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Public Works

AN ACT

To reauthorize the Appalachian Regional Development Act
of 1965.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; AMENDMENTS TO APPALACHIAN**
2 **REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1965.**

3 (a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This Act may be cited as the
4 “Appalachian Regional Development Reauthorization Act
5 of 2001”.

6 (b) **AMENDMENTS TO APPALACHIAN REGIONAL DE-**
7 **VELOPMENT ACT OF 1965.**—Except as otherwise specifi-
8 cally provided, whenever in this Act an amendment or re-
9 peal is expressed in terms of an amendment to, or repeal
10 of, a section or other provision of law, the reference shall
11 be considered to be made to a section or other provision
12 of the Appalachian Regional Development Act of 1965 (40
13 U.S.C. App.).

14 **SEC. 2. COORDINATION OF APPALACHIAN REGIONAL DE-**
15 **VELOPMENT PROGRAMS.**

16 Section 104 (40 U.S.C. App.) is amended—

17 (1) by striking the section heading and all that
18 follows through “The President” and inserting the
19 following:

20 **“SEC. 104. COORDINATION OF APPALACHIAN REGIONAL DE-**
21 **VELOPMENT PROGRAMS.**

22 “(a) **LIAISON BETWEEN FEDERAL GOVERNMENT**
23 **AND COMMISSION.**—The President”; and

24 (2) by adding at the end the following:

25 “(b) **INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL.**—

1 “(1) IN GENERAL.—In carrying out subsection
2 (a), the President shall establish an interagency
3 council to be known as the ‘Interagency Coordi-
4 nating Council on Appalachia’.

5 “(2) MEMBERSHIP.—The Council shall be com-
6 posed of—

7 “(A) the Federal Cochairman, who shall
8 serve as Chairperson of the Council; and

9 “(B) representatives of Federal agencies
10 that carry out economic development programs
11 in the Appalachian region.”.

12 **SEC. 3. TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY.**

13 The Act (40 U.S.C. App.) is amended by inserting
14 after section 202 the following:

15 **“SEC. 203. TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY.**

16 “(a) IN GENERAL.—In order to ensure that the peo-
17 ple and businesses of the Appalachian region have the
18 knowledge, skills, and access to telecommunications serv-
19 ices to compete in the technology-based economy, the
20 Commission may provide technical assistance and make
21 grants, enter into contracts, and otherwise provide funds
22 for the following purposes:

23 “(1) To increase affordable access to advanced
24 telecommunications in the region.

1 “(2) To provide education and training for peo-
2 ple, businesses, and governments in the region in the
3 use of telecommunications technology.

4 “(3) To develop relevant technology readiness
5 programs for industry groups and businesses in the
6 region.

7 “(4) To support entrepreneurial opportunities
8 in information technology in the region.

9 “(b) SOURCES OF FUNDING.—Assistance provided
10 under this section may be provided entirely from appro-
11 priations made available to carry out this section or in
12 combination with funds available under a Federal grant-
13 in-aid program (as defined in section 214(c)), under an-
14 other Federal program, or from any other source.

15 “(c) FEDERAL SHARE LIMITATIONS SPECIFIED IN
16 OTHER LAWS.—Notwithstanding any provision of law lim-
17 iting the Federal share in a Federal grant-in-aid program
18 or other Federal program, funds appropriated to carry out
19 this section may be used to increase such Federal share,
20 as the Commission determines appropriate.

21 “(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
22 is authorized to be appropriated to the Commission to
23 carry out this section \$10,000,000 for fiscal year 2002
24 and such sums as may be necessary for fiscal years 2003

1 through 2006. Such sums shall remain available until ex-
2 pended.”.

3 **SEC. 4. PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT CRITERIA.**

4 (a) ELIMINATION OF GROWTH CENTER CRITERIA.—
5 Section 224(a)(1) (40 U.S.C. App.) is amended by strik-
6 ing “in an area determined by the State have a significant
7 potential for growth or”.

8 (b) DISTRESSED COUNTIES AND AREAS.—Section
9 224 (40 U.S.C. App.) is amended by adding at the end
10 the following:

11 “(d) ASSISTANCE TO DISTRESSED COUNTIES AND
12 AREAS.—For each fiscal year, at least one-half of the
13 amount of grant expenditures approved by the Commis-
14 sion under this Act shall support activities or projects that
15 benefit severely and persistently distressed counties or
16 areas.”.

17 **SEC. 5. GRANTS FOR ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES OF**
18 **LOCAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS.**

19 Section 302(a)(1)(A) (40 U.S.C. App.) is amended
20 by inserting “(or 75 percent for a development district
21 that includes 1 or more counties for which a distressed
22 county designation is in effect under section 226)” after
23 “50 percent”.

