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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Summer Youth Connection**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Maryland Summer Youth Connection Program in
4 the ~~Division of Employment and Training of the Department of Business and~~
5 ~~Economic Development~~ Labor, Licensing, and Regulation; providing that the
6 Program is to provide certain paid summer work opportunities, employability
7 training, and career counseling to certain disadvantaged youth; requiring funds
8 for the Program to be used for certain services; requiring the ~~Secretary of~~
9 ~~Business and Economic Development~~ Director of Employment and Training in
10 the Department to adopt regulations to implement the Program and monitor
11 program participants; authorizing the ~~Secretary~~ Director to make grants to local
12 areas to carry out the provisions of this Act; establishing a list of services to be
13 provided under this Act; requiring that Program participants be paid not less
14 than the federal minimum wage; setting a certain time limitation for
15 participation in this Program; establishing certain eligibility requirements for
16 participation; defining certain terms; and generally relating to establishing the
17 Maryland Summer Youth Connection under the ~~Department of Business and~~
18 ~~Economic Development~~ Division of Employment and Training in the
19 Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation.

20 BY adding to
21 ~~Article 83A—Department of Business and Economic Development~~
22 ~~Section 6-101 to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 6. Maryland Summer Youth~~
23 ~~Connection"~~
24 ~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~
25 ~~(1998 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)~~

1 Article - Labor and Employment
2 Section 11-602
3 Annotated Code of Maryland
4 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

5 Preamble

6 WHEREAS, The General Assembly of Maryland declares that it is necessary to
7 enable the adolescent children of Maryland's poor and working-poor families,
8 especially at-risk 14- to 15-year-olds who have little or no experience with the
9 attitudes, expectations, and social/occupational skills necessary to function
10 competitively as part of Maryland's workforce, to obtain a paid summer job, practical
11 on-the-job experience in meeting employer expectations, and familiarity with the
12 daily demands of a work environment; and

13 WHEREAS, The General Assembly of Maryland declares that it is necessary to
14 provide youth from low-income or working-poor families who have limited or no
15 access to private sector summer employment due to age, lack of transportation,
16 disabilities, or other special needs, with the opportunity to earn needed income at a
17 meaningful summer job; and

18 WHEREAS, The General Assembly of Maryland declares that it is necessary to
19 provide economically depressed communities the opportunity to maintain
20 neighborhood stability by providing productive activities for their teenaged children
21 during the summer months; and

22 WHEREAS, The General Assembly of Maryland declares that it is necessary to
23 allow State and local governments, private nonprofit agencies, and community
24 organizations to expand their supply of summer workers and to serve as on-the-job
25 mentors to disadvantaged teens; and

26 WHEREAS, The General Assembly of Maryland declares that it is necessary to
27 provide at-risk teens with a "first job" in order to foster the development of a work
28 ethic and a commitment to self-sufficiency through employment; now, therefore,

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

~~Article 83A—Department of Business and Economic Development~~

~~SUBTITLE 6. MARYLAND SUMMER YOUTH CONNECTION.~~

~~6-101.~~

Article - Labor and Employment

11-602.

(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(2) "LOCAL AREA" MEANS THE LOCAL WORKFORCE INVESTMENT AREAS ESTABLISHED IN THIS STATE UNDER THE FEDERAL WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT OF 1998.

(3) "LOW-INCOME" MEANS NOT MORE THAN 150% OF THE FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL.

(4) "PROGRAM" MEANS THE MARYLAND SUMMER YOUTH CONNECTION.

(5) "SUMMER" MEANS THE PERIOD BEGINNING JUNE 1 OF EACH YEAR AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30 OF EACH YEAR.

(B) (1) THERE IS A MARYLAND SUMMER YOUTH CONNECTION PROGRAM IN THE ~~DEPARTMENT~~ DIVISION.

