

1 **ENROLLED**

2 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

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4 **Senate Bill No. 253**

5 (SENATORS PALUMBO AND LAIRD, *original sponsors*)

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7 [Passed March 8, 2014; in effect ninety days from passage.]  
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10 AN ACT to amend and reenact §18-21-2 and §18-21-4 of the Code of  
11 West Virginia, 1931, as amended, all relating to the special  
12 Community-Based Pilot Demonstration Project to Improve  
13 Outcomes for At-Risk Youth; updating certain titles; and  
14 making technical corrections.

15 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

16 That §18-21-2 and §18-21-4 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931,  
17 as amended, be amended and reenacted, all to read as follows:

18 **ARTICLE 21. SPECIAL COMMUNITY-BASED PILOT DEMONSTRATION PROJECT**  
19 **TO IMPROVE OUTCOMES FOR AT-RISK YOUTH.**

20 **§18-21-2. Creation of a special Community-Based Pilot**  
21 **Demonstration Project to Improve Outcomes for**  
22 **At-Risk Youth.**

23 Effective July 1, 2012, if funds are available, the Secretary  
24 of the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources shall

1 select a community-based organization to establish a special  
2 Community-Based Pilot Demonstration Project to Improve Outcomes for  
3 At-Risk Youth in a specified community for a duration of four  
4 years. The project will identify, implement and document best  
5 practices that can be replicated in other communities. The  
6 designated community-based organization shall operate the special  
7 pilot project under the direction of the Secretary of the  
8 Department of Health and Human Resources and shall work in  
9 collaboration with the State School Superintendent, local county  
10 school superintendent, Chancellor for Community and Technical  
11 College Education, the closest community and technical college and  
12 four-year college or university, State Workforce Investment  
13 Division, Executive Director of the West Virginia Vocational  
14 Rehabilitation Services, the local juvenile court system, the local  
15 workforce investment board, the Chancellor for Higher Education,  
16 the Director of West Virginia Division of Juvenile Services, the  
17 local mental or behavioral health organizations and other  
18 governmental and community-based organizations.

19 **§18-21-4. Organization and goals of the community-based pilot**  
20 **demonstration program.**

21 (a) The pilot program shall be operated by a local  
22 community-based organization under the direction of the Secretary  
23 of the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources and  
24 in collaboration with the State School Superintendent, county

1 school superintendent, Executive Director of the State Workforce  
2 Investment Division, Executive Director of WV Vocational  
3 Rehabilitation Services, the local juvenile court system, the  
4 Chancellor for Higher Education, the Chancellor for Community and  
5 Technical College Education, president of the local community and  
6 technical college and four-year college or university, the Director  
7 of the West Virginia Division of Juvenile Services, the local  
8 mental or behavioral health organizations and other governmental  
9 and community-based organizations and partner agencies to serve as  
10 a clearinghouse to coordinate comprehensive youth and family  
11 services. The pilot project shall be housed within the community  
12 and will be directed by a local community-based nonprofit  
13 organization.

14 (b) The pilot project shall operate out of a centrally located  
15 building to coordinate services to youth and their families in the  
16 selected county from birth to seventeen years of age who are  
17 referred by the Department of Health and Human Resources.

18 (c) The goal of the pilot program is to improve outcomes for  
19 at-risk youth as measured by the following metrics:

20 (1) Early childhood development:

21 (A) Increase in the number of mothers receiving early prenatal  
22 care;

23 (B) Increase in the number of mothers participating in the  
24 Right From the Start Program;

1 (C) Increase in the number of children screened by the birth  
2 to three year-old program for early development delays;

3 (D) Increase in the number of three year-olds enrolled in Head  
4 Start;

5 (E) Increase in the number of four year-olds enrolled in  
6 preschool.

7 (2) Preschool youth and teen measures:

8 (A) Decrease in school truancy;

9 (B) Decrease in truancy hearings;

10 (C) Decrease in school suspensions;

11 (D) Decrease in school expulsions;

12 (E) Decrease in high school dropouts at a select school;

13 (F) Increase in the number of youth participating in a  
14 mentoring program;

15 (G) Increase in academic performance for select students;

16 (H) Increase in the number of youth participating in summer  
17 employment; and

18 (I) Increase in the number of youth entering postsecondary  
19 education or the workforce.

20 (3) Parent measures:

21 (A) Increase in the number of individuals registered at the  
22 WorkForce West Virginia Center;

23 (B) Increase in the number of individuals enrolled in job  
24 training;

1 (C) Increase in the number of individuals completing job  
2 training with a certification or credential;

3 (D) Increase in the number of individuals placed in  
4 employment; and

5 (E) Increase in the number of children enrolled in the CHIP  
6 program.