

# SENATE BILL 894

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EMERGENCY BILL

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Post-Crisis Jobs Act of 2021**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing certain applicants to complete certain education or training  
4 requirements through a digital learning program under certain circumstances;  
5 ~~requiring the Governor, in certain fiscal years, to allocate a certain percentage of a~~  
6 ~~certain increase in certain funds for community colleges for workforce training;~~  
7 requiring the Maryland Department of Labor to provide certain information  
8 regarding certain unemployment insurance recipients to a chief elected official of a  
9 county on request and for certain purposes; authorizing a chief elected official of a  
10 county to share certain information with the governing body of the county and to  
11 request certain information on behalf of a certain political subdivision and provide  
12 the information to the political subdivision; authorizing the Department to adopt  
13 certain regulations; establishing the Digital Learning Conversion Grant Program,  
14 the Basic Numeracy and Literacy Skills Grant Program, and the Recruitment of  
15 High Growth Industries Workers Grant Program in the Maryland Department of  
16 Labor for certain purposes; establishing certain parameters and requirements  
17 related to the grant programs; requiring the Governor, in certain fiscal years, to  
18 include in the annual budget bill certain appropriations for the Department to fund  
19 the grant programs; providing that the amount of a certain mandated appropriation  
20 may be offset by certain appropriated federal funds; requiring that certain funding  
21 consist only of certain federal funding; providing that certain appropriations may be  
22 used for administrative costs; requiring the Department to adopt certain regulations;  
23 requiring the Department to report to the General Assembly at certain intervals;  
24 providing that any funding appropriated for the implementation of this Act may

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 consist only of certain federal funding; defining certain terms; making this Act an  
2 emergency measure; and generally relating to education and employment.

3 BY adding to  
4 Article – Business Occupations and Professions  
5 Section 1–209  
6 Annotated Code of Maryland  
7 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

8 BY adding to  
9 Article – Business Regulation  
10 Section 1–211  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

13 BY adding to  
14 Article – Education  
15 Section 1–203 ~~and 16–305(g)~~  
16 Annotated Code of Maryland  
17 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

18 BY adding to  
19 Article – Health Occupations  
20 Section 1–225  
21 Annotated Code of Maryland  
22 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

23 BY adding to  
24 Article – Labor and Employment  
25 Section ~~8–109~~; and 11–1401 through 11–1404 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle  
26 14. Miscellaneous Grant Programs”  
27 Annotated Code of Maryland  
28 (2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

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

31 **Article – Business Occupations and Professions**

32 **1–209.**

33 **(A) IN THIS SECTION, “DIGITAL LEARNING” MEANS ANY TYPE OF LEARNING**  
34 **THAT DOES NOT REQUIRE A PHYSICAL PRESENCE.**

35 **(B) AN APPLICANT FOR A LICENSE OR PERMIT ISSUED UNDER THIS ARTICLE**  
36 **MAY COMPLETE THE EDUCATION OR TRAINING REQUIRED TO QUALIFY FOR THE**

1 LICENSE OR PERMIT THROUGH A DIGITAL LEARNING PROGRAM IF THE DIGITAL  
2 LEARNING PROGRAM MEETS THE PROGRAM AND ACCREDITATION REQUIREMENTS  
3 ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS ARTICLE FOR THE LICENSE OR PERMIT.

4 (C) AN APPLICANT FOR THE RENEWAL OF A LICENSE OR PERMIT ISSUED  
5 UNDER THIS ARTICLE MAY COMPLETE ANY CONTINUING EDUCATION OR TRAINING  
6 REQUIREMENTS THROUGH A DIGITAL LEARNING PROGRAM IF THE DIGITAL  
7 LEARNING PROGRAM MEETS THE PROGRAM AND ACCREDITATION REQUIREMENTS  
8 ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS ARTICLE FOR THE RENEWAL OF THE LICENSE OR  
9 PERMIT.

#### 10 Article – Business Regulation

11 1-211.

