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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Construction Apprenticeship Assistance Program**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing a Construction Apprenticeship Assistance Program  
4 in 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  
7 criteria; authorizing the Secretary of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation to adopt  
8 certain regulations; requiring the Secretary of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation  
9 to adopt certain regulations; requiring the grants to be distributed at a certain  
10 time and to a certain extent; and generally relating to the Construction  
11 Apprenticeship Assistance Program.

12 BY adding to  
13 Article - Labor and Employment  
14 Section 11-601 to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 6. Miscellaneous  
15 Programs"  
16 Annotated Code of Maryland  
17 (1991 Volume and 1997 Supplement)

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

20 **Article - Labor and Employment**

21 **SUBTITLE 6. MISCELLANEOUS PROGRAMS.**

22 11-601.

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

1 (B) THERE IS A CONSTRUCTION APPRENTICESHIP ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IN  
2 THE DEPARTMENT.

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

6 (D) THE DIVISION SHALL ADMINISTER THE CONSTRUCTION APPRENTICESHIP  
7 ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

8 (E) AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET, THE CONSTRUCTION  
9 APPRENTICESHIP ASSISTANCE PROGRAM SHALL AWARD GRANTS TO ELIGIBLE  
10 PRIVATE SECTOR ENTITIES THAT OPERATE APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS IN THE  
11 STATE.

12 (F) THE SECRETARY MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT  
13 THIS SECTION.

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

15 (1) CRITERIA TO DETERMINE THE ELIGIBILITY OF PRIVATE SECTOR  
16 ENTITIES; AND

17 (2) AN APPLICATION PROCESS FOR DETERMINING ELIGIBILITY.

18 (H) A GRANT AWARDED BY THE CONSTRUCTION APPRENTICESHIP  
19 ASSISTANCE PROGRAM UNDER SUBSECTION (E) OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE BASED  
20 ON THE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS IN A PROGRAM OPERATED BY AN ELIGIBLE  
21 PRIVATE SECTOR ENTITY.

22 (I) A GRANT SHALL CONSIST OF A MAXIMUM OF \$1,000 FOR EACH APPRENTICE  
23 IN AN ELIGIBLE PRIVATE SECTOR ENTITY.

24 (J) 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, 1998.