

(G) "LOCAL WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD" MEANS A BOARD ESTABLISHED TO ADMINISTER SERVICES IN A WORKFORCE INVESTMENT AREA ESTABLISHED UNDER TITLE 11, SUBTITLE 5 OF THE LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT ARTICLE.

(H) "SKILLS-BASED TRAINING" MEANS TRAINING APPROVED BY A LOCAL WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD THAT RESULTS IN THE ISSUANCE OF A POSTSECONDARY EDUCATIONAL DEGREE, THE ISSUANCE OF A CERTIFICATE OF PROFICIENCY IN A SPECIFIC WORK-RELATED SKILL, OR THE ATTAINMENT OF AN IDENTIFIABLE SKILL THAT IS LIKELY TO LEAD TO FUTURE JOB ADVANCEMENT AND IMPROVEMENT IN AN ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUAL'S EARNING POTENTIAL.

(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.

~~(J)~~ (J) "STEP PROGRAM" MEANS THE SKILLS-BASED TRAINING FOR EMPLOYMENT PROMOTION PILOT PROGRAM CREATED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.

~~(K)~~ (K) "WORKFORCE INVESTMENT AREA" MEANS A GEOGRAPHIC AREA DESIGNATED BY THE GOVERNOR AS A SERVICE DELIVERY AREA UNDER TITLE 11, SUBTITLE 5 OF THE LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT ARTICLE.

~~(L)~~ (L) (1) "WRAPAROUND SERVICES" MEANS SERVICES THAT ARE NECESSARY TO ENABLE AN ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUAL TO PARTICIPATE IN AN APPROVED SKILLS-BASED TRAINING PROGRAM.

(2) "WRAPAROUND SERVICES" ~~INCLUDE~~ INCLUDES TRANSPORTATION, HEALTH CARE, CHILD CARE, MEALS, TEMPORARY HOUSING, AND OTHER REASONABLE EXPENSES REQUIRED FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE APPROVED SKILLS-BASED TRAINING PROGRAM.

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(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.

~~(B)~~ (B) THE BOARD, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT, SHALL ESTABLISH AND ADMINISTER THE STEP PROGRAM.

~~(C)~~ (C) THE PURPOSE OF THE STEP PROGRAM IS TO PROVIDE GRANTS TO LOCAL WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARDS TO FUND SKILLS-BASED TRAINING, EMPLOYER-BASED TRAINING, AND WRAPAROUND SERVICES FOR ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS.

~~(D)~~ (D) THE STEP PROGRAM SHALL PROVIDE GRANTS ~~EACH YEAR~~ ON A COMPETITIVE BASIS TO AT LEAST THREE LOCAL WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARDS CONSISTENT WITH ~~§ 11-704~~ § 18-404 OF THIS SUBTITLE.