

# HOUSE BILL 1599

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Career Education Policy Act**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring certain county boards to treat the pursuit of certain  
4 certificates, certifications, or apprenticeships as the equivalent of pursuing  
5 postsecondary education; authorizing certain individuals to release certain student  
6 information to certain apprenticeship sponsors and employers; requiring certain  
7 public high schools to make students aware of certain employment and skills  
8 training opportunities in a certain manner through certain apprenticeship sponsors  
9 and employers; prohibiting a county board from prohibiting a certain school created  
10 pursuant to a certain contract from selecting a certain course to satisfy a certain high  
11 school graduation requirement; requiring a certain school operator to make a certain  
12 certification that a certain course meets a specific high school graduation  
13 requirement; establishing certain procedures for the State Department of Education  
14 to make a certain determination relating to a certain certification; requiring a certain  
15 county board to pay for a student to take certain exams under certain circumstances;  
16 requiring a certain county board to pay any fees related to student academic  
17 organizations or career technology student organizations under certain  
18 circumstances; specifying that a requirement to earn a credit in technology education  
19 in order to graduate from a certain high school may be satisfied by completing certain  
20 courses selected by the county board; requiring certain county boards to make a  
21 certain certification that a certain course meets a specific high school graduation  
22 requirement; establishing certain procedures for the Department to make a certain  
23 determination relating to a certain certification; requiring the Department, on or  
24 before a certain date, to identify and approve certain badges or certificates for soft  
25 workplace skills and establish a certain grant program; requiring the Governor to  
26 include a certain amount in the budget of the Department for a certain grant  
27 program for a certain fiscal year; requiring the Department to adopt regulations to  
28 implement certain requirements; prohibiting a public chartering authority from  
29 prohibiting a certain charter school from selecting a certain course to satisfy a certain  
30 high school graduation requirement; requiring certain charter schools to make a  
31 certain certification that a certain course meets a specific high school graduation

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 requirement; establishing certain procedures for the Department to make a certain  
2 determination relating to a certain certification; requiring certain community  
3 colleges to pay for the costs of textbooks and other educational instructional supplies  
4 for certain students except under certain circumstances; authorizing certain  
5 applicants for legislative scholarships to be enrolled in Workforce Development  
6 Sequence courses or be participating in an apprenticeship training program;  
7 authorizing certain recipients of a senatorial scholarship to use the scholarship to  
8 reimburse certain expenses; exempting certain applicants for a senatorial  
9 scholarship from certain examination requirements; authorizing certain uses of  
10 legislative scholarships; specifying that certain recipients of a Delegate Scholarship  
11 are not required to carry a certain course load; authorizing certain students to use a  
12 Delegate Scholarship to reimburse certain expenses; providing that a certain  
13 sequence of courses on a specific career pathway in a career and technical education  
14 program shall be referred to as a specialized high skill major; requiring an  
15 apprenticeship program operator to use Open Educational Resources or pay for the  
16 costs of textbooks or other educational instructional supplies for certain students as  
17 a condition of approval; requiring a training provider to pay for the cost of certain  
18 textbooks and educational instructional supplies for certain individuals; creating an  
19 exemption to a certain requirement if the training provider uses Open Educational  
20 Resources; requiring a training provider to include in a certain contract a provision  
21 requiring reimbursement of the training provider for certain costs; requiring the  
22 Division of Workforce Development and Adult Learning within the Department of  
23 Labor, Licensing, and Regulation to convene a workgroup of certain employers and  
24 report certain recommendations on or before a certain date; requiring the  
25 Department to convene a workgroup of certain individuals and make certain  
26 recommendations on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of certain  
27 provisions of this Act; defining certain terms; making stylistic changes; and generally  
28 relating to career and technology education and apprenticeships.

29 BY adding to

30 Article – Education

31 Section 4–134, 4–135, 7–205.4, 7–211, 9–113, and 16–106.1

32 Annotated Code of Maryland

33 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

34 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

35 Article – Education

36 Section 7–203.1, 18–101, 18–402(a), 18–405(a) and (b), 18–406, 18–501, 18–504,  
37 18–506, and 21–204

38 Annotated Code of Maryland

39 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

40 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

41 Article – Education

42 Section 18–401

43 Annotated Code of Maryland

44 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

1 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
2 Article – Labor and Employment  
3 Section 11–405 and 11–504  
4 Annotated Code of Maryland  
5 (2016 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

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

8 **Article – Education**

9 **4–134.**

10 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS  
11 INDICATED.

12 (2) “ASVAB” MEANS THE ARMED SERVICES VOCATIONAL APTITUDE  
13 BATTERY.

