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"Program will let students get business experience," 11-6-95, Philadelphia Inquirer.

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[SECOND REPRINT]
ASSEMBLY, No. 2180

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED SEPTEMBER 29, 1994

By Assemblymen T. SMITH, ROCCO, Augustine, Corodemus,
Russo, Connors, Assemblywoman Turner, Assemblymen
Mattison, Roberts and Romano

1 AN ACT establishing an At-Risk Youth Employment Internship
2 Program in the Department of Education and supplementing
3 ²[P.L.1945, c.162 (C.54:10A-1 et seq.) and Titles 18A and 54A]
4 chapter 54 of Title 18A² of the New Jersey Statutes.

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6 BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the*
7 *State of New Jersey:*

8 1. The Legislature finds and declares that educational experts
9 agree that at-risk youths face unique social and economic
10 problems which work to inhibit their academic achievement and
11 eventually their successful integration into the workplace; that
12 the New Jersey Supreme Court in its June, 1990 Abbott v. Burke
13 decision ordered that provision be made and programs developed
14 to address the special disadvantages of at-risk students; ¹[that in
15 an attempt to address the court's concern, a State aid
16 categorical program of at-risk aid was instituted and distributed
17 to school districts to fund special supplemental programs and
18 services for at-risk students;]¹ and, that in its July, 1994 Abbott
19 v. Burke decision, the Supreme Court suggested the need for the
20 State itself to specifically identify and implement the
21 supplemental programs necessary to meet the needs of at-risk
22 youth.

23 The Legislature further finds that the development of an
24 At-Risk Youth Employment Internship Program within the
25 Department of Education would assist in addressing the needs and
26 conditions which place students at risk of not acquiring the
27 knowledge, skills, behaviors, and attitudes necessary for school
28 success and future successful functioning as adults in society and
29 also would assist in meeting the State's obligation to identify and
30 implement specific programs for at-risk youths.

31 2. There is established in the Department of Education an
32 At-Risk Youth Employment Internship Program to be
33 administered by the Commissioner of Education pursuant to the
34 provisions of this act. The program shall provide for the
35 placement of at-risk public school students in employment
36 internships with public or private profit or nonprofit employers
37 and the payment of a training stipend to those students. The
38 purpose of the program shall be to enable at-risk students to
39 acquire a thorough knowledge of the business operations of the
40 employer with which the student is placed and an understanding
41 of the linkage between the skills, behaviors, and attitudes
42 necessary for school success and future successful functioning as
43 an adult in the workplace.

EXPLANATION--Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the
above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹ Assembly AED committee amendments adopted February 23, 1995.

² Assembly AAP committee amendments adopted June 1, 1995.

1 3. a. The Commissioner of Education shall develop and
2 administer the program on a pilot basis. The commissioner shall
3 select local school districts ¹[in participating] to participate¹ in
4 the program based upon the number of at-risk students within the
5 district, the interest of public and private profit or nonprofit
6 employers located within the district ¹[to participate] in
7 participating¹ in the program, and the commissioner's evaluation
8 of the district's ability to successfully implement the program.
9 In selecting school districts to participate, the commissioner shall
10 include urban and suburban districts from the north, central and
11 southern regions of the State with at least one school district per
12 county.

13 b. A school district which wants to participate in the program
14 shall provide to the commissioner ¹[on] an¹ outline of its
15 proposed program which shall include, but not be limited to:
16 information on the number and grade level of the at-risk students
17 who will participate in the program; the process of student
18 referral to the program; the selection criteria for student
19 participants which, in addition to eligibility for at-risk funding
20 under section 80 of P.L.1990, c.52 (C.18A:7D-20), shall include
21 the identification of students who are not meeting district
22 standards of behavior and academic achievement; a listing of
23 employers within the district who have agreed to participate in
24 the program and the process which will be utilized for matching
25 students to employment internship opportunities; and, an analysis
26 of the manner in which student employment experiences will
27 enhance the self-esteem and assimilation of life skills necessary
28 for productive functioning in the school setting and society.

29 4. a. Each student's employment internship under the
30 program shall be for a period of two hours, three days per week
31 unless the district determines that some other employment
32 schedule would be of greater benefit to the student. For
33 participation in the employment internship, the student shall
34 receive a stipend in the amount of \$25 per week.

