

(G) (1) "QUALIFIED EX-FELON EMPLOYEE" MEANS A QUALIFIED EX-FELON, WITHIN THE MEANING OF § 51(D)(4) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE, WHO IS EMPLOYED BY A BUSINESS ENTITY THROUGH THE PILOT PROGRAM UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.

(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 ~~TITLE 11, SUBTITLE 5 OF THE LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT ARTICLE~~ SUBTITLE 5 OF THIS TITLE.

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(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, 2003, THE DEPARTMENT, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE BOARD, SHALL ESTABLISH A PILOT PROGRAM FOR THE EMPLOYMENT OF EX-FELONS PROVIDED IN ~~§ 2-403~~ § 11-703 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(2) THE PILOT PROGRAM ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE SHALL REMAIN IN PLACE FOR A PERIOD OF ~~3~~ 2 YEARS AND SHALL TERMINATE AT THE END OF DECEMBER 31, ~~2005~~ 2004.

(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 ~~600~~ 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 ~~§ 2-403~~ § 11-703 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(E) THE PILOT PROGRAM SHALL: