

# SENATE BILL 588

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By: **Senator Rosapepe**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Career Education Act of 2019**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation to  
4 develop a certain mobile application; authorizing the Department of Labor,  
5 Licensing, and Regulation to contract with a third party for the development of the  
6 mobile application; providing for the purpose of the mobile application; prohibiting  
7 the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation from releasing certain  
8 information except under certain circumstances; requiring the Department of Labor,  
9 Licensing, and Regulation to adopt certain regulations; requiring certain county  
10 boards of education to treat the pursuit of certain certificates, certifications, or  
11 apprenticeships as the equivalent of pursuing postsecondary education; authorizing  
12 certain individuals to release certain student information to certain apprenticeship  
13 sponsors and employers; requiring certain public high schools to make students  
14 aware of certain employment and skills training opportunities in a certain manner  
15 through certain apprenticeship sponsors and employers; prohibiting a county board  
16 from prohibiting a certain school created pursuant to a certain contract from  
17 selecting a certain course to satisfy a certain high school graduation requirement;  
18 requiring a certain school operator to make a certain certification that a certain  
19 course meets a specific high school graduation requirement; establishing certain  
20 procedures for the State Department of Education to make a certain determination  
21 relating to a certain certification; requiring a certain county board to pay for a  
22 student to take certain exams under certain circumstances; requiring a certain  
23 county board to pay any fees related to career technology student organizations  
24 under certain circumstances; specifying that a requirement to earn a credit in  
25 technology education in order to graduate from a certain high school may be satisfied  
26 by completing certain courses selected by the county board; requiring certain county  
27 boards to make a certain certification that a certain course meets a specific high  
28 school graduation requirement; establishing certain procedures for the State  
29 Department of Education to make a certain determination relating to a certain  
30 certification; requiring the State Department of Education, on or before a certain  
31 date, to identify and approve certain badges or certificates for soft workplace skills

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 and establish a certain grant program; requiring the Governor to include a certain  
2 amount in the budget of the State Department of Education for a certain grant  
3 program; requiring a county board to count toward high school attendance the time  
4 an apprentice or a youth apprentice spends during certain work-based training;  
5 prohibiting a public chartering authority from prohibiting a certain charter school  
6 from selecting a certain course to satisfy a certain high school graduation  
7 requirement; requiring certain charter schools to make a certain certification that a  
8 certain course meets a specific high school graduation requirement; establishing  
9 certain procedures for the State Department of Education to make a certain  
10 determination relating to a certain certification; requiring certain community  
11 colleges to pay for the costs of textbooks and other educational instructional supplies  
12 for certain students except under certain circumstances; authorizing certain  
13 applicants for legislative scholarships to be enrolled in Workforce Development  
14 Sequence courses or be participating in an apprenticeship training program;  
15 authorizing certain recipients of a senatorial scholarship to use the scholarship to  
16 reimburse certain expenses; exempting certain applicants for a senatorial  
17 scholarship from certain examination requirements; authorizing certain uses of  
18 legislative scholarships; specifying that certain recipients of a delegate scholarship  
19 are not required to carry a certain course load; authorizing certain students to use a  
20 delegate scholarship to reimburse certain expenses; providing that a certain  
21 sequence of courses on a specific career pathway in a career and technology education  
22 program shall be referred to as a high-skill major; requiring an apprenticeship  
23 program operator to use Open Educational Resources or pay for the costs of textbooks  
24 or other educational instructional supplies for certain students as a condition of  
25 approval; requiring a training provider to pay for the cost of certain textbooks and  
26 educational instructional supplies for certain individuals; creating an exemption to  
27 a certain requirement if the training provider uses Open Educational Resources;  
28 requiring a training provider to include in a certain contract a provision requiring  
29 reimbursement of the training provider for certain costs; requiring the Division of  
30 Workforce Development and Adult Learning within the Department of Labor,  
31 Licensing, and Regulation to convene a workgroup of certain employers and report  
32 certain recommendations on or before a certain date; requiring the State Department  
33 of Education to convene a workgroup of certain individuals and make certain  
34 recommendations on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of certain  
35 provisions of this Act; defining certain terms; making stylistic changes; and generally  
36 relating to career and technology education and apprenticeships.

