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Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Construction Apprenticeship Assistance Program**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing a Construction Apprenticeship Assistance Program in
4 the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation; requiring the Division of
5 Employment and Training to administer the Program; requiring the Program to
6 award certain grants as provided by the State budget and based on certain criteria;
7 authorizing the Secretary of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation to adopt certain
8 regulations; requiring the Secretary of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation to adopt
9 certain regulations; requiring the grants to be distributed at a certain time and to a
10 certain extent; and generally relating to the Construction Apprenticeship Assistance
11 Program.

12 BY adding to

13 Article - Labor and Employment
14 Section 11-601 to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 6. Miscellaneous Programs"
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (1991 Volume and 1996 Supplement)

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

19 **Article - Labor and Employment**20 **SUBTITLE 6. MISCELLANEOUS PROGRAMS.**

21 11-601.

22 (A) IN THIS SECTION, A "PRIVATE SECTOR ENTITY" MEANS A PERSON THAT
23 THE MARYLAND APPRENTICESHIP AND TRAINING COUNCIL APPROVES UNDER §
24 11-405(B) OF THIS TITLE.

25 (B) THERE IS A CONSTRUCTION APPRENTICESHIP ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IN
26 THE DEPARTMENT.

27 (C) THE PURPOSE OF THE CONSTRUCTION APPRENTICESHIP ASSISTANCE
28 PROGRAM IS TO DEVELOP A WELL-TRAINED, PRODUCTIVE CONSTRUCTION
29 WORKFORCE WHICH MEETS THE NEEDS OF THE STATE'S ECONOMY.

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1 (D) THE DIVISION SHALL ADMINISTER THE CONSTRUCTION APPRENTICESHIP
2 ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

3 (E) AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET, THE CONSTRUCTION
4 APPRENTICESHIP ASSISTANCE PROGRAM SHALL AWARD GRANTS TO ELIGIBLE
5 PRIVATE SECTOR ENTITIES THAT OPERATE APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS IN THE
6 STATE.

7 (F) THE SECRETARY MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS THAT ARE NECESSARY TO
8 CARRY OUT THIS SECTION.

9 (G) BY REGULATION, THE SECRETARY SHALL ESTABLISH:

10 (1) CRITERIA TO DETERMINE THE ELIGIBILITY OF PRIVATE SECTOR
11 ENTITIES; AND

12 (2) AN APPLICATION PROCESS FOR DETERMINING ELIGIBILITY.

13 (H) GRANTS THAT THE CONSTRUCTION APPRENTICESHIP ASSISTANCE
14 PROGRAM AWARDS UNDER SUBSECTION (E) OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE BASED ON:

15 (1) THE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS IN A PROGRAM OPERATED BY AN
16 ELIGIBLE PRIVATE SECTOR ENTITY; AND

17 (2) DEMONSTRATED SHORTAGES OF SKILLED CONSTRUCTION
18 WORKERS IN THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE PROGRAM IS LOCATED.

19 (I) THE GRANTS SHALL CONSIST OF A MAXIMUM OF \$1,000 FOR EACH
20 APPRENTICE IN AN ELIGIBLE PRIVATE SECTOR ENTITY.

21 (J) IN MAKING GRANTS, THE CONSTRUCTION APPRENTICESHIP ASSISTANCE
22 PROGRAM SHALL GIVE PRIORITY TO APPLICANTS IN COUNTIES WITH THE HIGHEST
23 DEMONSTRATED SHORTAGE OF SKILLED WORKERS.

24 (K) THE CONSTRUCTION APPRENTICESHIP ASSISTANCE PROGRAM SHALL
25 DISTRIBUTE A GRANT AWARDED TO A PRIVATE SECTOR ENTITY:

26 (1) AT THE END OF A PROGRAM YEAR; AND

27 (2) ONLY TO THE EXTENT THAT EACH APPRENTICE HAS COMPLETED
28 THE PROGRAM YEAR.

29 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
30 October 1, 1997.