(2)   PROVIDE OUTREACH AND EDUCATION EFFORTS TO ENCOURAGE BUSINESS ENTITIES TO HIRE QUALIFIED EX–FELONS FOR LONG–TERM EMPLOYMENT UNDER THE PILOT PROGRAM;

(3)   PROVIDE A BUSINESS ENTITY THAT HIRES A QUALIFIED EX–FELON. UNDER THE PROGRAM WITH:

(I)   A FIDELITY BOND FOR THE QUALIFIED EX–FELON THAT COVERS AT LEAST 12 MONTHS OF EMPLOYMENT; AND

(II)   INFORMATION ON THE TAX CREDITS AVAILABLE TO A BUSINESS ENTITY THAT HIRES A QUALIFIED EX–FELON THROUGH THE PILOT PROGRAM; AND

(4)   DEVELOP AN EVALUATION PROCESS FOR THE PILOT PROGRAM THAT INCLUDES A MECHANISM TO EVALUATE WHETHER THE PILOT PROGRAM HAS OPERATED TO SECURE STABLE EMPLOYMENT OF QUALIFIED EX–FELONS THAT HAVE PARTICIPATED IN THE PROGRAM.

11–703.

(A)   A ONE–STOP CENTER SHALL APPLY TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR DESIGNATION AS A LOCATION FOR THE PILOT PROGRAM.

(B)   THE APPLICATION SHALL DESCRIBE THE PLAN TO BE IMPLEMENTED BY THE ONE–STOP CENTER TO ADMINISTER THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE PILOT PROGRAM AS PROVIDED IN § 11–702 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(C)   (1)   THE DEPARTMENT, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE BOARD, SHALL EVALUATE THE APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED BY ONE–STOP CENTERS AND SHALL DESIGNATE ONE–STOP CENTERS IN AT LEAST TWO WORKFORCE INVESTMENT AREAS AS PILOT PROGRAM LOCATIONS.

(2)   THE DESIGNATION OF ONE–STOP CENTERS UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL INCLUDE A CONSIDERATION OF THE NUMBER OF QUALIFIED EX–FELONS RESIDING IN THE WORKFORCE INVESTMENT AREA IN WHICH THE ONE–STOP CENTER IS LOCATED.

11–704.

(A)   EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, A BUSINESS ENTITY THAT HIRES A QUALIFIED EX–FELON EMPLOYEE AND RECEIVES A TAX CREDIT CERTIFICATE THROUGH THE PILOT PROGRAM ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE MAY CLAIM A TAX CREDIT IN THE AMOUNTS DETERMINED UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION FOR WAGES PAID TO A QUALIFIED EX–FELON EMPLOYEE.

(B)   FOR EACH TAXABLE YEAR, FOR THE WAGES PAID TO EACH QUALIFIED EX–FELON EMPLOYEE, A CREDIT IS ALLOWED IN AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO:

(1)   30% OF UP TO THE FIRST $6,000 OF THE WAGES PAID TO THE QUALIFIED EX–FELON EMPLOYEE DURING THE FIRST YEAR OF EMPLOYMENT; AND