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(House Bill 1207)

AN ACT concerning

Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation <u>Division of Labor and</u> <u>Industry</u> – Youth Apprenticeship Advisory Committee

FOR the purpose of establishing the Youth Apprenticeship Advisory Committee in the Division of Labor and Industry; providing for the composition and duties of the Committee; requiring the Committee to submit a certain report to the General Assembly on or before a certain date each year; defining a certain term; and generally relating to the Youth Apprenticeship Advisory Committee.

BY adding to

Article – Labor and Employment Section 11–409 Annotated Code of Maryland (2008 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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

Article - Labor and Employment

11-409.

(A) IN THIS SECTION, "COMMITTEE" MEANS THE YOUTH APPRENTICESHIP ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

(B) THERE IS A YOUTH APPRENTICESHIP ADVISORY COMMITTEE IN THE DIVISION OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY.

(C) THE COMMITTEE CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

(1) THE SECRETARY, OR THE SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE;

(2) THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS, OR THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT'S DESIGNEE;

(3) THE SECRETARY OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, OR THE SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE;

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(4) THE SECRETARY OF JUVENILE SERVICES, OR THE SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE;

(5) THE COMMISSIONER, OR THE COMMISSIONER'S DESIGNEE; AND

(6) THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS, APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR:

(I) TWO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE COUNCIL;

(II) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF AN EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATION;

(III) ONE EMPLOYER WHOSE BUSINESS HAS A NONJOINT APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM;

(IV) ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM A COMMUNITY COLLEGE;

(V) ONE INDIVIDUAL WHO HOLDS A DOCTORAL DEGREE AND SPECIALIZES IN LABOR ECONOMICS WITH EXPERTISE IN NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP SYSTEMS;

(VI) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION WHO IS INVOLVED WITH EMPLOYEE TRAINING AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT; AND

(VII) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MARYLAND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

(D) THE COMMITTEE SHALL:

(1) EVALUATE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF EXISTING HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS IN THE STATE, OTHER STATES, AND OTHER COUNTRIES BASED ON A SYSTEMATIC REVIEW OF SPECIFIED <u>RELEVANT</u> DATA;

(2) **REVIEW AND IDENTIFY:**

(I) WAYS TO IMPLEMENT HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS IN THE STATE; AND

(II) MEANS THROUGH WHICH EMPLOYERS AND ORGANIZATIONS CAN OBTAIN GRANTS, TAX CREDITS, AND OTHER SUBSIDIES TO

SUPPORT ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS; AND

(3) SET TARGETS FOR THE NUMBER OF APPRENTICESHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH THAT THE STATE SHOULD REACH OVER THE NEXT 3 YEARS.

(E) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1 OF EACH YEAR, THE COMMITTEE SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2–1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY REGARDING ANY RECOMMENDED LEGISLATION TO PROMOTE HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS IN THE STATE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2014.

Approved by the Governor, May 15, 2014.