

# SENATE BILL 856

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Rosapepe, Garagiola, Glassman, Kelley, Klausmeier, and Middleton**

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 ~~Maryland Energy Administration~~ Department of Labor, Licensing, and  
3 Regulation – Green Jobs Workforce Training Program

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

21 BY adding to

22 Article – State Government

23 Section 9–2101 through 9–2106 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 21. Green

24 Jobs Workforce Training Program”

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### EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike-out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 Annotated Code of Maryland  
2 (2004 Replacement Volume and 2008 Supplement)

3 Preamble

4 WHEREAS, A workforce with experience in energy conservation, energy  
5 efficiency, and renewable energy technologies and processes is critical to the  
6 development of the State's clean energy industries and the realization of the State's  
7 energy conservation goals; and

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

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

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

17 **Article – State Government**

18 **SUBTITLE 21. GREEN JOBS WORKFORCE TRAINING PROGRAM.**

19 **9-2101.**

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

22 ~~(B) “ADMINISTRATION” MEANS THE MARYLAND ENERGY~~  
23 ~~ADMINISTRATION.~~

24 (B) “DEPARTMENT” MEANS THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING,  
25 AND REGULATION.

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

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

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

1 **9-2102.**

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

3 (B) (1) **THE ~~ADMINISTRATION~~ DEPARTMENT SHALL ADMINISTER**  
4 **THE PROGRAM.**

5 (2) **THE ~~ADMINISTRATION~~ DEPARTMENT SHALL CONSULT**  
6 **REGULARLY WITH THE ~~GOVERNOR'S WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD~~**  
7 **MARYLAND ENERGY ADMINISTRATION, THE MARYLAND CLEAN ENERGY**  
8 **CENTER, AND THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**  
9 **CONCERNING THE ACTIVITIES OF THE PROGRAM.**

10 **9-2103.**

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

14 **9-2104.**

15 **THE ~~ADMINISTRATION~~ DEPARTMENT MAY AWARD A GRANT TO A PERSON**  
16 **OR GOVERNMENTAL UNIT THAT OPERATES AN ELIGIBLE WORKFORCE TRAINING**  
17 **PROGRAM IN THE STATE.**

18 **9-2105.**

19 **THE ~~ADMINISTRATION~~ DEPARTMENT SHALL ESTABLISH ELIGIBILITY**  
20 **CRITERIA FOR WORKFORCE TRAINING PROGRAMS THAT MAY RECEIVE FUNDING**  
21 **UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.**

22 **9-2106.**

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

24 (B) **THE PURPOSE OF THE FUND IS TO:**

25 (1) **AWARD GRANTS UNDER THIS SUBTITLE; AND**

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

27 (C) **THE ~~ADMINISTRATION~~ DEPARTMENT SHALL ADMINISTER THE**  
28 **FUND.**

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

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

5 (E) THE FUND CONSISTS OF:

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

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

8 (3) ANY OTHER MONEY FROM ANY OTHER SOURCE, PUBLIC OR  
9 PRIVATE, ACCEPTED FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE FUND.

10 (F) THE FUND MAY BE USED ONLY TO:

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

13 (2) CARRY OUT THIS SUBTITLE.

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

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

Approved:

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Governor.

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President of the Senate.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.