

**Department of Legislative Services**  
Maryland General Assembly  
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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**

Senate Bill 228

(Chair, Finance Committee)(By Request - Departmental -  
Labor, Licensing, and Regulation)

Finance

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**State Apprenticeship Training Fund - Use**

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This departmental bill expands the authorized uses of the State Apprenticeship Training Fund to include promotion of apprenticeship programs.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None. The bill does not affect the level of revenues or expenditures for the State Apprenticeship Training Fund, just the authorized uses.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** The Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation (DLLR) has determined that this bill has minimal or no impact on small business (attached). Legislative Services concurs with this assessment.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** Chapter 687 of 2009 established the State Apprenticeship Training Fund and requires contractors and some subcontractors on public works contracts that are subject to the prevailing wage law to either participate in an apprenticeship training program, make payments to a registered apprenticeship program or to an organization that operates registered programs for the purpose of supporting the programs, or contribute to the fund. The fund's revenues consist entirely of payments made by contractors and penalties collected due to violations of the statutory provisions.

Monies from the fund may be used only to promote preapprenticeship programs and other workforce development programs in the State's public secondary schools and community colleges and to cover the cost of administering the fund. The programs should prepare students to enter apprenticeship training programs. The fund did not receive any revenues or make any expenditures in fiscal 2011, but DLLR expects revenues and expenditures to begin in fiscal 2012, to the extent that employers contribute to the fund.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

**Information Source(s):** Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation; Department of Legislative Services

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## ANALYSIS OF ECONOMIC IMPACT ON SMALL BUSINESSES

TITLE OF BILL: State Apprenticeship Training Fund – Use

BILL NUMBER: SB 228

PREPARED BY: Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation

### PART A. ECONOMIC IMPACT RATING

This agency estimates that the proposed bill:

WILL HAVE MINIMAL OR NO ECONOMIC IMPACT ON MARYLAND SMALL BUSINESS

OR

WILL HAVE MEANINGFUL ECONOMIC IMPACT ON MARYLAND SMALL BUSINESSES

### PART B. ECONOMIC IMPACT ANALYSIS

The proposed legislation will have no impact on small business in Maryland.