

No. 1984-77

## AN ACT

HB 1608

Amending the act of July 1, 1978 (P.L.584, No.109), entitled "An act establishing an agency to create the linkage necessary for the planning of an economic development system for Pennsylvania, and making an appropriation," providing for the establishment, operation and functions of area labor management committees; extending the existence of the council; and making an appropriation.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. Section 2 of the act of July 1, 1978 (P.L.584, No.109), known as the Milrite Act, is amended by adding a definition to read:

Section 2. Definitions.

The following words and phrases when used in this act shall have, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, the meanings given to them in this section:

**"Area labor management committee."** *An organization formed by and composed of multiple employers of diverse industries and multiple labor organizations, as defined in section 2(5) of the National Labor Relations Act (49 Stat. 449, 29 U.S.C. § 151 et seq.), operating within or focusing upon city, county or contiguous multicounty jurisdictions for the purposes of:*

- (1) *Improving communications between labor and management.*
- (2) *Providing a forum to discuss and investigate ways to further the goals of increased quality of work life and increased productivity.*
- (3) *Discovering ways to improve organizational effectiveness.*
- (4) *Finding solutions to problems of mutual concern to both labor and management not susceptible to resolution within the collective bargaining structure.*
- (5) *Enhancing economic development within the jurisdiction through labor management cooperation.*

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Section 2. The act is amended by adding a section to read:

**Section 6.1. Area labor management committees.**

(a) *The council shall establish standards and criteria for the selection of area labor management committees to be assisted by matching grants under subsection (c), solicit proposals from area labor management committees, review and evaluate the relative merits of such proposals and select those proposals for funding which would best meet the standards and criteria established by the council.*

(b) *The council may use a reasonable amount of any appropriation for grants to area labor management committees to hire staff and provide support for area labor management committees and for carrying out the purposes specified in subsection (a).*

*(c) The council shall designate the area labor management committees which are entitled to receive matching grants pursuant to subsection (a). Funds appropriated to the Department of Commerce for grants to area labor management committees shall be made to those committees, in amounts and under conditions specified by the council.*

*(d) The council shall report annually to the chairman and minority chairman of the Senate Committee on Appropriations, the chairman and minority chairman of the House Committee on Appropriations, the chairman and minority chairman of the Senate Committee on Labor and Industry and the chairman and minority chairman of the House Committee on Labor Relations, the accomplishments and specific expenditures of each area labor management committee funded under subsections (a) and (c) including, but not limited to, salaries, rent, contracts and other operational costs.*

Section 3. Section 7 of the act is amended to read:

Section 7. Limited duration.

**[The council shall cease to exist six years from the effective date of this act unless the General Assembly extends its life.]** *The council shall continue with its statutory function and duties until June 30, 1990, when it shall terminate and go out of existence unless reestablished or continued by the General Assembly. Evaluation, review, termination, reestablishment and continuation of the agency shall be conducted pursuant to the provisions of the act of December 22, 1981 (P.L.508, No.142), known as the "Sunset Act."*

Section 4. As much of section 212 as relates to the appropriation to the Milrite Council for grants to industry and area labor-management committees for start-up costs of the act of July 21, 1983 (P.L.603, No.7A), known as the Supplemental General Appropriation Act for Fiscal Year 1983-1984, is repealed.

Section 5. The sum of \$500,000, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated to the Department of Commerce for use in carrying out the provisions of this act.

Section 6. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 31st day of May, A. D. 1984.

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