

enrolled in and is presently participating in an alternative education program leading to a high school diploma or its equivalent; and

(3) Meet and maintain minimum statewide academic performance standards to be established by the State Superintendent of Education and the Secretary of [Employment and Training] ECONOMIC AND EMPLOYMENT DEVELOPMENT. The establishment of these minimum standards should take into consideration the youth competencies already developed in this State. Local private industry councils or administrative entities established under the federal act, acting jointly with local education agencies, may establish additional academic performance standards which are consistent with the statewide standards.

(d) In order to be eligible to participate in the Youth Work Experience Program, an employer must be either a private-for-profit enterprise or a private-nonprofit enterprise, and must provide opportunities for participating youth to learn marketable skills. Adequate supervision shall be required to ensure the safety and training of the participating youth.

(e) Currently employed workers shall not be displaced by any individual participating under the Youth Work Experience Program authorized under this section.

(f) In order to receive funds under this section, each Private Industry Council or administrative entity must submit a Program plan, developed jointly with local education agencies, to the Secretary of [Employment and Training] ECONOMIC AND EMPLOYMENT DEVELOPMENT. The plan shall specify: the number of disadvantaged youth to be served, any locally prescribed performance standards in addition to the statewide performance standards which participating youth must satisfy in order to continue in the Program, the amount and source of the local matching funds, and the extent and nature of the coordination which will occur with local education agencies. The Secretary of [Employment and Training] ECONOMIC AND EMPLOYMENT DEVELOPMENT is authorized to add any other requirements to the Program plans as deemed necessary.

(g) (1) Funds used for monitoring, auditing, and for administration of the Youth Work Experience Program by the Department of [Employment and Training] ECONOMIC AND EMPLOYMENT DEVELOPMENT may not exceed 5 percent of the funds appropriated under this section.

(2) The remaining 95 percent of the funds available under this section shall be allocated among the service delivery areas established for this State under the federal act in accordance with the proportion of economically disadvantaged youth residing in each area in relation to the total number of economically disadvantaged youth in the State. However, a county