37 BY adding to

38 Article – Business Regulation

39 Section 2–111

40 Annotated Code of Maryland

41 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

42 BY adding to

43 Article – Education

44 Section 4–135, 4–136, 7–205.5, 7–209, 9–113, 16–106.1, and 18–406(h) and (i)

45 Annotated Code of Maryland

1 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

2 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
3 Article – Education  
4 Section 7–203.1, 7–301.2, 18–101, 18–402(a), 18–405(a) and (b), 18–406(e), 18–501,  
5 18–504, 18–506, and 21–204  
6 Annotated Code of Maryland  
7 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
9 Article – Labor and Employment  
10 Section 11–405 and 11–504  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (2016 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – Business Regulation**

16 **2–111.**

17 **(A) IN THIS SECTION, “CTSO” MEANS A CAREER TECHNOLOGY STUDENT**  
18 **ORGANIZATION AND INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING ORGANIZATIONS:**

19 **(1) DECA INC.;**

20 **(2) NATIONAL FFA ORGANIZATION;**

21 **(3) FUTURE BUSINESS LEADERS OF AMERICA–PHI BETA LAMBDA**  
22 **(FBLA–PBL); AND**

23 **(4) SKILLSUSA.**

24 **(B) (1) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION AND PARAGRAPH**  
25 **(2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DEVELOP A MOBILE**  
26 **APPLICATION CONTAINING THE CURRICULUM VITAE FOR EACH STUDENT WHO IS A**  
27 **MEMBER OF A CTSO.**

28 **(2) THE DEPARTMENT MAY CONTRACT WITH A THIRD PARTY TO**  
29 **DEVELOP THE MOBILE APPLICATION REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS**  
30 **SUBSECTION.**



1 SHALL MAKE STUDENTS AWARE OF EMPLOYMENT AND SKILLS TRAINING  
2 OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE THROUGH:

3 (1) APPRENTICESHIP SPONSORS REGISTERED WITH THE DIVISION  
4 OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND ADULT LEARNING UNDER § 11-405 OF THE  
5 LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT ARTICLE; AND

6 (2) EMPLOYERS REGISTERED WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR,  
7 LICENSING, AND REGULATION OR WITH LOCAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT  
8 BOARDS ESTABLISHED UNDER TITLE 11, SUBTITLE 5 OF THE LABOR AND  
9 EMPLOYMENT ARTICLE.

10 4-136.

11 (A) A COUNTY BOARD MAY NOT PROHIBIT A SCHOOL CREATED PURSUANT  
12 TO A CONTRACT BETWEEN A COUNTY BOARD AND A SCHOOL OPERATOR FROM  
13 SELECTING A COURSE IN CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION OR A COURSE IN  
14 ACADEMIC TECHNOLOGY TO SATISFY A REQUIREMENT TO EARN A CREDIT IN  
15 TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION TO GRADUATE FROM A PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL IN THE  
16 STATE.

17 (B) A SCHOOL OPERATOR THAT SELECTS A COURSE UNDER SUBSECTION (A)  
18 OF THIS SECTION SHALL CERTIFY TO THE DEPARTMENT THAT THE COURSE, IN THE  
19 SCHOOL OPERATOR'S PROFESSIONAL JUDGMENT, MEETS THE TECHNOLOGY  
20 EDUCATION HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENT.

21 (C) WITHIN 90 DAYS AFTER RECEIPT OF A COURSE CERTIFICATION IN  
22 ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, THE DEPARTMENT MAY  
23 DETERMINE THAT THE COURSE DOES NOT MEET THE TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION  
24 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENT.

25 (D) UNLESS THE DEPARTMENT DETERMINES THAT THE COURSE DOES NOT  
26 MEET THE TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENT  
27 WITHIN 90 DAYS OF RECEIPT OF THE COURSE CERTIFICATION, THE COURSE IS  
28 DEEMED TO SATISFY THE TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION  
29 REQUIREMENT.

30 (E) IF THE DEPARTMENT DETERMINES THAT THE COURSE DOES NOT MEET  
31 THE TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENT, THE  
32 DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE A DETAILED EXPLANATION AND IDENTIFY:

1           **(1) SPECIFIC CHANGES IN THE COURSE THAT WOULD BE NECESSARY**  
2 **TO MEET THE TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION**  
3 **REQUIREMENT; AND**

4           **(2) THE PROCESS THAT MUST BE FOLLOWED TO MAKE THE CHANGES**  
5 **TO THE COURSE THAT ARE NECESSARY TO MEET THE TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION**  
6 **HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENT.**

7 7-203.1.

8           **(a) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS**  
9 **INDICATED.**

10           **(2) “APPRENTICESHIP ENTRANCE EXAM” MEANS THE**  
11 **TRADE-SPECIFIC ASSESSMENT USED TO EVALUATE A STUDENT’S BASIC APTITUDE**  
12 **BEFORE THE STUDENT BEGINS THE PRACTICAL AND TECHNICAL TRAINING PHASE**  
13 **OF AN APPRENTICESHIP.**

14           **(3) “CAREER TECHNOLOGY STUDENT ORGANIZATION” MEANS A**  
15 **STUDENT ORGANIZATION THAT IS ALIGNED WITH CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY**  
16 **EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND PROVIDES CAREER AWARENESS AND SKILL**  
17 **DEVELOPMENT TO STUDENTS.**

