

SENATE BILL 33

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ENROLLED BILL

— Education, Energy, and the Environment/Ways and Means —

Introduced by ~~Senator Rosapepe~~ Senators Rosapepe, Augustine, Hester, Kagan, and Lewis Young

Read and Examined by Proofreaders:

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this _____ day of _____ at _____ o'clock, _____ M.

President.

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **More Opportunities for Career-Focused Students Act of 2024**

3 FOR the purpose of ~~requiring certain county boards of education to consider the pursuit of~~
4 ~~certain certificates, certifications, or apprenticeships as the equivalent of pursuing~~
5 ~~postsecondary education and provide a method for certain individuals to authorize~~
6 ~~the release of certain student information to certain apprenticeship sponsors and~~
7 ~~employers;~~ requiring each public high school to inform students of certain
8 employment and skills training opportunities in a certain manner; requiring a
9 county board to ~~pay for a student to take an apprenticeship entrance exam or~~
10 ~~industrial certification exam under certain circumstances~~ *assist public high schools*
11 *in a certain task*; and generally relating to career education ~~and apprenticeship~~
12 *opportunities.*

13 BY adding to

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.

Italics indicate opposite chamber/conference committee amendments.



1 Article – Education
 2 Section 4–142
 3 Annotated Code of Maryland
 4 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

5 ~~BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,~~
 6 ~~Article – Education~~
 7 ~~Section 7–203.1~~
 8 ~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~
 9 ~~(2022 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)~~

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

12 **Article – Education**

13 **4–142.**

14 ~~(A) IN THIS SECTION, “PLATFORM” MEANS A COLLEGE AND CAREER~~
 15 ~~READINESS SOFTWARE PROGRAM THAT HELPS SCHOOL SYSTEMS AND SCHOOLS~~
 16 ~~ALIGN STUDENT STRENGTHS AND INTERESTS TO POSTSECONDARY GOALS AND~~
 17 ~~CAREERS.~~

18 ~~(B) A COUNTY BOARD THAT USES A PLATFORM SHALL:~~

19 ~~(1) CONSIDER THE PURSUIT OF A VOCATIONAL CERTIFICATE, AN~~
 20 ~~INDUSTRY CERTIFICATION, OR AN APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM AS THE EQUIVALENT~~
 21 ~~OF PURSUING POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION; AND~~

22 ~~(2) PROVIDE IN THE PLATFORM A METHOD FOR A STUDENT OR A~~
 23 ~~STUDENT’S PARENT OR GUARDIAN TO CHOOSE TO AUTHORIZE THE RELEASE OF THE~~
 24 ~~STUDENT’S PERSONAL INFORMATION AND PLATFORM RESULTS TO:~~

25 ~~(i) APPRENTICESHIP SPONSORS REGISTERED WITH THE~~
 26 ~~DIVISION OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND ADULT LEARNING UNDER § 11–405~~
 27 ~~OF THE LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT ARTICLE; AND~~

28 ~~(ii) EMPLOYERS REGISTERED WITH THE MARYLAND~~
 29 ~~DEPARTMENT OF LABOR OR LOCAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARDS.~~

30 ~~(c) EACH PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL SHALL, IN THE SAME MANNER IN WHICH~~
 31 ~~THE SCHOOL INFORMS STUDENTS OF POSTSECONDARY EDUCATIONAL OPTIONS,~~
 32 ~~INFORM STUDENTS OF EMPLOYMENT AND SKILLS TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES~~
 33 ~~AVAILABLE THROUGH:~~

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

4 (2) EMPLOYERS REGISTERED WITH THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT
 5 OF LABOR OR LOCAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARDS; AND

6 (3) SCHOOLS LICENSED BY THE MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION
 7 COMMISSION THAT PROVIDE TRAINING, RETRAINING, OR ENHANCEMENT IN
 8 EMPLOYMENT SKILLS.

9 (B) WHEN INFORMING STUDENTS ABOUT OPPORTUNITIES UNDER THIS
 10 SECTION, EACH PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL SHALL HIGHLIGHT OPPORTUNITIES IN
 11 HIGH-SKILLED CAREERS THAT DO NOT REQUIRE COMPLETION OF A COLLEGE
 12 DEGREE AND ARE IN HIGH DEMAND IN THE STATE.

13 (C) EACH COUNTY BOARD SHALL ASSIST PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS IN
 14 COMPLETING THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION.

15 ~~7-203.1.~~

16 (a) (1) ~~[For fiscal years 2003 and 2004, the Department shall distribute grants~~
 17 ~~to Tier I counties, as defined in § 1-101 of the Economic Development Article, for the~~
 18 ~~administration of the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test to 10th grade students.~~

19 (2) ~~For fiscal year 2005 and each subsequent fiscal year, the Department~~
 20 ~~shall distribute grants to each county for the administration of the Preliminary Scholastic~~
 21 ~~Aptitude Test to 10th grade students.~~

22 (b) (2) ~~Subject to the availability of funding in the State budget, the amount of~~
 23 ~~each county's grant shall be in an amount sufficient for the administration of the test to all~~
 24 ~~10th grade students in the county.~~

25 (B) (1) (i) ~~IN THIS SUBSECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE~~
 26 ~~MEANINGS INDICATED.~~

27 (ii) ~~“APPRENTICESHIP ENTRANCE EXAM” MEANS THE~~
 28 ~~TRADE-SPECIFIC ASSESSMENT USED TO EVALUATE A STUDENT'S BASIC APTITUDE~~
 29 ~~BEFORE THE STUDENT BEGINS THE PRACTICAL AND TECHNICAL TRAINING PHASE~~
 30 ~~OF AN APPRENTICESHIP.~~

31 (iii) ~~“INDUSTRIAL CERTIFICATION EXAM” MEANS THE~~
 32 ~~INDUSTRY-RECOGNIZED ASSESSMENT THAT DOCUMENTS A STUDENT'S~~

1 ~~PERFORMANCE AND ACHIEVEMENT OF INDUSTRY STANDARDS AND RESULTS IN THE~~
2 ~~RECEIPT OF A CERTIFICATE, A LICENSE, OR ANY OTHER CREDENTIAL.~~

3 ~~(2) IF A COUNTY BOARD PAYS FOR ANY STUDENT TO TAKE AN~~
4 ~~ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAMINATION, A PRELIMINARY SCHOLASTIC APTITUDE~~
5 ~~TEST/NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP QUALIFYING TEST, OR A SCHOLASTIC~~
6 ~~APTITUDE TEST, THE COUNTY BOARD SHALL PAY FOR A STUDENT TO TAKE AN~~
7 ~~APPRENTICESHIP ENTRANCE EXAM OR INDUSTRIAL CERTIFICATION EXAM.~~

8 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
9 1, 2024.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.