35 b. A public or private profit or nonprofit employer which
36 participates in the program shall receive a stipend in the amount
37 of \$150 per month to cover any administrative or other costs
38 which the employer may incur as a result of participation. ²[In
39 addition, the employer shall be eligible to receive a corporate
40 business tax or gross income tax credit pursuant to the provisions
41 of sections 6 or 7 of P.L. , c. (C.) (now pending before
42 the Legislature as this bill).]²

43 c. The commissioner shall approve a plan for the utilization of
44 ¹[at-risk aid] work study funds¹ allocated under ¹[section 80 of
45 P.L.1990, c.52 (C.18A:7D-20)] N.J.S.18A:58-34¹ and other State
46 or federal funds available for services to at-risk students to
47 finance the student and administrative stipends and any other
48 costs associated with the program. The commissioner may, if he
49 determines that a school district's participation in the program is
50 in the best interests of its at-risk students, review a school
51 district's budget and direct the district to reallocate funds to the
52 program. The commissioner may also direct the participation of
53 any school district in the program if the commissioner determines
54 that the implementation of the program would constitute a

1 demonstrably effective improvement strategy for the district's
2 at-risk students.

3 5. a. The commissioner shall implement a plan to collect data
4 on the effectiveness of the program in meeting the needs and
5 conditions of students which place them at-risk of academic and
6 social failure. The plan shall include a system to track student
7 participants to determine if those students successfully
8 completed the school year.

9 b. Two years following the effective date of this act, the
10 commissioner shall submit to the Governor and the Legislature an
11 evaluation of the At-Risk Youth Employment Internship Program
12 and a recommendation on the advisability of its continuation and
13 expansion to other school districts within the State.

14 ²[6. a. A taxpayer that participates in the At-Risk Youth
15 Employment Internship Program established pursuant to section 2
16 of P.L. ,c. (C.) (now pending before the Legislature as this
17 bill) shall be allowed a credit against the tax imposed pursuant to
18 section 5 of P.L.1945, c.162 (C.54:10A-5) for a fiscal or calendar
19 accounting year in an amount equal to \$50 for each student who
20 is placed in an employment internship with the taxpayer for a
21 period of at least six months during the accounting year.

22 b. The amount of the credit claimed in an accounting year in
23 which the students are placed with the taxpayer shall not exceed
24 10% of the tax liability otherwise due that year, and shall not
25 reduce the tax liability to an amount less than the statutory
26 minimum provided in subsection (e) of section 5 of P.L.1945,
27 c.152.

28 The tax imposed for a fiscal or calendar accounting year
29 pursuant to section 5 of P.L.1945, c.162 shall first be reduced by
30 the amount of any credit allowed pursuant to section 19 of
31 P.L.1983, c.303 (C.52:27H-78), then by any credit allowed
32 pursuant to section 12 of P.L.1985, c.227 (C.55:19-13), then by
33 any credit allowed pursuant to section 42 of P.L.1987, c.102
34 (C.54:10A-5.3), then by any credit allowed under section 3 of
35 P.L.1993, c.150 (C.27:26A-15), then by any credit allowed under
36 section 3 of P.L.1993, c.170 (C.54:10A-5.6), and then by any
37 credit allowed under section 3 or 4 of P.L.1993, c.171
38 (C.54:10A-5.18 or C.54:10A-5.19), and then by any credit allowed
39 under section 1 of P.L.1993, c.175 (C.54:10A-5.24), before
40 applying the credit allowable pursuant to this section.]²

41 ²[7. a. A taxpayer that participates in the At-Risk Youth
42 Employment Internship Program established pursuant to section 2
43 of P.L. , c. (C.) (now pending before the Legislature as
44 this bill) shall be allowed a credit against the tax imposed
45 pursuant to N.J.S.54A:2-1 et seq. in an amount equal to \$50 for
46 each student who is placed in an employment internship with the
47 taxpayer for a period of at least six months during the taxable
48 year.

49 b. If the provider is a partnership or association, the credit
50 shall be allocated to each member of the partnership or
51 association in proportion to the member's share of the income or
52 gain received by the partnership or association for its taxable
53 year ending within or with the member's taxable year.

1 c. The amount of the credit claimed for the taxable year shall
2 not exceed 10% of the tax liability which would be otherwise due
3 for that year.]²

4 ²[8.] 6.² The State Board of Education shall adopt, pursuant to
5 the "Administrative Procedure Act", P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1
6 et seq.), the rules and regulations necessary to carry out the
7 provisions of this act.

8 ²[9.] 7.² This act shall take effect immediately ²[and section 6
9 shall apply to accounting years beginning on or after January 1 of
10 the year next following enactment and section 7 shall apply to
11 taxable years beginning on or after January 1 of the year next
12 following enactment]².

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STATEMENT

13 This bill establishes an At-Risk Youth Employment Internship
14 Program in the Department of Education which is to provide for
15 the placement of at-risk public school students in employment
16 internships with public or private profit or nonprofit employers
17 and the payment of a training stipend to those students. The
18 purpose of the program is to enable at-risk students to acquire a
19 thorough knowledge of the business operations of the employer
20 and an understanding of the linkage between the skills, behaviors,
21 and attitudes necessary for school success and future successful
22 functioning as an adult in the workplace.