18           **(4) “FEES” INCLUDES REGISTRATION FEES FOR CONFERENCES AND**  
19 **COMPETITIONS, HOTEL FEES, AND TRANSPORTATION FEES.**

20           **(5) “INDUSTRIAL CERTIFICATION EXAM” MEANS THE**  
21 **INDUSTRY-RECOGNIZED ASSESSMENT THAT DOCUMENTS A STUDENT’S**  
22 **PERFORMANCE AND ACHIEVEMENT OF INDUSTRY STANDARDS AND RESULTS IN THE**  
23 **RECEIPT OF A CERTIFICATE, LICENSE, OR OTHER CREDENTIAL.**

24           **(B) (1) (I)** For fiscal years 2003 and 2004, the Department shall distribute  
25 grants to qualified distressed counties, as defined in § 1-101 of the Economic Development  
26 Article, for the administration of the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test to 10th grade  
27 students.

28           **[(2)] (II)** For fiscal year 2005 and each subsequent fiscal year, the  
29 Department shall distribute grants to each county for the administration of the Preliminary  
30 Scholastic Aptitude Test to 10th grade students.

31           **[(b)] (2)** Subject to the availability of funding in the State budget, the amount of  
32 each county’s grant shall be in an amount sufficient for the administration of the test to all  
33 10th grade students in the county.

1           **(C) IF A COUNTY BOARD PAYS FOR A STUDENT TO TAKE AN ADVANCED**  
2 **PLACEMENT EXAM, A PRELIMINARY SCHOLASTIC APTITUDE TEST (PSAT), OR A**  
3 **SCHOLASTIC APTITUDE TEST (SAT), THE COUNTY BOARD SHALL PAY FOR A**  
4 **STUDENT TO TAKE AN INDUSTRIAL CERTIFICATION EXAM OR APPRENTICESHIP**  
5 **ENTRANCE EXAM.**

6           **(D) IF A COUNTY BOARD PAYS ANY FEES, IN WHOLE OR IN PART, RELATED**  
7 **TO STUDENT ACADEMIC OR SPORTS ORGANIZATIONS, THE COUNTY BOARD SHALL**  
8 **PAY ANY FEES RELATED TO CAREER TECHNOLOGY STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS.**

9 **7-205.5.**

10           **(A) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, A REQUIREMENT TO**  
11 **EARN A CREDIT IN TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION TO GRADUATE FROM A PUBLIC HIGH**  
12 **SCHOOL IN THE STATE MAY BE SATISFIED BY COMPLETING A COURSE IN CAREER**  
13 **AND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION OR A COURSE IN ACADEMIC TECHNOLOGY SELECTED**  
14 **BY THE COUNTY BOARD.**

15           **(B) THE COUNTY BOARD SHALL CERTIFY TO THE DEPARTMENT THAT THE**  
16 **COURSE, IN THE COUNTY BOARD'S PROFESSIONAL JUDGMENT, MEETS THE**  
17 **TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENT.**

18           **(C) WITHIN 90 DAYS AFTER RECEIPT OF A COURSE CERTIFICATION IN**  
19 **ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, THE DEPARTMENT MAY**  
20 **DETERMINE THAT THE COURSE DOES NOT MEET THE TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION**  
21 **HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENT.**

22           **(D) UNLESS THE DEPARTMENT DETERMINES THAT THE COURSE DOES NOT**  
23 **MEET THE TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENT**  
24 **WITHIN 90 DAYS OF RECEIPT OF THE COURSE CERTIFICATION, THE COURSE IS**  
25 **DEEMED TO SATISFY THE TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION**  
26 **REQUIREMENT.**

27           **(E) IF THE DEPARTMENT DETERMINES THAT THE COURSE DOES NOT MEET**  
28 **THE TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENT, THE**  
29 **DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE A DETAILED EXPLANATION AND IDENTIFY:**

30           **(1) SPECIFIC CHANGES IN THE COURSE THAT WOULD BE NECESSARY**  
31 **TO MEET THE TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION**  
32 **REQUIREMENT; AND**

1           **(2) THE PROCESS THAT MUST BE FOLLOWED TO MAKE THE CHANGES**  
2 **TO THE COURSE THAT ARE NECESSARY TO MEET THE TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION**  
3 **HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENT.**

4 **7-209.**

5           **(A) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2019, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL:**

6           **(1) IDENTIFY AND APPROVE ONE OR MORE BADGES OR CERTIFICATES**  
7 **FOR SOFT WORKPLACE SKILLS; AND**

8           **(2) ESTABLISH A COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAM TO AWARD GRANTS**  
9 **TO APPLICANTS TO DEVELOP A CURRICULUM FOR A BADGE OR CERTIFICATE FOR**  
10 **SOFT WORKPLACE SKILLS THAT IS IDENTIFIED AND APPROVED BY THE**  
11 **DEPARTMENT UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION.**

12           **(B) THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE AT LEAST \$250,000 IN THE ANNUAL**  
13 **BUDGET OF THE DEPARTMENT FOR THE COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAM.**

14           **(C) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THE**  
15 **REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION.**

16 **7-301.2.**

17           Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a county board [may] **SHALL** count  
18 toward high school attendance the time an apprentice or youth apprentice spends during  
19 work-based training with an employer under a registered apprenticeship program.

