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Senate Joint Resolution 13 (Senator Collins)

Finance

Maryland Aviation Institute of Technology

This joint resolution urges the Governor and the Secretaries of Transportation, Higher Education, and Business and Economic Development to study the creation of the Maryland Aviation Institute of Technology by investigating appropriate curriculum, staff qualifications, private sector involvement, financial requirements, and return on investment in the form of future economic opportunity for potential graduates.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The Governor and the Secretaries of Transportation, Higher Education, and Business and Economic Development could study the creation of the institute with existing resources.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Background: The aviation industry in Maryland and nationwide is suffering from a shortage of qualified, Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)-certified aviation maintenance technicians. The Southeastern Baltimore County Workforce Development Corp., Inc., in cooperation with the airline industry, area community colleges, and Martin State Airport, is in the process of establishing the Maryland Aviation Institute of Technology at Martin State Airport. The institute will provide a 20-month training program leading to FAA certification in aviation mechanics.

Frederick Community College has an FAA-approved Aviation Maintenance Technology Program. The program awards Associate of Applied Science degrees and enables transfer to baccalaureate degree programs in aircraft maintenance management and aircraft maintenance engineering.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None. HJ 13 (Delegate Hubers, *et al.* – Economic Matters) supports the creation of the Maryland Aviation Institute of Technology.

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