14 (3) “PLATFORM” MEANS A COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS  
15 SOFTWARE THAT HELPS SCHOOL SYSTEMS AND SCHOOLS ALIGN STUDENT  
16 STRENGTHS AND INTERESTS TO POSTSECONDARY GOALS AND CAREERS.

17 (B) (1) A COUNTY BOARD THAT USES A PLATFORM SHALL TREAT THE  
18 PURSUIT OF A VOCATIONAL CERTIFICATE, AN INDUSTRY CERTIFICATION, OR AN  
19 APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM AS THE EQUIVALENT OF PURSUING POSTSECONDARY  
20 EDUCATION.

21 (2) A STUDENT OR A STUDENT’S PARENT OR GUARDIAN MAY CHOOSE  
22 TO RELEASE THE STUDENT’S PERSONAL INFORMATION, ASVAB SCORES, AND  
23 PLATFORM RESULTS TO:

24 (I) APPRENTICESHIP SPONSORS REGISTERED WITH THE  
25 DIVISION OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND ADULT LEARNING UNDER § 11–405  
26 OF THE LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT ARTICLE; AND

27 (II) EMPLOYERS REGISTERED WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF  
28 LABOR, LICENSING, AND REGULATION OR WITH LOCAL WORKFORCE  
29 DEVELOPMENT BOARDS ESTABLISHED UNDER TITLE 11, SUBTITLE 5 OF THE LABOR  
30 AND EMPLOYMENT ARTICLE.

31 (C) ON THE SAME BASIS THAT THE SCHOOL USES TO MAKE STUDENTS  
32 AWARE OF POSTSECONDARY EDUCATIONAL OPTIONS, EACH PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL

1 SHALL MAKE STUDENTS AWARE OF EMPLOYMENT AND SKILLS TRAINING  
2 OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE THROUGH:

3 (1) APPRENTICESHIP SPONSORS REGISTERED WITH THE DIVISION  
4 OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND ADULT LEARNING UNDER § 11-405 OF THE  
5 LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT ARTICLE; AND

6 (2) EMPLOYERS REGISTERED WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR,  
7 LICENSING, AND REGULATION OR WITH LOCAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT  
8 BOARDS ESTABLISHED UNDER TITLE 11, SUBTITLE 5 OF THE LABOR AND  
9 EMPLOYMENT ARTICLE.

10 4-135.

11 (A) A COUNTY BOARD MAY NOT PROHIBIT A SCHOOL CREATED PURSUANT  
12 TO A CONTRACT BETWEEN A COUNTY BOARD AND A SCHOOL OPERATOR FROM  
13 SELECTING A COURSE IN CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION OR A COURSE IN  
14 ACADEMIC TECHNOLOGY TO SATISFY A REQUIREMENT TO EARN A CREDIT IN  
15 TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION TO GRADUATE FROM A PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL IN THE  
16 STATE.

17 (B) A SCHOOL OPERATOR THAT SELECTS A COURSE UNDER SUBSECTION (A)  
18 OF THIS SECTION SHALL CERTIFY TO THE DEPARTMENT THAT THE COURSE, IN THE  
19 SCHOOL OPERATOR'S PROFESSIONAL JUDGMENT, MEETS THE TECHNOLOGY  
20 EDUCATION HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENT.

21 (C) WITHIN 90 DAYS OF RECEIPT OF A COURSE CERTIFICATION IN  
22 ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, THE DEPARTMENT MAY  
23 DETERMINE THAT THE COURSE DOES NOT MEET THE TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION  
24 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENT.

25 (D) UNLESS THE DEPARTMENT DETERMINES THAT THE COURSE DOES NOT  
26 MEET THE TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENT  
27 WITHIN 90 DAYS OF RECEIPT OF THE COURSE CERTIFICATION, THE COURSE IS  
28 DEEMED TO SATISFY THE TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION  
29 REQUIREMENT.

30 (E) IF THE DEPARTMENT DETERMINES THAT THE COURSE DOES NOT MEET  
31 THE TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENT, THE  
32 DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE A DETAILED EXPLANATION AND IDENTIFY:

33 (1) SPECIFIC CHANGES IN THE COURSE THAT WOULD BE NECESSARY  
34 TO MEET THE TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1 REQUIREMENT; AND

2 (2) THE PROCESS THAT MUST BE FOLLOWED TO MAKE THE CHANGES  
3 TO THE COURSE THAT ARE NECESSARY TO MEET THE TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION  
4 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENT.

5 7-203.1.

6 (a) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS  
7 INDICATED.