20 **9-113.**

21           **(A) A PUBLIC CHARTERING AUTHORITY MAY NOT PROHIBIT A PUBLIC**  
22 **CHARTER SCHOOL FROM SELECTING A COURSE IN CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY**  
23 **EDUCATION OR A COURSE IN ACADEMIC TECHNOLOGY TO SATISFY A REQUIREMENT**  
24 **TO EARN A CREDIT IN TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION TO GRADUATE FROM A PUBLIC**  
25 **HIGH SCHOOL IN THE STATE.**

26           **(B) A PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL THAT SELECTS A COURSE UNDER**  
27 **SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION SHALL CERTIFY TO THE DEPARTMENT THAT THE**  
28 **COURSE, IN THE PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL'S PROFESSIONAL JUDGMENT, MEETS**  
29 **THE TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENT.**

30           **(C) WITHIN 90 DAYS AFTER RECEIPT OF A COURSE CERTIFICATION IN**  
31 **ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, THE DEPARTMENT MAY**



1 DETERMINE THAT THE COURSE DOES NOT MEET THE TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION  
2 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENT.

3 (D) UNLESS THE DEPARTMENT DETERMINES THAT THE COURSE DOES NOT  
4 MEET THE TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENT  
5 WITHIN 90 DAYS AFTER RECEIPT OF THE COURSE CERTIFICATION, THE COURSE IS  
6 DEEMED TO SATISFY THE TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION  
7 REQUIREMENT.

8 (E) IF THE DEPARTMENT DETERMINES THAT THE COURSE DOES NOT MEET  
9 THE TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENT, THE  
10 DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE A DETAILED EXPLANATION AND IDENTIFY:

11 (1) SPECIFIC CHANGES IN THE COURSE THAT WOULD BE NECESSARY  
12 TO MEET THE TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION  
13 REQUIREMENT; AND

14 (2) THE PROCESS THAT MUST BE FOLLOWED TO MAKE THE CHANGES  
15 TO THE COURSE THAT ARE NECESSARY TO MEET THE TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION  
16 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENT.

17 16-106.1.

18 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS  
19 INDICATED.

20 (2) "ELIGIBLE STUDENT" MEANS A STUDENT WHO IS ENROLLED IN A  
21 WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SEQUENCE AT A PUBLIC COMMUNITY COLLEGE IN THE  
22 STATE.

23 (3) (I) "OPEN EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES" MEANS OPENLY  
24 LICENSED EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS AND RESOURCES OFFERED FREELY FOR  
25 ANYONE TO USE AND CUSTOMIZE FOR COURSE INSTRUCTION.

26 (II) "OPEN EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES" INCLUDES DIGITAL  
27 LEARNING CONTENT, TOOLS AND SOFTWARE, AND IMPLEMENTATION RESOURCES.

28 (4) (I) "WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SEQUENCE" MEANS A  
29 PROGRAM OFFERED BY A PUBLIC COMMUNITY COLLEGE THAT IS:

30 1. APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION; AND

31 2. COMPOSED OF COURSES RELATED TO:

- 1                   **A.    JOB PREPARATION;**  
 2                   **B.    LICENSURE OR CERTIFICATION;**  
 3                   **C.    JOB SKILL ENHANCEMENT; OR**  
 4                   **D.    INSTRUCTION THAT IS PART OF A REGISTERED**  
 5 **APPRENTICESHIP.**

6                   **(II) “WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SEQUENCE” DOES NOT**  
 7 **INCLUDE A SEQUENCE OF COURSES LEADING TO AN ASSOCIATE OR A BACHELOR’S**  
 8 **DEGREE.**

9                   **(B)    UNLESS A PUBLIC COMMUNITY COLLEGE PARTICIPATES IN AND USES**  
 10 **OPEN EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES, THE PUBLIC COMMUNITY COLLEGE SHALL PAY**  
 11 **FOR THE COSTS OF TEXTBOOKS AND OTHER EDUCATIONAL INSTRUCTIONAL**  
 12 **SUPPLIES FOR EACH ELIGIBLE STUDENT.**

13 18–101.

14                   (a)    In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.

