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House Bill 807

(Delegates McHale and Hammen)

Economic Matters

Finance

Labor and Employment - Health Care Personnel Training Fund

This bill establishes a Health Care Personnel Training Fund to provide grants to training consortiums that involve labor-management partnerships that train and upgrade the qualifications of health care personnel. The special, nonlapsing fund will be administered by the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation (DLLR) and consist solely of money received from the federal government and investment earnings of the fund. Expenditures from the fund must be made in consultation with the Governor's Workforce Investment Board (GWIB).

The bill takes effect July 1, 2011.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Health Care Personnel Training Fund revenues and expenditures increase to the extent federal funds are received, in accordance with the timing of any such receipt. Costs associated with administering the fund are likely absorbable.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Analysis

Current Law/Background: Chapter 476 of 2009 created the Maryland Workforce Corporation (MWC) to establish a plan and framework for innovative statewide workforce programs to ensure that Maryland workers have educational opportunities to acquire skills needed in the workforce. In accordance with its plan – and in conjunction

with DLLR and other State agencies – MWC administers and evaluates the programs it develops and contracts with training providers to conduct skills training and education programs. MWC advises that it currently solicits and receives federal and private funding, but it has not received any general funds from the State.

State Fiscal Effect: The bill specifies that the Health Care Personnel Training Fund must consist solely of federal money and any investment earnings of the fund. Thus, special fund revenues and expenditures increase to the extent federal funds are received, and in accordance with the timing of any such receipt.

DLLR advises that, although it is not currently in receipt of any federal money to capitalize the fund, the department will apply for any relevant federal grant funding opportunities that may become available. DLLR further advises that its administrative costs are expected to be minimal and are likely to be covered by any federal grant funding received. Therefore, costs associated with administering the fund are likely absorbable.

GWIB advises that the board can provide any necessary consulting with existing resources.

Although the bill is drafted in a section of the code that deals primarily with MWC, it is unclear what, if any, role MWC will have in administering the fund.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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