8 (2) "APPRENTICESHIP ENTRANCE EXAM" MEANS THE  
9 TRADE-SPECIFIC ASSESSMENT USED TO EVALUATE A STUDENT'S BASIC APTITUDE  
10 BEFORE THE STUDENT BEGINS THE PRACTICAL AND TECHNICAL TRAINING PHASE  
11 OF AN APPRENTICESHIP.

12 (3) "CAREER TECHNOLOGY STUDENT ORGANIZATION" MEANS A  
13 STUDENT ORGANIZATION THAT IS ALIGNED WITH CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY  
14 EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND PROVIDES CAREER AWARENESS AND SKILL  
15 DEVELOPMENT TO STUDENTS.

16 (4) "FEES" INCLUDES REGISTRATION FEES FOR CONFERENCES AND  
17 COMPETITIONS, HOTEL FEES, AND TRANSPORTATION FEES.

18 (5) "INDUSTRIAL CERTIFICATION EXAM" MEANS THE  
19 INDUSTRY-RECOGNIZED ASSESSMENT THAT DOCUMENTS A STUDENT'S  
20 PERFORMANCE AND ACHIEVEMENT OF INDUSTRY STANDARDS AND RESULTS IN THE  
21 RECEIPT OF A CERTIFICATE, LICENSE, OR OTHER CREDENTIAL.

22 (B) (1) (I) For fiscal years 2003 and 2004, the Department shall distribute  
23 grants to qualified distressed counties, as defined in § 1-101 of the Economic Development  
24 Article, for the administration of the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test to 10th grade  
25 students.

26 [(2)] (II) For fiscal year 2005 and each subsequent fiscal year, the  
27 Department shall distribute grants to each county for the administration of the Preliminary  
28 Scholastic Aptitude Test to 10th grade students.

29 [(b)] (2) Subject to the availability of funding in the State budget, the amount of  
30 each county's grant shall be in an amount sufficient for the administration of the test to all  
31 10th grade students in the county.

32 (C) IF A COUNTY BOARD PAYS FOR A STUDENT TO TAKE AN ADVANCED  
33 PLACEMENT EXAM, A PRELIMINARY SCHOLASTIC APTITUDE TEST (PSAT), OR A

1 SCHOLASTIC APTITUDE TEST (SAT), THE COUNTY BOARD SHALL PAY FOR A  
2 STUDENT TO TAKE AN INDUSTRIAL CERTIFICATION EXAM OR APPRENTICESHIP  
3 ENTRANCE EXAM.

4 (D) IF A COUNTY BOARD PAYS ANY FEES, IN WHOLE OR IN PART, RELATED  
5 TO STUDENT SPORTS ORGANIZATIONS, THE COUNTY BOARD SHALL PAY ANY FEES  
6 RELATED TO STUDENT ACADEMIC ORGANIZATIONS OR CAREER TECHNOLOGY  
7 STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS.

8 7-205.4.

9 (A) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, A REQUIREMENT TO  
10 EARN A CREDIT IN TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION TO GRADUATE FROM A PUBLIC HIGH  
11 SCHOOL IN THE STATE MAY BE SATISFIED BY COMPLETING A COURSE IN CAREER  
12 AND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION OR A COURSE IN ACADEMIC TECHNOLOGY SELECTED  
13 BY THE COUNTY BOARD.

14 (B) THE COUNTY BOARD SHALL CERTIFY TO THE DEPARTMENT THAT THE  
15 COURSE, IN THE COUNTY BOARD'S PROFESSIONAL JUDGMENT, MEETS THE  
16 TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENT.

17 (C) WITHIN 90 DAYS OF RECEIPT OF A COURSE CERTIFICATION IN  
18 ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, THE DEPARTMENT MAY  
19 DETERMINE THAT THE COURSE DOES NOT MEET THE TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION  
20 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENT.

21 (D) UNLESS THE DEPARTMENT DETERMINES THAT THE COURSE DOES NOT  
22 MEET THE TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENT  
23 WITHIN 90 DAYS OF RECEIPT OF THE COURSE CERTIFICATION, THE COURSE IS  
24 DEEMED TO SATISFY THE TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION  
25 REQUIREMENT.

26 (E) IF THE DEPARTMENT DETERMINES THAT THE COURSE DOES NOT MEET  
27 THE TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENT, THE  
28 DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE A DETAILED EXPLANATION AND IDENTIFY:

29 (1) SPECIFIC CHANGES IN THE COURSE THAT WOULD BE NECESSARY  
30 TO MEET THE TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION  
31 REQUIREMENT; AND

32 (2) THE PROCESS THAT MUST BE FOLLOWED TO MAKE THE CHANGES  
33 TO THE COURSE THAT ARE NECESSARY TO MEET THE TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION  
34 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENT.