(2) (I) THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO PROVIDE SUMMER JOBS FOR YOUTH WHO ARE NOT LESS THAN 14 YEARS OF AGE AND NOT MORE THAN 18 YEARS OF AGE.

(II) THE PROGRAM PRIORITIES ARE TO PROVIDE JOBS FOR YOUTH WHO:

- 1. ARE 14 YEARS OLD AND 15 YEARS OLD;
- 2. ARE LOW-INCOME;
- 3. HAVE A DISABILITY;
- 4. HAVE A SPECIAL NEED; OR
- 5. OTHERWISE ENCOUNTER BARRIERS IN THE LABOR

MARKET.

(C) THE ~~SECRETARY~~ DIRECTOR SHALL:

(1) MAKE GRANTS IN FURTHERANCE OF THE PROGRAM OBJECTIVES TO FISCAL AGENTS FOR LOCAL AREAS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ALLOCATION FORMULAS ESTABLISHED UNDER THE FEDERAL WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT;

1 (2) ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THE PROGRAM; AND

2 (3) EVALUATE THE PERFORMANCES OF THE LOCAL AREAS IN CARRYING
3 OUT THE PURPOSES OF THE PROGRAM.

4 (D) UNDER THE PROGRAM, THE LOCAL AREAS SHALL:

5 (1) DEVELOP MEANINGFUL AND WELL-SUPERVISED WORK
6 EXPERIENCES IN:

7 (I) PUBLIC AND PRIVATE NONPROFIT, COMMUNITY-BASED SITES;
8 AND

9 (II) PRIVATE FOR-PROFIT SITES, IF THE EXPERIENCES DEVELOPED
10 IN THE PRIVATE FOR-PROFIT SITES:

11 1. SERVE NOT MORE THAN 20% OF THE PARTICIPANTS IN
12 THE PROGRAM; AND

13 2. EXPOSE PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS TO OCCUPATIONS FOR
14 WHICH THERE IS HIGH DEMAND IN THE LABOR MARKET;

15 (2) PROVIDE ACTIVITIES TO ENHANCE JOB SKILLS, INCLUDING BASIC
16 SKILLS, COMPUTER SKILLS, OCCUPATIONAL SKILLS, AND BASIC EMPLOYABILITY
17 SKILLS;

18 (3) PROVIDE CAREER-EXPOSURE ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING FIELD TRIPS,
19 GUEST SPEAKERS, JOB SHADOWING, APTITUDE AND INTEREST ASSESSMENT, AND
20 COLLEGE FAIRS;

21 (4) PROVIDE SUFFICIENT OVERSIGHT AND MONITORING OF WORK SITES
22 TO ENSURE A QUALITY EXPERIENCE FOR EACH PARTICIPANT;

23 (5) SUBMIT A PLAN TO THE ~~DEPARTMENT~~ DIRECTOR DETAILING THE
24 LOCAL AREA'S PLAN FOR SUMMER ACTIVITIES; AND

25 (6) SUBMIT AN END-OF-SUMMER REPORT.

26 (E) A LOCAL AREA'S ALLOWABLE PROGRAM COSTS MAY INCLUDE:

27 (1) WAGES PAID TO PARTICIPANTS IN THE PROGRAM;

28 (2) THE COSTS OF SUPERVISION;

29 (3) THE COSTS OF MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES RELATED TO THE WORK
30 PROVIDED;

31 (4) REASONABLE TRANSPORTATION COSTS TO, FROM, AND AROUND THE
32 WORK SITE;

33 (5) RELATED TRAINING COSTS; AND

1 (6) REASONABLE ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT COSTS, NOT EXCEEDING
2 10% OF THE FUNDING GRANTED THE LOCAL AREA.

3 (F) A PARTICIPATING YOUTH SHALL BE PAID NOT LESS THAN THE FEDERAL
4 MINIMUM WAGE FOR EACH HOUR WORKED.

5 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
6 ~~October~~ June 1, 2002.