

~~date of this Act~~ July 1, 2009, without any diminution of their rights, benefits, or employment status, including, if any, merit system and retirement status.

SECTION ~~4~~ 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Governor may transfer any related administrative functions and employees of the State Department of Education to the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation as necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act.

SECTION 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, pursuant to § 7-209(e)(2)(iv) of the State Finance and Procurement Article, the Governor is authorized to transfer appropriations, including general funds, special funds, and federal funds, from the State Department of Education to the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation as necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act.

SECTION 7. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, subject to the availability of State or federal funds, the consent of the grantees or contractors, and satisfactory performance of services, all adult education, family literacy, and correctional education grants and funding contracts, within the scope of Section 1 of this Act and awarded prior to the effective date of this Act, shall be continued, without the need for rebidding, through Fiscal Year 2009 and Fiscal Year 2010.

SECTION 8. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That any new grants or funding contracts awarded between July 1, 2008 and June 30, 2009 for adult education, family literacy, and correctional education, within the scope of Section 1 of this Act, shall be awarded only after consultation between the State Department of Education and the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation.

SECTION ~~5~~ 9. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, except as expressly provided to the contrary in this Act, any transaction affected by or flowing from any statute here amended, repealed, or transferred, and validly entered into before the effective date of this Act and every right, duty, or interest flowing from it remains valid after the effective date of this Act and may be terminated, completed, consummated, or enforced pursuant to law.

SECTION ~~6~~ 10. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, except as otherwise provided in this Act, all rules and regulations, proposed rules and regulations, standards and guidelines, forms, plans, memberships, special funds, appropriations, grants, applications for grants, contracts, property, administrative and judicial proceedings, rights to sue and be sued, and all other duties and responsibilities associated with those functions transferred by this Act shall continue in effect under the Secretary of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation, or the appropriate unit with the Department, until completed, withdrawn, cancelled, modified, or otherwise changed pursuant to law.