

HOUSE BILL 1366

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Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Labor and Employment – Number of Employees Granted H–1B or L–1 Visa –**
3 **Disclosure**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring each employer, on or before a certain date each year, to report
5 to the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation and the Maryland Higher
6 Education Commission and make available to the public the number of the
7 employer’s employees who have been granted an H–1B or L–1 visa by the U.S.
8 Citizenship and Immigration Services; and generally relating to the disclosure of the
9 number of employees granted H–1B or L–1 visas.

10 BY adding to
11 Article – Labor and Employment
12 Section 1–203
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2016 Replacement Volume)

15 Preamble

16 WHEREAS, The citizens of Maryland should have information pertaining to the
17 H–1B and L–1 visa employment; and

18 WHEREAS, The real unemployment rate in Maryland is 9.6%, much higher than
19 Marylanders should have to endure; and

20 WHEREAS, The citizens of Maryland should not, considering the current difficult
21 employment prospects, face the threat of losing their jobs to individuals with H–1B and
22 L–1 visas; and

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 WHEREAS, The purpose of this Act is to create transparency so that Marylanders
2 are able to access information regarding the effects of the H-1B and L-1 visa programs on
3 employment in Maryland; and

4 WHEREAS, The data collected under this Act will provide useful information
5 concerning workforce development gaps and education gaps in Maryland; now, therefore,

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

8 **Article – Labor and Employment**

9 **1-203.**

10 **ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1 EACH YEAR, EACH EMPLOYER SHALL REPORT TO**
11 **THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING, AND REGULATION AND THE MARYLAND**
12 **HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION AND MAKE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC THE**
13 **NUMBER OF THE EMPLOYER’S EMPLOYEES WHO HAVE BEEN GRANTED AN H-1B OR**
14 **L-1 VISA BY THE U.S. CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION SERVICES.**

15 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
16 October 1, 2017.