12 (A) IN THIS SECTION, “DIGITAL LEARNING” MEANS ANY TYPE OF LEARNING  
13 THAT DOES NOT REQUIRE A PHYSICAL PRESENCE.

14 (B) AN APPLICANT FOR A LICENSE OR PERMIT ISSUED UNDER THIS ARTICLE  
15 MAY COMPLETE THE EDUCATION OR TRAINING REQUIRED TO QUALIFY FOR THE  
16 LICENSE OR PERMIT THROUGH A DIGITAL LEARNING PROGRAM IF THE DIGITAL  
17 LEARNING PROGRAM MEETS THE PROGRAM AND ACCREDITATION REQUIREMENTS  
18 ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS ARTICLE FOR THE LICENSE OR PERMIT.

19 (C) AN APPLICANT FOR THE RENEWAL OF A LICENSE OR PERMIT ISSUED  
20 UNDER THIS ARTICLE MAY COMPLETE ANY CONTINUING EDUCATION OR TRAINING  
21 REQUIREMENTS THROUGH A DIGITAL LEARNING PROGRAM IF THE DIGITAL  
22 LEARNING PROGRAM MEETS THE PROGRAM AND ACCREDITATION REQUIREMENTS  
23 ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS ARTICLE FOR THE RENEWAL OF THE LICENSE OR  
24 PERMIT.

#### 25 Article – Education

26 1-203.

27 (A) IN THIS SECTION, “DIGITAL LEARNING” MEANS ANY TYPE OF LEARNING  
28 THAT DOES NOT REQUIRE A PHYSICAL PRESENCE.

29 (B) AN APPLICANT FOR A LICENSE OR PERMIT ISSUED UNDER THIS ARTICLE  
30 MAY COMPLETE THE EDUCATION OR TRAINING REQUIRED TO QUALIFY FOR THE  
31 LICENSE OR PERMIT THROUGH A DIGITAL LEARNING PROGRAM IF THE DIGITAL  
32 LEARNING PROGRAM MEETS THE PROGRAM AND ACCREDITATION REQUIREMENTS  
33 ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS ARTICLE FOR THE LICENSE OR PERMIT.

(C) AN APPLICANT FOR THE RENEWAL OF A LICENSE OR PERMIT ISSUED UNDER THIS ARTICLE MAY COMPLETE ANY CONTINUING EDUCATION OR TRAINING REQUIREMENTS THROUGH A DIGITAL LEARNING PROGRAM IF THE DIGITAL LEARNING PROGRAM MEETS THE PROGRAM AND ACCREDITATION REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS ARTICLE FOR THE RENEWAL OF THE LICENSE OR PERMIT.

~~16-305.~~

~~(G) (1) IN THIS SUBSECTION, "WORKFORCE TRAINING" MEANS TRAINING:~~

~~(I) RELATED TO ATTAINMENT OF A REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP;~~

~~(II) TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF STATE OCCUPATIONAL OR PROFESSIONAL LICENSING; OR~~

~~(III) TO MEET INDUSTRY STANDARDS OR OTHER OCCUPATIONAL SKILLS TRAINING.~~

~~(2) FOR FISCAL YEARS 2023 THROUGH 2025, THE GOVERNOR SHALL ALLOCATE 75% OF ANY INCREASE IN THE TOTAL STATE OPERATING FUNDS FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES UNDER SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION FOR WORKFORCE TRAINING.~~

#### Article – Health Occupations

1-225.

(A) IN THIS SECTION, "DIGITAL LEARNING" MEANS ANY TYPE OF LEARNING THAT DOES NOT REQUIRE A PHYSICAL PRESENCE.

(B) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO AN APPLICANT FOR:

(1) A LICENSE, A CERTIFICATION, OR ANY OTHER AUTHORIZATION ISSUED UNDER THIS ARTICLE ISSUED BY:

(I) THE STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS; OR

(II) THE STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY; OR

(2) A LICENSE OR REGISTRATION TO PRACTICE MASSAGE THERAPY.