15                   (b)    **“APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING PROGRAM” MEANS A REGISTERED**  
 16 **APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM APPROVED BY THE DIVISION OF WORKFORCE**  
 17 **DEVELOPMENT AND ADULT LEARNING WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR,**  
 18 **LICENSING, AND REGULATION.**

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

20                   [(c)] (D)    **“Office” means the Office of Student Financial Assistance.**

21                   [(d)] (E)    **“Secretary” means the Secretary of Higher Education.**

22                   **(F)    (1) “WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SEQUENCE” MEANS A PROGRAM**  
 23 **OFFERED BY A PUBLIC COMMUNITY COLLEGE THAT IS:**

24                   **(I)    APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION; AND**

25                   **(II)   COMPOSED OF COURSES RELATED TO:**

26                   **1.    JOB PREPARATION;**

27                   **2.    LICENSURE OR CERTIFICATION;**



1                   **(V) IS PARTICIPATING IN A NONCREDIT APPRENTICESHIP**  
2 **TRAINING PROGRAM.**

3                   (3) An applicant is exempt from the requirements of paragraph (1) of this  
4 subsection if the applicant is or was enrolled in a certificate or license program[, course, or  
5 sequence of courses] at a community college [that leads to certification or licensure].

6 18–405.

7                   (a) Except as provided in subsection (d) of this section, a senatorial scholarship  
8 may be used only at [any community college or undergraduate, graduate, or professional  
9 school in the State] **AN ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION OR FOR AN APPRENTICESHIP**  
10 **TRAINING PROGRAM.**

11                   (b) A senatorial scholarship may be used:

12                   (1) **(I)** If the curriculum is approved by the Commission, at a degree  
13 granting institution of higher education, a hospital diploma school for training registered  
14 nurses, or to attend a private postsecondary proprietary institution that is accredited by a  
15 national accrediting association approved by the United States Department of Education  
16 [as a full–time student]; **OR**

17                                   **(II) FOR AN APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING PROGRAM; and**

18                   (2) For educational expenses as defined by the Office, including:

19                                   (i) Tuition and mandatory fees; [and]

20                                   (ii) Room and board; **AND**

21                                   **(III) STUDENT EXPENSES FOR AN APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING**  
22 **PROGRAM.**

23 18–406.

24                   (e) A recipient of a senatorial scholarship who is currently enrolled, or was  
25 enrolled within the last 2 years, in a certificate or license program[, course, or sequence of  
26 courses] at a community college [that leads to certification or licensure], as provided in §  
27 18–402(a)(3) of this subtitle, may use the scholarship to reimburse educational expenses as  
28 defined by the Office under § 18–405(b)(2) of this subtitle.

29                   **(H) A RECIPIENT OF A SENATORIAL SCHOLARSHIP WHO IS ENROLLED IN**  
30 **WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SEQUENCE COURSES MAY HOLD THE SCHOLARSHIP**  
31 **UNTIL THE PROGRAM IS COMPLETED.**

1           **(I) A RECIPIENT OF A SENATORIAL SCHOLARSHIP WHO IS PARTICIPATING**  
2 **IN AN APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING PROGRAM MAY HOLD THE SCHOLARSHIP UNTIL**  
3 **THE PROGRAM IS COMPLETED.**

4 18-501.

5           (a) There is a program of Delegate Scholarships in this State that are awarded  
6 under this subtitle.

7           (b) A scholarship awarded under this subtitle may be used [at]:

8                   (1) **(I) [An] AT AN** eligible institution for a program of undergraduate,  
9 graduate, or professional studies;

10                           **(II) AT AN ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION FOR WORKFORCE**  
11 **DEVELOPMENT SEQUENCE COURSES;**

12                                   **(III) FOR A NONCREDIT APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING PROGRAM;**

13                                   **(IV) AT AN ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION FOR A TERMINAL**  
14 **CERTIFICATE PROGRAM AS PROVIDED IN § 18-402(A) OF THIS TITLE; OR**

15                                   **(V) AT A COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOR A CERTIFICATE OR**  
16 **LICENSE PROGRAM;**

17           (2) [An] AT AN accredited undergraduate, graduate, or professional  
18 institution outside the State, if the applicant:

19                   (i) Will be studying in an academic area that is not available in this  
20 State;

21                   (ii) Is disabled and will be studying at an institution outside the  
22 State that makes special provisions for disabled students that are not available to the  
23 applicant at an institution in the State; or

24                   (iii) Is an individual who is on active duty with the United States  
25 military who is domiciled in this State; and

26           (3) [A] AT A private career school within the State that is approved by the  
27 Maryland Higher Education Commission under § 11-202 of this article and that is  
28 accredited by a national accrediting association that is approved by the United States  
29 Department of Education.

