

HOUSE BILL 757

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Higher Education Commission – Development of an Educational**
3 **Program to Aid Unemployed State Residents**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Higher Education Commission to develop
5 a certain educational and training program to meet the needs of unemployed
6 State residents; requiring the Commission to establish a certain advisory
7 committee; specifying the duties and staffing of the advisory committee;
8 requiring that the advisory committee include representatives from certain
9 organizations; requiring the Commission, on or before a certain date each year,
10 to submit a certain report to the Governor and certain committees of the
11 General Assembly; requiring a community college or private career school that
12 participates in a certain program to leverage certain funds in applications for
13 certain federal funds; and generally relating to the development of an
14 educational program to aid unemployed State residents by the Maryland Higher
15 Education Commission.

16 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
17 Article – Education
18 Section 10–101(c), (g), and (h)
19 Annotated Code of Maryland
20 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

21 BY adding to
22 Article – Education
23 Section 11–407
24 Annotated Code of Maryland
25 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

26 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
27 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



Article – Education

10–101.

(c) “Commission” means the Maryland Higher Education Commission.

(g) (1) “Institution of postsecondary education” means a school or other institution that offers an educational program in the State for individuals who are at least 16 years old and who have graduated from or left elementary or secondary school.

(2) “Institution of postsecondary education” does not include:

(i) Any adult education, evening high school, or high school equivalence program conducted by a public school system of the State; or

(ii) Any apprenticeship or on–the–job training program subject to approval by the Apprenticeship and Training Council.

(h) “Private career school” means a privately owned and privately operated institution of postsecondary education other than an institution of higher education that furnishes or offers to furnish programs, whether or not requiring a payment of tuition or fee, for the purpose of training, retraining, or upgrading individuals for gainful employment as skilled or semiskilled workers or technicians in recognized occupations or in new and emerging occupations.

11–407.

(A) THE COMMISSION SHALL DEVELOP A PROGRAM TO MEET THE EDUCATIONAL AND TRAINING NEEDS OF UNEMPLOYED STATE RESIDENTS BY PROVIDING ACCESS TO SHORT–TERM, NONCREDIT PROGRAMS OF STUDY AT COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND PRIVATE CAREER SCHOOLS THAT LEAD TO THE ACQUISITION OF JOB–RELATED SKILLS AND CREDENTIALS.

(B) (1) THE COMMISSION SHALL ESTABLISH AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO:

(I) IDENTIFY THE WORKFORCE NEEDS AND THE EDUCATION AND TRAINING REQUIREMENTS OF EMPLOYMENT FIELDS WITH AVAILABLE OR GROWING OPPORTUNITIES;

(II) IDENTIFY THE WORKFORCE AND EDUCATION AND TRAINING NEEDS OF REGIONS OF THE STATE THAT HAVE HIGH LEVELS OF UNEMPLOYMENT;

1 (III) EXAMINE THE USE OF INDIVIDUAL EDUCATIONAL
2 TRAINING ACCOUNTS BY OTHER STATES THAT ASSIST STATE RESIDENTS IN
3 PAYING FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROGRAMS;

4 (IV) MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING AN INDIVIDUAL
5 EDUCATIONAL TRAINING ACCOUNT PILOT PROGRAM; AND

6 (V) RECOMMEND ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR
7 PARTICIPANTS IN THE PROGRAM DEVELOPED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS
8 SECTION, INCLUDING:

9 1. VERIFICATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT; AND

10 2. DEMONSTRATION OF FINANCIAL NEED.

11 (2) THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE SHALL INCLUDE
12 REPRESENTATIVES FROM:

13 (I) THE COMMISSION;

14 (II) INSTITUTIONS OF POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION
15 LOCATED IN THE STATE, INCLUDING COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND PRIVATE
16 CAREER SCHOOLS;

17 (III) THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING, AND
18 REGULATION;

19 (IV) THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC
20 DEVELOPMENT;

21 (V) THE GOVERNOR'S WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD;

22 (VI) BUSINESSES AND INDUSTRIES LOCATED IN THE STATE,
23 INCLUDING AT LEAST ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE BIOTECHNOLOGY
24 INDUSTRY; AND

25 (VII) LABOR ORGANIZATIONS LOCATED IN THE STATE.

26 (3) THE COMMISSION SHALL PROVIDE STAFF FOR THE ADVISORY
27 COMMITTEE.

28 (C) (1) ON OR BEFORE JUNE 1 OF EACH YEAR, THE COMMISSION
29 SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH §
30 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, TO THE SENATE EDUCATION,

1 HEALTH, AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE AND THE HOUSE
2 COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS
3 SUBTITLE.

4 (2) THE REPORT SUBMITTED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS
5 SUBSECTION SHALL INCLUDE:

6 (I) THE FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE
7 ADVISORY COMMITTEE; AND

8 (II) THE COSTS OF THE PROGRAM DEVELOPED UNDER
9 SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION, INCLUDING THE COST OF STUDENT TUITION,
10 FEES, AND BOOKS.

11 (D) IF A COMMUNITY COLLEGE OR PRIVATE CAREER SCHOOL THAT
12 PARTICIPATES IN THE PROGRAM DEVELOPED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS
13 SECTION RECEIVES STATE FUNDING, THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE OR PRIVATE
14 CAREER SCHOOL SHALL APPLY FOR FEDERAL FUNDING THAT MAY BE USED TO
15 OFFSET COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE PROGRAM.

16 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
17 October 1, 2011.