~~(B)~~ (C) AN APPLICANT FOR A LICENSE, A CERTIFICATION, OR ANY OTHER AUTHORIZATION ISSUED UNDER THIS ARTICLE TO PRACTICE A HEALTH

1 OCCUPATION MAY COMPLETE THE EDUCATION OR TRAINING REQUIRED TO QUALIFY  
 2 FOR THE AUTHORIZATION THROUGH A DIGITAL LEARNING PROGRAM IF THE  
 3 DIGITAL LEARNING PROGRAM MEETS THE PROGRAM AND ACCREDITATION  
 4 REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS ARTICLE FOR THE AUTHORIZATION.

5 ~~(C)~~ (D) AN APPLICANT FOR THE RENEWAL OF A LICENSE, A  
 6 CERTIFICATION, OR ANY OTHER AUTHORIZATION ISSUED UNDER THIS ARTICLE TO  
 7 PRACTICE A HEALTH OCCUPATION MAY COMPLETE ANY CONTINUING EDUCATION  
 8 REQUIREMENTS THROUGH A DIGITAL LEARNING PROGRAM IF THE DIGITAL  
 9 LEARNING PROGRAM MEETS THE PROGRAM AND ACCREDITATION REQUIREMENTS  
 10 ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS ARTICLE FOR THE RENEWAL OF THE AUTHORIZATION.

11 Article – Labor and Employment

12 8-109.

13 (A) ON REQUEST AND FOR PURPOSES CONSISTENT WITH CHAPTERS  
 14 AND (S.B. 893 AND S.B. 894) OF THE ACTS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
 15 2021, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE TO THE CHIEF ELECTED OFFICIAL OF A  
 16 COUNTY DEMOGRAPHIC DATA AND THE ADDRESSES, OCCUPATIONS, AND LAST  
 17 KNOWN EMPLOYERS OF UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE RECIPIENTS WHO LIVE IN THE  
 18 COUNTY OF THE CHIEF ELECTED OFFICIAL.

19 (B) A CHIEF ELECTED OFFICIAL OF A COUNTY MAY:

20 (1) SHARE THE INFORMATION PROVIDED TO THE CHIEF ELECTED  
 21 OFFICIAL UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION WITH THE GOVERNING BODY OF  
 22 THE COUNTY; AND

23 (2) REQUEST INFORMATION UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS  
 24 SECTION ON BEHALF OF A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION WITHIN THE COUNTY AND  
 25 PROVIDE THE INFORMATION TO THE POLITICAL SUBDIVISION.

26 (C) THE SECRETARY MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THIS  
 27 SECTION, INCLUDING REGULATIONS THAT:

28 (1) ESTABLISH THE CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH THE NAMES OF  
 29 UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE RECIPIENTS MAY BE INCLUDED IN THE INFORMATION  
 30 PROVIDED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION; AND

31 (2) ARE NECESSARY TO PROTECT THE PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE  
 32 INFORMATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE RECIPIENTS.

33 SUBTITLE 14. MISCELLANEOUS GRANT PROGRAMS.

1 11-1401.

2 IN THIS SUBTITLE, "DIGITAL LEARNING" MEANS ANY TYPE OF LEARNING THAT  
3 DOES NOT REQUIRE A PHYSICAL PRESENCE.

4 11-1402.

5 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "PROGRAM" MEANS THE DIGITAL LEARNING  
6 CONVERSION GRANT PROGRAM.

7 (B) THERE IS A DIGITAL LEARNING CONVERSION GRANT PROGRAM IN THE  
8 DEPARTMENT.

