

(II) THE NUMBER OF ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS WHO OBTAIN ADVANCED EMPLOYMENT ON COMPLETION OF SKILLS-BASED TRAINING AND ANY CHANGE IN WAGES AND BENEFITS RECEIVED; ~~AND~~

(III) THE NUMBER OF EMPLOYERS AND ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS PARTICIPATING IN EMPLOYER-BASED TRAINING PROGRAMS; AND

(IV) THE NUMBER OF LOCAL WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARDS WORKING TOGETHER TO ADDRESS SPATIAL MISMATCH AND THE NUMBER OF EMPLOYERS AND ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS AFFECTED; AND

~~(8)~~ (8) COMPLY WITH THE STEP PROGRAM PERFORMANCE EVALUATION REQUIREMENTS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD UNDER § 18-404 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(B) (1) IN ADDITION TO SKILLS-BASED TRAINING AND WRAPAROUND SERVICES PROVIDED DIRECTLY TO ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION, A LOCAL WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD THAT RECEIVES A STEP PROGRAM GRANT SHALL WORK IN COORDINATION WITH LOCAL EMPLOYERS TO IDENTIFY AND DEVELOP APPROVED EMPLOYER-BASED TRAINING PROGRAMS CONSISTENT WITH PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBSECTION.

(2) APPROVED EMPLOYER-BASED TRAINING PROGRAMS:

(I) SHALL BE FUNDED WITH A MINIMUM CONTRIBUTION BY THE EMPLOYER OF AT LEAST 50% IN MATCHING FUNDS;

(II) MAY BE PERMITTED TO RANGE FROM SHORT-TERM TRAINING IN SPECIFIC SKILLS TO POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION CLASSES OVER A LONGER PERIOD OF TIME;

(III) MAY NOT BE APPLIED TO TRAINING THAT WILL RESULT IN THE ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUAL REMAINING IN OR MOVING TO A JOB WITH AN EMPLOYER THAT IS AT A MINIMUM WAGE SALARY LEVEL ~~OR~~ AND THAT DOES NOT INCLUDE HEALTH CARE OR OTHER BENEFITS;

(IV) MAY BE PROVIDED IN CONJUNCTION WITH OTHER EMPLOYERS TO ADDRESS COMMON WORKFORCE NEEDS; AND

(V) SHALL INCLUDE AGREED UPON PROCESSES TO FOLLOW UP WITH EMPLOYERS AND EVALUATE THE SUCCESS OF THE TRAINING AND WHETHER IT MEETS THE GOALS OF THE STEP PROGRAM.

18-407.

(A) BY JANUARY 1 OF EACH YEAR, 2003 AND EACH YEAR THEREAFTER, THE BOARD SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR AND THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(B) IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER INFORMATION DETERMINED BY THE BOARD, USING THE DATA COLLECTED AND PROVIDED BY THE DEPARTMENT, THE REPORT SHALL: