

(1) PURCHASE THE NECESSARY AMOUNT OF FIDELITY BONDS TO PROVIDE BONDS TO BUSINESS ENTITIES FOR A FULL YEAR OF EMPLOYMENT FOR UP TO ~~600 200~~ 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:

(1) BE IMPLEMENTED IN ONE-STOP CENTERS IN AT LEAST TWO WORKFORCE INVESTMENT AREAS OF THE STATE AS DESIGNATED BY THE DEPARTMENT IN CONSULTATION WITH THE BOARD UNDER ~~§ 2-403~~ § 11-703 OF THIS SUBTITLE; AND

(2) PROVIDE FIDELITY BONDS TO BUSINESS ENTITIES THROUGH THE ONE-STOP CENTERS IN TWO OR MORE AREAS OF THE STATE AS DESIGNATED UNDER ~~§ 2-403~~ § 11-703 FOR THE EMPLOYMENT OF UP TO ~~600 200~~ 150 QUALIFIED EX-FELONS EACH YEAR.

(F) THE PILOT PROGRAM SHALL REQUIRE A ONE-STOP CENTER THAT IS DESIGNATED FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE PILOT PROGRAM TO:

(1) WORK WITH APPROPRIATE COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS AND STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENTITIES THAT PROVIDE SERVICES TO QUALIFIED EX-FELONS TO ENCOURAGE THE REFERRAL AND PARTICIPATION OF QUALIFIED EX-FELONS IN THE PROGRAM;

(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.

~~2-403.~~ 11-703.

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