9 (C) THE PURPOSES OF THE PROGRAM ARE TO:

10 (1) ALLOW STUDENTS, APPRENTICES, AND EMPLOYEES TO CONTINUE  
11 THEIR EDUCATION OR RECEIVE ENHANCED ACCESS TO ANY REQUIRED TRAINING  
12 AND LICENSING BY HAVING THE OPTION TO ATTEND AND COMPLETE EDUCATIONAL  
13 OR TRAINING PROGRAMS THROUGH DIGITAL LEARNING; AND

14 (2) PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO EMPLOYERS, PUBLIC AND  
15 PRIVATE TRAINING PROVIDERS, COLLEGES, UNIVERSITIES, APPRENTICESHIP  
16 SPONSORS, AND THE STATE AND LOCAL COUNTY BOARDS OF EDUCATION FOR  
17 PROVIDING ANY REQUIRED EDUCATIONAL, LICENSING, OR CERTIFICATION  
18 PROGRAM THROUGH DIGITAL LEARNING.

19 (D) (1) GRANTS ARE AVAILABLE UNDER THE PROGRAM TO ELIGIBLE  
20 APPLICANTS ON A COMPETITIVE BASIS BASED ON CRITERIA ESTABLISHED BY THE  
21 DEPARTMENT.

22 (2) AN APPLICANT IS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE A GRANT IF THE  
23 APPLICANT OFFERS REQUIRED EDUCATIONAL, LICENSING, OR CERTIFICATION  
24 PROGRAMS THROUGH DIGITAL LEARNING.

25 (3) ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS MAY INCLUDE:

26 (I) AN EMPLOYER OR APPRENTICESHIP SPONSOR;

27 (II) PUBLIC OR PRIVATE TRAINING PROVIDERS;

28 (III) COLLEGES OR UNIVERSITIES; AND

1 (IV) THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION OR A COUNTY  
2 BOARD OF EDUCATION.

3 (E) (1) (I) FOR FISCAL YEARS 2021 AND 2022, THE GOVERNOR SHALL  
4 INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET BILL AN APPROPRIATION OF APPLICABLE  
5 FEDERAL FUNDS FUNDING ALLOCATED TO THE STATE UNDER THE CORONAVIRUS  
6 RESPONSE AND RELIEF SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT AND ANY OTHER  
7 FEDERAL LEGISLATION ENACTED IN CALENDAR YEARS 2020 THROUGH 2022 FOR  
8 THE DEPARTMENT TO FUND THE PROGRAM.

9 (II) ~~1. FOR~~ SUBJECT TO SUBPARAGRAPH (III) OF THIS  
10 PARAGRAPH, FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023, THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE  
11 ANNUAL BUDGET BILL AN APPROPRIATION OF AT LEAST \$40,000,000 ~~\$10,000,000~~ \$20,000,000  
12 FOR THE DEPARTMENT TO FUND THE PROGRAM.

13 ~~2. THE AMOUNT REQUIRED UNDER SUBSUBPARAGRAPH~~  
14 ~~1 OF THIS SUBPARAGRAPH MAY BE OFFSET BY AVAILABLE FEDERAL FUNDS~~  
15 ~~APPROPRIATED UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH~~

16 (III) ANY FUNDING PROVIDED UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF  
17 THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL CONSIST ONLY OF FEDERAL FUNDING ALLOCATED TO THE  
18 STATE UNDER THE CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE AND RELIEF SUPPLEMENTAL  
19 APPROPRIATIONS ACT AND ANY OTHER FEDERAL LEGISLATION ENACTED IN  
20 CALENDAR YEARS 2020 THROUGH 2022.

21 (2) THE APPROPRIATIONS REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF  
22 THIS SUBSECTION MAY BE USED FOR ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.

23 (F) (1) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE AMOUNT  
24 OF A GRANT AWARDED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE BASED ON THE NUMBER OF  
25 ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS THAT MEET THE CRITERIA ESTABLISHED BY THE  
26 DEPARTMENT UNDER SUBSECTION (D)(1) OF THIS SECTION.

27 (2) FOR A GRANT UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION, AN  
28 APPLICANT MAY BE AWARDED ONLY ONE GRANT PER FISCAL YEAR.

29 (G) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THIS  
30 SECTION, INCLUDING REGULATIONS ESTABLISHING:

31 (1) REQUIREMENTS FOR GRANT APPLICATIONS; AND

32 (2) A PROCESS FOR REVIEWING GRANT APPLICATIONS AND  
33 AWARDED GRANTS TO ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS.

1 (H) EVERY 3 MONTHS, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REPORT TO THE GENERAL  
2 ASSEMBLY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE,  
3 THE FOLLOWING FOR THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING 3-MONTH PERIOD:

4 (1) THE NUMBER AND TYPES OF APPLICANTS THAT RECEIVED  
5 GRANTS UNDER THE PROGRAM;

6 (2) THE GRANT AMOUNT RECEIVED BY EACH APPLICANT;

7 (3) THE TOTAL NUMBER OF STUDENTS, APPRENTICES, AND TRAINEES  
8 THAT PARTICIPATED IN THE PROGRAM FOR EACH APPLICANT; AND

9 (4) THE PROGRESS IN ACHIEVING THE PURPOSES OF THE PROGRAM  
10 UNDER SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION.

11 11-1403.

12 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS  
13 INDICATED.

14 (2) "COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS" MEANS THE STANDARD  
15 DESCRIBED IN § 7-205.1 OF THE EDUCATION ARTICLE.

16 (3) "ELIGIBLE PROVIDER" MEANS A PUBLIC OR PRIVATE TRAINING  
17 PROVIDER THAT PROVIDES TRAINING AND OTHER LEARNING PROGRAMS THAT  
18 MEET OR EXCEED THE STANDARDS FOR A WORLD-CLASS EDUCATION SYSTEM  
19 UNDER § 1-303 OF THE EDUCATION ARTICLE.

20 (4) "PROGRAM" MEANS THE BASIC NUMERACY AND LITERACY  
21 SKILLS GRANT PROGRAM.

22 (B) THERE IS A BASIC NUMERACY AND LITERACY SKILLS GRANT  
23 PROGRAM IN THE DEPARTMENT.

24 (C) (1) FOR FISCAL YEARS 2021 AND 2022, THE GOVERNOR SHALL  
25 INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET BILL AN APPROPRIATION OF APPLICABLE  
26 FEDERAL FUNDS FUNDING ALLOCATED TO THE STATE UNDER THE CORONAVIRUS  
27 RESPONSE AND RELIEF SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT AND ANY OTHER  
28 FEDERAL LEGISLATION ENACTED IN CALENDAR YEARS 2020 THROUGH 2022 FOR  
29 THE DEPARTMENT TO FUND THE PROGRAM, INCLUDING FOR REASONABLE  
30 ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS OF ADMINISTERING THE GRANTS.

31 (2) ~~FOR~~ SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION, FOR  
32 FISCAL YEAR 2023, THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET BILL

1 AN APPROPRIATION IN EITHER FEDERAL OR STATE FUNDS OF AT LEAST \$20,000,000  
2 FOR THE DEPARTMENT TO FUND THE PROGRAM.

3 (3) ANY FUNDING PROVIDED UNDER PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS  
4 SUBSECTION SHALL CONSIST ONLY OF FEDERAL FUNDING ALLOCATED TO THE  
5 STATE UNDER THE CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE AND RELIEF SUPPLEMENTAL  
6 APPROPRIATIONS ACT AND ANY OTHER FEDERAL LEGISLATION ENACTED IN  
7 CALENDAR YEARS 2020 THROUGH 2022.

8 (D) THE AMOUNT OF A GRANT AWARDED UNDER THIS SECTION TO A  
9 STUDENT, APPRENTICE, OR TRAINEE MAY NOT EXCEED \$5,000.

10 (E) ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1 OF THE FISCAL YEAR IMMEDIATELY  
11 PRECEDING THE FISCAL YEAR IN WHICH THE GRANT IS TO BE AWARDED, AN  
12 ELIGIBLE PROVIDER SHALL DEMONSTRATE TO THE DEPARTMENT, IN ANY MANNER  
13 SATISFACTORY TO THE DEPARTMENT, WHETHER THE ELIGIBLE PROVIDER MET OR  
14 EXCEEDED THE STANDARDS FOR COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS.

15 (F) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THIS  
16 SECTION, INCLUDING ESTABLISHING:

17 (1) REQUIREMENTS FOR GRANT APPLICATIONS; AND

18 (2) A PROCESS FOR REVIEWING GRANT APPLICATIONS AND  
19 AWARDED GRANTS TO ELIGIBLE PROVIDERS.

20 11-1404.

21 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS  
22 INDICATED.

23 (2) "APPRENTICE" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 17-201 OF THE  
24 STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE.

25 (3) "GOVERNOR'S PLAN" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 11-503 OF  
26 THIS TITLE.

27 (4) "HIGH GROWTH INDUSTRIES" INCLUDES:

28 (I) CONSTRUCTION;

29 (II) HEALTH CARE;

30 (III) BUSINESS SERVICES;

1 (IV) INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY;

2 (V) PUBLIC HEALTH; AND

3 (VI) ANY OTHER INDUSTRIES WHOSE OCCUPATIONS ARE  
4 DETERMINED BY THE DEPARTMENT OR LOCAL BOARDS TO BE IN HIGH DEMAND.

5 (5) "LOCAL BOARD" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 11-701 OF THIS  
6 TITLE.

7 (6) "PROGRAM" MEANS THE RECRUITMENT OF HIGH GROWTH  
8 INDUSTRIES WORKERS GRANT PROGRAM.

9 (7) "STATE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD" HAS THE MEANING  
10 STATED IN § 11-503 OF THIS TITLE.

11 (B) (1) THERE IS A RECRUITMENT OF HIGH GROWTH INDUSTRIES  
12 WORKERS GRANT PROGRAM IN THE DEPARTMENT.

13 (2) THE PURPOSES OF THE PROGRAM ARE TO:

14 (I) DEVELOP AND EXPAND A WELL-TRAINED, PRODUCTIVE  
15 WORKFORCE THAT MEETS THE NEEDS OF THE STATE'S ECONOMY IN HIGH GROWTH  
16 INDUSTRIES;

17 (II) ENCOURAGE EMPLOYERS TO HIRE APPRENTICES IN HIGH  
18 GROWTH INDUSTRIES; AND

19 (III) ASSIST EMPLOYERS BY OFFSETTING ADDITIONAL COSTS  
20 ASSOCIATED WITH HIRING APPRENTICES, INCLUDING COSTS FOR:

21 1. RECRUITMENT;

22 2. PROCESSING NEW APPRENTICES; AND

23 3. ANY NECESSARY RELATED INSTRUCTION.

24 (C) (1) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DISTRIBUTE THE FUNDS AUTHORIZED  
25 UNDER THIS SECTION FOR THE PROGRAM DIRECTLY TO LOCAL BOARDS SUBJECT TO  
26 THE SAME FORMULA THAT IS USED TO DISTRIBUTE FISCAL YEAR 2021 FEDERAL  
27 WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY ACT FUNDS FOR ADULTS TO LOCAL  
28 WORKFORCE AREAS.

