

HOUSE BILL 814

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By: **Delegates Hucker, Feldman, and Manno**

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Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Energy Administration – Green Jobs Workforce Training Program**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Green Jobs Workforce Training Program;
4 requiring the Maryland Energy Administration to administer the Program;
5 requiring the Administration to consult regularly with the Governor's
6 Workforce Investment Board, the Maryland Clean Energy Center, and the
7 Department of Business and Economic Development concerning the activities of
8 the Program; stating the purpose of the Program; authorizing the
9 Administration to award a grant to a certain person or governmental unit;
10 requiring the Administration to establish eligibility criteria for workforce
11 training programs that may receive funding under this Act; establishing the
12 Green Jobs Workforce Training Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund; providing
13 for the purposes of the Fund; requiring the Administration to administer the
14 Fund; requiring the State Treasurer to hold the Fund separately and the
15 Comptroller to account for the Fund; providing for the contents of the Fund;
16 providing for the use of the Fund; providing for the investment of money in the
17 Fund; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the Green Jobs
18 Workforce Training Program.

19 BY adding to

20 Article – State Government

21 Section 9–2101 through 9–2106 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 21. Green
22 Jobs Workforce Training Program”

23 Annotated Code of Maryland

24 (2004 Replacement Volume and 2008 Supplement)

25 Preamble

26 WHEREAS, A workforce with experience in energy conservation, energy
27 efficiency, and renewable energy technologies and processes is critical to the

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



development of the State's clean energy industries and the realization of the State's energy conservation goals; and

WHEREAS, The United States Congress is considering an economic stimulus package that could provide funding for State energy programs and workforce development programs; and

WHEREAS, The creation of a Green Jobs Workforce Training Program will enable the State to allocate federal stimulus funds promptly and efficiently to persons and governmental units that operate green jobs training programs in the State; now, therefore,

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

Article – State Government

SUBTITLE 21. GREEN JOBS WORKFORCE TRAINING PROGRAM.

9–2101.

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

(B) “ADMINISTRATION” MEANS THE MARYLAND ENERGY ADMINISTRATION.

(C) “ELIGIBLE WORKFORCE TRAINING PROGRAM” MEANS A PROGRAM THAT MEETS THE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA ESTABLISHED BY THE ADMINISTRATION UNDER § 9–2105 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(D) “FUND” MEANS THE GREEN JOBS WORKFORCE TRAINING FUND.

(E) “PROGRAM” MEANS THE GREEN JOBS WORKFORCE TRAINING PROGRAM.

9–2102.

(A) THERE IS A GREEN JOBS WORKFORCE TRAINING PROGRAM.

(B) (1) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM.

(2) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL CONSULT REGULARLY WITH THE GOVERNOR'S WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD, THE MARYLAND CLEAN

ENERGY CENTER, AND THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CONCERNING THE ACTIVITIES OF THE PROGRAM.

9-2103.

THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO FUND WORKFORCE TRAINING PROGRAMS THAT PREPARE INDIVIDUALS FOR EMPLOYMENT IN THE ENERGY CONSERVATION, ENERGY EFFICIENCY, AND RENEWABLE ENERGY SECTORS.

9-2104.

THE ADMINISTRATION MAY AWARD A GRANT TO A PERSON OR GOVERNMENTAL UNIT THAT OPERATES AN ELIGIBLE WORKFORCE TRAINING PROGRAM IN THE STATE.

9-2105.

THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL ESTABLISH ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR WORKFORCE TRAINING PROGRAMS THAT MAY RECEIVE FUNDING UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.

9-2106.

(A) THERE IS A GREEN JOBS WORKFORCE TRAINING FUND.

(B) THE PURPOSE OF THE FUND IS TO:

(1) AWARD GRANTS UNDER THIS SUBTITLE; AND

(2) PAY THE COSTS OF CARRYING OUT THIS SUBTITLE.

(C) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL ADMINISTER THE FUND.

(D) (1) THE FUND IS A SPECIAL, NONLAPSING FUND THAT IS NOT SUBJECT TO § 7-302 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE.

(2) THE STATE TREASURER SHALL HOLD THE FUND SEPARATELY, AND THE COMPTROLLER SHALL ACCOUNT FOR THE FUND.

(E) THE FUND CONSISTS OF:

(1) MONEY APPROPRIATED IN THE STATE BUDGET TO THE FUND;

(2) INTEREST AND INVESTMENT EARNINGS ON THE FUND; AND

1 **(3) ANY OTHER MONEY FROM ANY OTHER SOURCE, PUBLIC OR**
2 **PRIVATE, ACCEPTED FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE FUND.**

3 **(F) THE FUND MAY BE USED ONLY TO:**

4 **(1) AWARD GRANTS TO A PERSON OR GOVERNMENTAL UNIT THAT**
5 **OPERATES AN ELIGIBLE WORKFORCE TRAINING PROGRAM IN THE STATE; AND**

6 **(2) CARRY OUT THIS SUBTITLE.**

7 **(G) THE STATE TREASURER SHALL INVEST THE MONEY OF THE FUND**
8 **IN THE SAME MANNER AS OTHER STATE MONEY MAY BE INVESTED.**

9 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
10 June 1, 2009.