30           (c) Money appropriated to the Commission for scholarships awarded under this  
31 section that are not used by the end of the fiscal year shall be retained by the Commission

1 for use by the awarding Delegate in the Delegate Scholarship Program during subsequent  
2 fiscal years.

3 18–504.

4 (a) A Delegate may award two part–time scholarships for each full–time  
5 scholarship available.

6 (b) A part–time scholarship may not be for more than twice as many years as a  
7 full–time scholarship.

8 (c) [Each] **EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION,**  
9 **EACH** recipient of a part–time scholarship shall carry at least 6 semester hours of courses  
10 each semester in a program leading to a degree.

11 **(D) A RECIPIENT OF A PART–TIME SCHOLARSHIP IS NOT REQUIRED TO**  
12 **CARRY THE MINIMUM NUMBER OF COURSES UNDER SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS**  
13 **SECTION IF:**

14 **(1) THE RECIPIENT IS ENROLLED IN WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT**  
15 **SEQUENCE COURSES AT AN ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION; OR**

16 **(2) THE RECIPIENT IS PARTICIPATING IN A NONCREDIT**  
17 **APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING PROGRAM.**

18 18–506.

19 (a) As an alternative to the scholarship awards authorized by §§ 18–503 through  
20 18–505 of this subtitle, and subject to the provisions of subsection (b) of this section, during  
21 each year in office each Delegate may award scholarships in a total amount equal to four  
22 times the tuition and mandatory fees for a full–time undergraduate student enrolled at the  
23 University of Maryland, College Park Campus for the academic year commencing in that  
24 year.

25 (b) A scholarship award under subsection (a) of this section:

26 (1) May not be for an amount less than \$200 or more than one–half of the  
27 total amount of scholarships authorized by subsection (a) of this section for that year;

28 (2) Shall be used at an eligible institution **OR FOR A NONCREDIT**  
29 **APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING PROGRAM;**

30 (3) May be used by:

31 (i) A graduate, undergraduate, or professional student;

1 (ii) A student at a private career school within the State that is  
2 approved by the Maryland Higher Education Commission under § 11–202 of this article  
3 and that is accredited by a national accrediting association that is approved by the United  
4 States Department of Education; [or]

5 (iii) A student who is currently enrolled or was enrolled in the last 2  
6 years in a certificate or license program[, course, or sequence of courses] at a community  
7 college [that leads to certification or licensure as reimbursement for educational expenses  
8 that are defined by the Office and include tuition, mandatory fees, and room and board;  
9 and], **APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION, AS REIMBURSEMENT FOR EDUCATIONAL**  
10 **EXPENSES;**

11 **(IV) A STUDENT ENROLLED IN WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT**  
12 **SEQUENCE COURSES AT AN ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION; OR**

13 **(V) A PARTICIPANT IN AN APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING**  
14 **PROGRAM; AND**

15 (4) To the extent it is not used by the student, shall be recredited to the  
16 Delegate’s scholarship account and may be awarded in the next 12 months by that Delegate  
17 to another student pursuant to this section.

18 21–204.

19 (a) **A SEQUENCE OF COURSES ON A SPECIFIC CAREER PATHWAY THAT**  
20 **PROVIDES A MINIMUM NUMBER OF CREDITS IN A CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY**  
21 **EDUCATION PROGRAM SHALL BE REFERRED TO AS A HIGH–SKILL MAJOR.**

22 **(B)** On or before December 1, 2017, the State Board, in consultation with the  
23 Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation and the Governor’s Workforce  
24 Development Board, shall establish, for each year for 2018 through 2024, inclusive,  
25 statewide goals that reach 45% by January 1, 2025, for the percentages of high school  
26 students who, prior to graduation:

27 (1) Complete a career and [technical] **TECHNOLOGY** education [(CTE)]  
28 program;

29 (2) Earn industry–recognized occupational or skill credentials; or

30 (3) Complete a registered youth or other apprenticeship.

31 **[(b)] (C)** On or before December 1, 2017, the Maryland Longitudinal Data  
32 System Center and the Governor’s Workforce Development Board shall develop annual  
33 income earnings goals for high school graduates who have not earned at least a 2–year  
34 college degree by age 25.





1 standards of apprenticeship which safeguard the welfare of apprentices, being guided, but  
2 not controlled, by the standards of apprenticeship recommended by the federal committee  
3 on apprenticeship;

4 (4) make recommendations regarding the formulation of policies for the  
5 overall apprenticeship program;

6 (5) make recommendations regarding the registration of standards of  
7 apprenticeship of the groups or employers that elect to conform with the provisions of this  
8 subtitle;

9 (6) make recommendations regarding the registration of apprenticeship  
10 agreements which conform to the standards of apprenticeship adopted by the Division of  
11 Workforce Development and Adult Learning;

12 (7) recommend the issuance of certificates of completion of apprenticeship  
13 to apprentices who are registered with the Division of Workforce Development and Adult  
14 Learning when the Division determines that such apprentices have completed successfully  
15 their apprenticeship;

16 (8) seek all information pertaining to apprenticeship training in the State;

17 (9) prescribe its rules of procedure and duties of the Chairman, Director,  
18 and Secretary subject to the provisions of this law; and

19 (10) perform other advisory functions as the Governor or the Secretary may  
20 direct or as may come within the scope of the Council.