1           **(2) LOCAL BOARDS MAY USE THE FUNDS AUTHORIZED UNDER THIS**  
 2 **SECTION FOR THE PROGRAM TO:**

3                   **(I) COVER ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS;**

4                   **(II) ENGAGE, UPSKILL, AND CONNECT RESIDENTS TO**  
 5 **EMPLOYMENT;** AND

6                   **(III) TO PROVIDE SUBSIDIZED EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**  
 7 **FOR:**

8                   **~~(I)~~ 1. THE UNEMPLOYED;**

9                   **~~(II)~~ 2. YOUTH AGES 16 TO 24;**

10                   **~~(III)~~ 3. ADULTS;**

11                   **~~(IV)~~ 4. EX-OFFENDERS; AND**

12                   **~~(V)~~ 5. OTHER POPULATIONS IN NEED OF RE-EMPLOYMENT**  
 13 **ASSISTANCE.**

14           **(D) (1) TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR LOCAL BOARDS TO AWARD GRANTS TO**  
 15 **ELIGIBLE EMPLOYERS, AND TO COVER ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS:**

16                   **(I) FOR FISCAL YEARS 2021 AND 2022, THE GOVERNOR SHALL**  
 17 **INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET BILL AN APPROPRIATION OF APPLICABLE**  
 18 **FEDERAL FUNDS FUNDING ALLOCATED TO THE STATE UNDER THE CORONAVIRUS**  
 19 **RESPONSE AND RELIEF SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT AND ANY OTHER**  
 20 **FEDERAL LEGISLATION ENACTED IN CALENDAR YEARS 2020 THROUGH 2022 FOR**  
 21 **THE DEPARTMENT TO FUND THE PROGRAM; AND**

22                   **(II) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, FOR**  
 23 **FISCAL YEAR 2023, THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET BILL**  
 24 **AN APPROPRIATION OF AT LEAST ~~\$50,000,000~~ \$60,000,000 FOR THE DEPARTMENT**  
 25 **TO FUND THE PROGRAM.**

26           **~~(2) FUNDING FOR THE GRANTS UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS~~**  
 27 **~~SUBSECTION SHALL BE ALLOCATED BY THE DEPARTMENT TO LOCAL BOARDS BASED~~**  
 28 **~~ON THE PROPORTION OF THE STATE'S UNEMPLOYED INDIVIDUALS FOR THE~~**  
 29 **~~IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING FISCAL YEAR IN THE LOCAL BOARD'S WORKFORCE~~**  
 30 **~~DEVELOPMENT AREA. ANY FUNDING PROVIDED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1)(II) OF THIS~~**  
 31 **~~SUBSECTION SHALL CONSIST ONLY OF FEDERAL FUNDING ALLOCATED TO THE~~**  
 32 **~~STATE UNDER THE CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE AND RELIEF SUPPLEMENTAL~~**

1 APPROPRIATIONS ACT AND ANY OTHER FEDERAL LEGISLATION ENACTED IN  
 2 CALENDAR YEARS 2020 THROUGH 2022.

3 (3) THE AMOUNT OF A GRANT AWARDED BY A LOCAL BOARD UNDER  
 4 THE PROGRAM:

5 (I) SHALL BE BASED ON THE NUMBER OF APPRENTICES THAT  
 6 AN ELIGIBLE EMPLOYER EMPLOYS UNDER SUBSECTION (C)(2) OF THIS SECTION;  
 7 AND

8 (II) MAY NOT EXCEED \$8,000 FOR EACH APPRENTICE  
 9 EMPLOYED BY AN EMPLOYER.

10 (E) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THIS  
 11 SECTION, ~~INCLUDING REGULATIONS ESTABLISHING:~~

12 ~~(1) REQUIREMENTS FOR GRANT APPLICATIONS; AND~~

13 ~~(2) A PROCESS FOR REVIEWING GRANT APPLICATIONS AND~~  
 14 ~~AWARDING GRANTS TO ELIGIBLE EMPLOYERS.~~

15 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That any funding appropriated for  
 16 the implementation of this Act may consist only of federal funding allocated to the State  
 17 under the federal Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act and  
 18 any other federal legislation enacted in calendar years 2020 through 2022.

19 SECTION ~~2~~ 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency  
 20 measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety, has  
 21 been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to  
 22 each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is  
 23 enacted.

Approved:

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Governor.

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President of the Senate.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.