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By: **Delegate Kopp**

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

1 A House Joint Resolution concerning

2 **Postsecondary Career and Technology Education Programs**

3 FOR the purpose of stating the intent of the General Assembly to concur in placing
4 certain postsecondary career and technology education programs in the
5 Maryland Unified Plan for Workforce Investment.

6 WHEREAS, Maryland has collaboratively developed a Unified Plan for
7 Workforce Investment to be submitted in April 2000 to the appropriate federal
8 agencies; and

9 WHEREAS, The federal Workforce Investment Act of 1998 represents the
10 achievement of consensus on the need to restructure a multiplicity of workforce
11 development programs into an integrated workforce investment system that can
12 better respond to the employment needs of the business community in Maryland; and

13 WHEREAS, Maryland's current workforce demands exceed the number of
14 qualified workers available for employment; and

15 WHEREAS, Collaboration among workforce partners in the State will increase
16 the ability to prepare more qualified workers to meet future employment demands;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, The federal Workforce Investment Act of 1998 specifically allows a
19 unified plan under the requirements of Section 501(b)(1) of the Act; and

20 WHEREAS, Postsecondary career and technology education programs
21 authorized by the federal Vocational and Technical Education Act of 1998 are already
22 included in the Maryland Unified Plan for Workforce Investment without requiring
23 legislative approval, and it is the understanding of the General Assembly that the
24 Governor has concurred with the inclusion of those programs in the Unified Plan;
25 now, therefore, be it

26 **RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND**, That it is the
27 intent of the General Assembly to state that it concurs with the decision to include
28 postsecondary career and technology education programs in the Maryland Unified
29 Plan for Workforce Investment; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of
2 Legislative Services to the Honorable Parris N. Glendening, Governor of Maryland;
3 the Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., President of the Senate of Maryland; and
4 the Honorable Casper R. Taylor, Jr., Speaker of the House of Delegates.