

Maryland Senate – Education, Health and Environmental Affairs Committee

Chair: Paul G. Pinsky Vice Chair: Cheryl Kagan

Position: Oppose

Senate Bill 868 – Aprenticeship Maryland 2030

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The Baltimore DC Metro Building Trades Council opposes SB 868 for the following reasons:

- Page 4 Line 25 (I) [High School graduation level of a Registered
 Apprentice or another industry occupational credential] The only way to
 be a registered apprentice is to be registered as an apprentice with the
 MATC and a Recognized Industry credential is to have completed a
 course of study approved by the MSDE.
- Page 6 Line 1 [IS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO REDESIGN HIGH SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY COLLEGE CTE PROGRAMS TO MAXIMIZE THEIR ROLE AS RELATED INSTRUCTION FOR REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS] High Schools and Community Colleges are not apprenticeships unless they are registered with the MD Apprenticeship Training Council.
 - We fully supports apprenticeship. Apprenticeship training is the corner stone of our success in the highly competitive construction industry. Our model of joint labor and management sponsorship provides fully funded training scholarships for all of our apprentices. We firmly believe that apprenticeships should be industry funded and not totally reliant on grant funding through MD State tax dollars. Registered apprenticeships are jobs where workers "earn and learn." While working on the job, employees receive one-on-one full-time training from a skilled craftsperson as well as related classroom instruction. An apprentice is "sponsored" by an employer or association and is paid according to a progressive pay scale. We ask for a unfavorable vote. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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The Baltimore DC Metro Building Trades Council opposes SB 868. The following MD DOL websites will provide more information on current apprenticeships and youth apprenticeships regulations and FAQ's.

https://www.dllr.state.md.us/ home website for MD DOL Dept. Labor Licensing Regulation

https://www.dllr.state.md.us/employment/appr/youthappr.shtml Youth apprenticeship purpose, history and links to information on employer and student success stories.

https://www.dllr.state.md.us/labor/wages/empm.shtml information on minor work permits, allowable age to enter the work force and prohibited hazardous occupations for minors, etc.

https://www.dllr.state.md.us/employment/appr/youthapprforms.shtml regulations and compliance forms for registration of a youth apprenticeship and reporting requirements.

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