

# HOUSE BILL 1342

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By: **Chair, Ways and Means Committee (By Request – Departmental – Commerce)**

Introduced and read first time: February 11, 2021

Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Economic Development – Partnership for Workforce Quality Program –**  
3 **Alterations**

4 FOR the purpose of expanding the purpose of the Partnership for Workforce Quality  
5 Program and the eligible uses of the grant under the Program to include training for  
6 new employees; and generally relating to the Partnership for Workforce Quality  
7 Program.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
9 Article – Economic Development  
10 Section 3–401 and 3–402  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
14 Article – Economic Development  
15 Section 3–403 and 3–405(a)  
16 Annotated Code of Maryland  
17 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

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

### Article – Economic Development

20 3–401.

21 (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

22 (b) “Board” means the Partnership for Workforce Quality Advisory Board.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (c) "Fund" means the Partnership for Workforce Quality Fund.

2 (d) "Program" means the Partnership for Workforce Quality Program.

3 3-402.

4 There is a Partnership for Workforce Quality Program in the Department.

5 3-403.

6 The purpose of the Program is to provide training services to:

7 (1) improve the competitiveness and productivity of the State's workforce  
8 and business community;

9 (2) upgrade employee skills, **OR TRAIN NEW EMPLOYEES**, for new  
10 technologies or production processes; and

11 (3) assist employers located in the State in promoting employment  
12 stability.

13 3-405.

14 (a) (1) An employer receiving assistance under the Program shall be located in  
15 the State.

16 (2) In order to receive assistance under the Program, an employer shall  
17 request training assistance in job-specific skills to **TRAIN NEW EMPLOYEES OR TO**  
18 upgrade or retain existing Maryland-based employees covered under Title 8 of the Labor  
19 and Employment Article.

20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
21 1, 2021.