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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Governor's Workforce Investment Board - Membership**

3 FOR the purpose of repealing the membership limits of the Governor's Workforce  
4 Investment Board; requiring that members of the Board meet certain federal  
5 requirements; providing that members of the Board reflect certain  
6 characteristics; and generally relating to the Governor's Workforce Investment  
7 Board.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
9 Article - Labor and Employment  
10 Section 11-505  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

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

15 **Article - Labor and Employment**

16 11-505.

17 (a) The Governor's Workforce Investment Board is established and shall have  
18 the membership as provided in § 111 of the federal Act AND U.S. DEPARTMENT OF  
19 LABOR REGULATIONS.

1 (b) (1) ~~The SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION, THE MEMBERS~~  
2 OF THE Governor's Workforce Investment Board [may not have more than 40  
3 members] SHALL BE appointed by the Governor for staggered terms set by the  
4 Governor by executive order.

5 (2) TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE, THE COMPOSITION OF THE  
6 GOVERNOR'S WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD SHALL REFLECT THE RACE, GENDER,  
7 AND GEOGRAPHIC DIVERSITY OF THE POPULATION OF THE STATE.

8 (c) The Governor's Workforce Investment Board shall be funded consistent  
9 with §§ 111 and 128 of the federal Act and shall have personnel and appropriations as  
10 are provided in the State budget.

11 (d) The Governor's Workforce Investment Board shall perform the duties and  
12 functions identified in § 111 of the federal Act and other functions designated by the  
13 Governor as necessary to improve the quality of the State's workforce.

14 (e) The Governor's Workforce Investment Board may adopt any rule or  
15 regulations necessary to carry out its powers and duties.

16 (f) As soon after January 1 of each year as reasonably possible, the Governor's  
17 Workforce Investment Board shall submit an annual report to the Governor and,  
18 subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the General Assembly.

19 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take  
20 effect June 1, 2005.