21 **[(b)] (C)** (1) No person, firm, or corporation may offer, establish, maintain, or  
22 operate an apprenticeship program for any occupation approved by the Division of  
23 Workforce Development and Adult Learning as an apprenticeable occupation for which  
24 tuition, charges, or fees are charged to or are payable by an enrollee or student, or which is  
25 financed in whole or in part by State funds, unless the program is first approved by the  
26 Division of Workforce Development and Adult Learning.

27 (2) (i) **1.** The Division of Workforce Development and Adult  
28 Learning shall issue a certificate of approval to an applicant operating or proposing to  
29 operate the program if the Division of Workforce Development and Adult Learning is  
30 satisfied that the conditions of entrance, the qualifications of the administrators and  
31 instructors, the content of the program, the facilities, and the financial aspects of the  
32 program are adequate and appropriate for the purpose of the program.

33 **2. AS A CONDITION OF APPROVAL BY THE DIVISION OF**  
34 **WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND ADULT LEARNING, AN APPRENTICESHIP**  
35 **PROGRAM OPERATOR SHALL:**

1                   **A.     USE OPEN EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES FOR COURSE**  
2 **CONTENT MATERIAL; OR**

3                   **B.     PAY FOR THE COSTS OF TEXTBOOKS OR OTHER**  
4 **EDUCATIONAL INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPLIES FOR EACH ENROLLEE OR STUDENT.**

5                   (ii)     If the Division of Workforce Development and Adult Learning  
6 does not issue a certificate of approval to an applicant operating or proposing to operate a  
7 program, any person, firm, or corporation whose application is rejected has a right to  
8 judicial review under Title 10, Subtitle 2 of the State Government Article.

9                   (3)     (i)     The Division of Workforce Development and Adult Learning,  
10 after notice and hearing, may deregister a program or course if it finds that the program or  
11 course has ceased to meet the conditions of approval.

12                   (ii)     Any person, association, committee, or organization that  
13 operates an apprenticeship program that is deregistered by the Division of Workforce  
14 Development and Adult Learning may request a hearing before the United States  
15 Department of Labor.

16                   (4)     After consulting the Council, the Division of Workforce Development  
17 and Adult Learning, after notice and hearing, may adopt rules and regulations for the  
18 implementation of this section, including rules and regulations requiring the furnishing of  
19 periodic relevant information about approved and proposed programs and the operator or  
20 proposed operator of the approved or proposed programs.

21                   (5)     Any person, firm, or corporation that knowingly offers, establishes,  
22 maintains, or operates a program in violation of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and,  
23 upon conviction, shall be fined not more than \$1,000 or be imprisoned for not more than  
24 one year, or both.

25                   (6)     If recommended by the Council, the Division of Workforce Development  
26 and Adult Learning may apply to any court of competent jurisdiction for an injunction  
27 restraining violations of this section.

28                   **[(c)] (D)**     (1)     Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, the  
29 Division of Workforce Development and Adult Learning shall accord reciprocal approval to  
30 apprentices, apprenticeship programs, and standards that are registered in other states by  
31 the United States Department of Labor's Office of Apprenticeship or a registration agency,  
32 if reciprocity is requested by the apprenticeship program sponsor.

33                   (2)     The Division of Workforce Development and Adult Learning may not  
34 accord reciprocal approval to a program sponsor that does not meet the wage and hour  
35 requirements and apprentice ratio standards of the reciprocal state.

36                   **[(d)] (E)**     (1)     On or before June 30 of each year, the Division of Workforce

1 Development and Adult Learning shall report to the General Assembly, in accordance with  
2 § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, the following information for the immediately  
3 preceding calendar year:

4 (i) the completion and enrollment rates of each apprenticeship  
5 program registered in the State; and

6 (ii) the age, race, sex or gender identity, county of residence, and  
7 program enrollment of each individual enrolled in a registered apprenticeship program.

8 (2) The Division of Workforce Development and Adult Learning shall:

9 (i) sort the information required under paragraph (1) of this  
10 subsection by apprenticeship program; and

11 (ii) publish the report required under paragraph (1) of this  
12 subsection on the Division of Workforce Development and Adult Learning’s Web site.

13 11–504.