24 **SEC. 6. ADDITION OF COUNTIES TO APPALACHIAN REGION.**

25 Section 403 is amended—

1 (1) in the third undesignated paragraph, relat-
2 ing to Kentucky—

3 (A) by inserting “Edmonson,” after “Cum-
4 berland,”;

5 (B) by inserting “Hart,” after “Harlan,”;
6 and

7 (C) by inserting “Metcalf,” after
8 “Menifee,”; and

9 (2) in the fifth undesignated paragraph, relat-
10 ing to Mississippi—

11 (A) by inserting “Grenada,” after “Clay,”;

12 (B) by inserting “Montgomery,” after
13 “Monroe,”; and

14 (C) by inserting “Panola,” after
15 “Oktibbeha Pontotoc,”.

16 **SEC. 7. TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS.**

17 (a) STRATEGIES.—The Act (40 U.S.C. App.) is
18 amended—

19 (1) in the third sentence of section 101(b) by
20 striking “implementing investment program” and in-
21 serting “strategy statement”;

22 (2) in section 225—

23 (A) in subsection (a) by striking “(3) de-
24 scribe the development program” and inserting

25 “(3) describe the development strategies”; and

1 (B) in subsection (c) by striking “Appa-
2 lachian State development programs” and in-
3 sserting “Appalachian State development strate-
4 gies”; and

5 (3) in section 303—

6 (A) in the section heading by striking “**IN-**
7 **VESTMENT PROGRAMS**” and inserting
8 “**STRATEGY STATEMENTS**”;

9 (B) by striking “implementing investment
10 program” each place it appears and inserting
11 “strategy statement”; and

12 (C) by striking “implementing investments
13 programs” and inserting “strategy statements”.

14 (b) SUPPORT OF LOCAL DEVELOPMENT DIS-
15 TRICTS.—Section 102(a)(5) (40 U.S.C. App.) is amended
16 by inserting “and support” after “formation”.

17 (c) OFFICE SPACE LEASING.—Section 106(7) (40
18 U.S.C. App.) is amended by striking “for any term expir-
19 ing no later than September 30, 2001”.

20 (d) SUPPLEMENTS TO FEDERAL GRANT-IN-AID PRO-
21 GRAMS.—Section 214 (40 U.S.C. App.) is amended—

22 (1) in subsection (a) by striking the third sen-
23 tence;

24 (2) by striking subsection (c) and inserting the
25 following:

1 “(c) FEDERAL GRANT-IN-AID PROGRAMS DE-
2 FINED.—

3 “(1) INCLUDED PROGRAMS.—In this section,
4 the term ‘Federal grant-in-aid programs’ means
5 those Federal grant-in-aid programs authorized by
6 this Act or another Act for the acquisition or devel-
7 opment of land, the construction or equipment of fa-
8 cilities, or other community or economic development
9 or economic adjustment activities, including but not
10 limited to grant-in-aid programs authorized by the
11 following Acts:

12 “(A) The Federal Water Pollution Control
13 Act (33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.).

14 “(B) The Watershed Protection and Flood
15 Prevention Act (16 U.S.C. 1001 et seq.).

16 “(C) Title VI of the Public Health Services
17 Act (42 U.S.C. 291 et seq.).

18 “(D) The Carl D. Perkins Vocational and
19 Technical Education Act of 1998 (20 U.S.C.
20 2301 et seq.).

21 “(E) Part IV of title III of the Commu-
22 nications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 390 et seq.).

23 “(F) The Land and Water Conservation
24 Fund Act of 1965 (16 U.S.C 4601–4 et seq.).

1 “(G) The Consolidated Farm and Rural
2 Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1921 et seq.).

3 “(H) Sections 201 and 209 of the Public
4 Works and Economic Development Act of 1965
5 (42 U.S.C. 3141 and 3149).

6 “(I) Title I of the Housing and Commu-
7 nity Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5301
8 et seq.).

9 “(2) EXCLUDED PROGRAMS.—In this section,
10 the term ‘Federal grant-in-aid programs’ does not
11 include—

12 “(A) the program for the construction of
13 the development highway system authorized by
14 section 201 or any program relating to highway
15 or road construction authorized by title 23,
16 United States Code; or

17 “(B) any other program for which loans or
18 other Federal financial assistance, except a
19 grant-in-aid program, is authorized by this or
20 any other Act.”; and

21 (3) by striking subsection (d).

22 (e) PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT CRITERIA.—Section
23 224(a)(2) (40 U.S.C. App.) is amended by striking “per
24 capita income” and inserting “per capita market income”.

1 **SEC. 8. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

2 Section 401(a) (40 U.S.C. App.) is amended to read
3 as follows:

4 “(a) IN GENERAL.—In addition to amounts author-
5 ized by section 201 (and other amounts made available
6 for the Appalachian development highway system pro-
7 gram) and section 203, there are authorized to be appro-
8 priated to the Commission to carry out this Act—

9 “(1) \$78,000,000 for fiscal year 2002;

10 “(2) \$80,000,000 for fiscal year 2003;

11 “(3) \$83,000,000 for fiscal year 2004;

12 “(4) \$85,000,000 for fiscal year 2005; and

13 “(5) \$87,000,000 for fiscal year 2006.”.

14 **SEC. 9. TERMINATION.**

15 Section 405 (40 U.S.C. App.) is amended by striking
16 “2001” and inserting “2006”.

Passed the House of Representatives August 2,
2001.

Attest:

JEFF TRANDAHL,

Clerk.