23 Under the bill's provisions, the Commissioner of Education is
24 to develop and administer the program on a pilot basis. The
25 commissioner is to select school districts to participate in the
26 program based upon the number of at-risk students within the
27 district, the interest of public and private profit or nonprofit
28 employers located within the district in participating in the
29 program, and the commissioner's evaluation of the district's
30 ability to successfully implement the program. In selecting
31 districts, the commissioner must include urban and suburban
32 districts from the north, central, and southern regions of the
33 State with at least one school district per county. Also, if the
34 commissioner determines that participation in the program would
35 constitute a demonstrably effective improvement strategy for a
36 district's at-risk students, he may direct the participation of
37 that district.

38 A student who is selected for the program would be placed in
39 an employment internship for approximately two hours, three
40 times per week and would receive a stipend of \$25 per week.
41 Also, a stipend of \$150 per month would be provided to the
42 employer to cover any administrative costs the employer might
43 have due to program participation. An employer would also be
44 eligible to receive a corporation business tax credit or gross
45 income tax credit in an amount of \$50 for each student who is
46 placed with the employer for a minimum period of six months.

47 The bill directs the Commissioner of Education to collect data
48 on the effectiveness of the program in advancing the academic
49 achievement of its participants and to report to the Governor and
50 the Legislature on expanding the program to additional school
51 district.

52 The development of an At-Risk Youth Employment Internship
53 Program in the Department of Education will assist in addressing
54 the needs and conditions which place students at risk of not

1 acquiring the skills necessary for success in school and eventually
2 the workplace. The program will also help to meet the obligation
3 of the State as defined by the New Jersey Supreme Court to
4 identify and implement specific programs for at-risk youths.

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10 Establishes an At-Risk Youth Employment Internship Program in
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ASSEMBLY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 2180

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: FEBRUARY 21, 1995

The Assembly Education Committee favorably reports Assembly Bill No. 2180 with committee amendments.

As amended by committee, this bill establishes an At-Risk Youth Employment Internship Program in the Department of Education which is to provide for the placement of at-risk public school students in employment internships with public or private profit or nonprofit employers and the payment of a training stipend to those students. The purpose of the program is to enable at-risk students to acquire a thorough knowledge of the business operations of the employer and an understanding of the linkage between the skills, behaviors, and attitudes necessary for school success and future successful functioning as an adult in the workplace.

Under the bill's provisions, the Commissioner of Education is to develop and administer the program on a pilot basis. The commissioner is to select school districts to participate in the program based upon the number of at-risk students within the district, the interest of public and private profit or nonprofit employers located within the district in participating in the program, and the commissioner's evaluation of the district's ability to successfully implement the program. In selecting districts, the commissioner must include urban and suburban districts from the north, central, and southern regions of the State with at least one school district per county. Also, if the commissioner determines that participation in the program would constitute a demonstrably effective improvement strategy for a district's at-risk students, he may direct the participation of that district.

A student who is selected for the program would be placed in an employment internship for approximately two hours, three times per week and would receive a stipend of \$25 per week. Also, a stipend of \$150 per month would be provided to the employer to cover any administrative costs the employer might have due to program participation. An employer would also be eligible to receive a corporation business tax credit or gross income tax credit in an amount of \$50 for each student who is placed with the employer for a minimum period of six months.

The bill directs the Commissioner of Education to collect data on the effectiveness of the program in advancing the academic achievement of its participants and to report to the Governor and the Legislature on expanding the program to additional school districts.

The committee amended the bill to make several clarifying language changes and to provide that the program shall be funded through available work study funds.

ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

[FIRST REPRINT]

ASSEMBLY, No. 2180

with Assembly committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 1, 1995

The Assembly Appropriations Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 2180 (1R), with committee amendments.

Assembly Bill No. 2180 (1R), as amended, establishes an At-Risk Youth Employment Internship Program in the Department of Education to provide for placement of at-risk public school students in employment internships with public or private profit or nonprofit employers and the payment of a training stipend to those students. The purpose of the program is to enable at-risk students to acquire a thorough knowledge of the business operations of the employer and an understanding of the linkage between the skills, behaviors, and attitudes necessary for school success and future successful functioning as an adult in the workplace.

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The bill directs the Commissioner of Education to collect data on the effectiveness of the program in advancing the academic achievement of its participants and to report to the Governor and the Legislature on expanding the program to additional school districts.

FISCAL IMPACT:

It does not appear that the bill would result in additional State/local costs since current "work study" funds, either State or federal, are to be utilized for this program.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

This amendment deletes the sections of the bill which provide a corporation business tax credit or gross income tax credit in an amount of \$50 for each student who is placed with an employer for a minimum period of six months under the At-Risk Youth Employment Internship Program.