14 (a) **IN THIS SECTION, “OPEN EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES” HAS THE**  
15 **MEANING STATED IN § 11–405(A) OF THIS TITLE.**

16 (b) A workforce development program is established to implement the federal Act.

17 [(b)] (c) (1) This program shall provide employment, training, supportive  
18 and related services to eligible job seekers, as defined in the federal Act, including  
19 individuals with barriers to employment, such as those who are low income or low–skilled,  
20 to allow individuals to succeed in the labor market and to match employers with the skilled  
21 workers needed to compete in the global economy.

22 (2) (I) 1. **SUBJECT TO SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS**  
23 **PARAGRAPH, A TRAINING PROVIDER SHALL PAY FOR THE COSTS OF TEXTBOOKS AND**  
24 **OTHER EDUCATIONAL INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPLIES FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL WHO**  
25 **RECEIVES EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING SERVICES.**

26 2. **A TRAINING PROVIDER SHALL INCLUDE IN ITS**  
27 **CONTRACT WITH THE LOCAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD OR LOCAL**  
28 **WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AGENCY A PROVISION REQUIRING REIMBURSEMENT**  
29 **OF THE TRAINING PROVIDER FOR ITS COSTS.**

30 (II) **A TRAINING PROVIDER SHALL BE EXEMPT FROM THE**  
31 **REQUIREMENTS OF SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH IF THE TRAINING**  
32 **PROVIDER USES OPEN EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES.**

1           **(3)** (i) Subject to subparagraph (iv) of this paragraph, the State  
2 Department of Transportation shall issue to training providers weekly transit passes, in  
3 the form of magnetic passes or loaded smart cards, for local bus, light rail, or metro subway  
4 service provided by the Maryland Transit Administration.

5           (ii) The training providers shall provide the weekly transit passes  
6 issued under subparagraph (i) of this paragraph to individuals receiving employment and  
7 training services under the program established in accordance with subsection ~~[(a)]~~ **(B)** of  
8 this section.

9           (iii) A training provider shall reimburse the Department of  
10 Transportation for the cost of transit passes provided to the training provider under this  
11 paragraph.

12           (iv) To be eligible to receive transit passes under this paragraph, a  
13 training provider shall include in its contract with the local workforce development board  
14 or local workforce development agency a provision requiring reimbursement of the training  
15 provider for its costs under subparagraph (iii) of this paragraph.

16           ~~[(c)]~~ **(D)** The County Commissioners of Carroll County may appropriate funds  
17 necessary to enter into contracts with private or public enterprises for the training or  
18 retraining of workers of those enterprises.

19           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Division of Workforce  
20 Development and Adult Learning within the Department of Labor, Licensing, and  
21 Regulation shall:

22           (1) convene a workgroup of employers in the State across major industries  
23 to develop and recommend standards for one or more badges or certificates for soft  
24 workplace skills identified and approved by the State Department of Education; and

25           (2) on or before December 31, 2019, report its findings and  
26 recommendations determined under this section to the Governor, the State Department of  
27 Education, and, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, the General  
28 Assembly.

29           SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

30           (a) The State Department of Education shall convene a workgroup to study ways  
31 to recruit and train qualified career and technology education teachers in the State.

32           (b) The workgroup convened under subsection (a) of this section shall include:

33           (1) two members of the Senate of Maryland, selected by the President of  
34 the Senate;

35           (2) two members of the House of Delegates, selected by the Speaker of the

1 House;

2 (3) the State Superintendent of Schools, or the State Superintendent's  
3 designee;

4 (4) one representative of the State Board of Education, selected by the  
5 State Board;

6 (5) one representative of the Governor's Workforce Investment Board,  
7 selected by the Governor;

8 (6) three representatives of employers, one each selected by the Governor,  
9 the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House;

10 (7) three superintendents or three directors of career and technology  
11 education programs in public school systems in the State, selected by the Public School  
12 Superintendent's Association of Maryland;

13 (8) one representative of the Maryland State Education Association;

14 (9) one representative of the American Federation of Teachers – Maryland;  
15 and

16 (10) one representative of a registered apprenticeship program in the State.

17 (c) The State Superintendent, or the State Superintendent's designee, shall chair  
18 the workgroup.

19 (d) The Department of Legislative Services shall provide staff for the workgroup.

20 (e) The workgroup shall study and make recommendations regarding statutory  
21 or regulatory changes that will enable the State and county boards of education to recruit  
22 and increase training of qualified career and technology education teachers by 2025.

23 (f) On or before December 31, 2019, the workgroup shall report its findings and  
24 recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State  
25 Government Article, the General Assembly.

26 SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
27 1, 2019. Sections 2 and 3 of this Act shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the  
28 end of June 30, 2020, Sections 2 and 3 of this Act, with no further action required by the  
29 General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.