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IN SENATE -- Introduced by Sens. MONTGOMERY, DUANE, HASSELL-THOMPSON,
  ONORATO, PARKER, SAVINO, SCHNEIDERMAN -- read twice and ordered print-
  ed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Children and
  Families

IN ASSEMBLY -- Introduced by M. of A. SCARBOROUGH -- read once and
  referred to the Committee on Children and Families

AN ACT relating to the establishment of a pilot program to provide job
  and vocational skills training to youth who have been adjudicated
  juvenile delinquents or juvenile offenders residing in a facility
  overseen by the office of children and family services; and providing
  for the repeal of such provisions upon expiration thereof

  THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEM-
BLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

 1   Section 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary,
 2 the department of labor, in consultation with the office of children and
 3 family services shall conduct a pilot program to provide job and voca-
 4 tional skills training to youth who have been adjudicated juvenile
 5 delinquents or juvenile offenders under article 3 of the family court
 6 act and who are residing in a facility overseen by the office of chil-
 7 dren and family services as defined in section 504 or 504-a of the exec-
 8 utive law. Such pilot program shall be conducted in three residential
 9 facilities chosen by the office of children and family services. The
10 office of children and family services shall choose the three facilities
11 in which the pilot program will be conducted as considering factors
12 including, but not limited to, existing vocational and job skills train-
13 ing programs, the need for expansion of such programs, the average
14 length of stay, and age of youth at the specific facilities. Such pilot
15 program shall use a combination of integrated support services, educa-
16 tional, vocational and job skill training to provide youth with skills
17 needed to advance to higher levels of education and higher wage jobs in
18 growing occupational fields. Youth wishing to participate in such
19 program who are also attending school or are receiving educational
20 services within the facility, must be given an option to participate in

1 the program at a time that does not conflict with their school or educa-
2 tion schedule.
3   S 2. The name of any youth participating in the pilot program and any
4 other identifying information relating to the placement of such youth at
5 a residential facility, and his or her adjudication as a juvenile delin-
6 quent or juvenile offender, shall remain confidential pursuant to law
7 and shall not be disclosed to any person or entity not otherwise author-
8 ized.
9   S 3. To the extent possible, the department of labor and the office of
10 children and family services shall work in collaboration with community
11 organizations operating in or around the counties where the facilities
12 chosen for the pilot program are located. Such community organizations
13 may include, but not be limited to, not-for-profit organizations, faith
14 based organizations, local development corporations and small busi-
15 nesses.
16   S 4. The department of labor and the office of children and family
17 services shall issue a joint report on the status of the pilot program
18 to the chair of the New York state senate standing committee on children
19 and families, the chair of the New York state senate standing committee
20 on labor, the chair of the New York state assembly standing committee on
21 children and families and the chair of the New York state assembly
22 standing committee on labor by December 31, 2011. Such report shall
23 include, but not be limited to, the status of the program, the number of
24 youth served in the program, the average length of time youth received
25 services in the program, and the employment and educational outcomes of
26 the youth participants if known, as of November 30, 2011.
27   S 5. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire and be
28 deemed repealed April 1, 2012.