR THE EMPLOYMENT OF UP TO 150 QUALIFIED EX-FELONS EACH YEAR.