1 7-211.

2 (A) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2018, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL:

3 (1) IDENTIFY AND APPROVE ONE OR MORE BADGES OR CERTIFICATES  
4 FOR SOFT WORKPLACE SKILLS; AND

5 (2) ESTABLISH A COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAM TO AWARD GRANTS  
6 TO APPLICANTS TO DEVELOP A CURRICULUM FOR A BADGE OR CERTIFICATE FOR  
7 SOFT WORKPLACE SKILLS THAT IS IDENTIFIED AND APPROVED BY THE  
8 DEPARTMENT UNDER THIS SUBSECTION.

9 (B) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019, THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE AT LEAST  
10 \$250,000 IN THE BUDGET OF THE DEPARTMENT FOR THE COMPETITIVE GRANT  
11 PROGRAM.

12 (C) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THE  
13 REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION.

14 9-113.

15 (A) A PUBLIC CHARTERING AUTHORITY MAY NOT PROHIBIT A PUBLIC  
16 CHARTER SCHOOL FROM SELECTING A COURSE IN CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY  
17 EDUCATION OR A COURSE IN ACADEMIC TECHNOLOGY TO SATISFY A REQUIREMENT  
18 TO EARN A CREDIT IN TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION TO GRADUATE FROM A PUBLIC  
19 HIGH SCHOOL IN THE STATE.

20 (B) A PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL THAT SELECTS A COURSE UNDER  
21 SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION SHALL CERTIFY TO THE DEPARTMENT THAT THE  
22 COURSE, IN THE PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL'S PROFESSIONAL JUDGMENT, MEETS  
23 THE TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENT.

24 (C) WITHIN 90 DAYS OF RECEIPT OF A COURSE CERTIFICATION IN  
25 ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, THE DEPARTMENT MAY  
26 DETERMINE THAT THE COURSE DOES NOT MEET THE TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION  
27 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENT.

28 (D) UNLESS THE DEPARTMENT DETERMINES THAT THE COURSE DOES NOT  
29 MEET THE TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENT  
30 WITHIN 90 DAYS OF RECEIPT OF THE COURSE CERTIFICATION, THE COURSE IS  
31 DEEMED TO SATISFY THE TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION  
32 REQUIREMENT.

1           **(E) IF THE DEPARTMENT DETERMINES THAT THE COURSE DOES NOT MEET**  
2 **THE TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENT, THE**  
3 **DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE A DETAILED EXPLANATION AND IDENTIFY:**

4           **(1) SPECIFIC CHANGES IN THE COURSE THAT WOULD BE NECESSARY**  
5 **TO MEET THE TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION**  
6 **REQUIREMENT; AND**

7           **(2) THE PROCESS THAT MUST BE FOLLOWED TO MAKE THE CHANGES**  
8 **TO THE COURSE THAT ARE NECESSARY TO MEET THE TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION**  
9 **HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENT.**

10 **16-106.1.**

11           **(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS**  
12 **INDICATED.**

13           **(2) “ELIGIBLE STUDENT” MEANS A STUDENT WHO IS ENROLLED IN A**  
14 **WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SEQUENCE AT A PUBLIC COMMUNITY COLLEGE IN THE**  
15 **STATE.**

16           **(3) (I) “OPEN EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES” MEANS OPENLY**  
17 **LICENSED EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS AND RESOURCES OFFERED FREELY FOR**  
18 **ANYONE TO USE AND CUSTOMIZE FOR COURSE INSTRUCTION.**

19           **(II) “OPEN EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES” INCLUDES DIGITAL**  
20 **LEARNING CONTENT, TOOLS AND SOFTWARE, AND IMPLEMENTATION RESOURCES.**

21           **(4) (I) “WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SEQUENCE” MEANS A**  
22 **PROGRAM OFFERED BY A PUBLIC COMMUNITY COLLEGE THAT IS:**

23                           **1. APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION; AND**

24                           **2. COMPOSED OF COURSES RELATED TO:**

25                           **A. JOB PREPARATION;**

26                           **B. LICENSURE OR CERTIFICATION;**

27                           **C. JOB SKILL ENHANCEMENT; OR**

28                           **D. INSTRUCTION THAT IS PART OF A REGISTERED**



1 APPRENTICESHIP.

2 (II) "WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SEQUENCE" DOES NOT  
3 INCLUDE A SEQUENCE OF COURSES LEADING TO AN ASSOCIATE OR BACHELOR'S  
4 DEGREE.

5 (B) UNLESS A PUBLIC COMMUNITY COLLEGE PARTICIPATES IN AND USES  
6 OPEN EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES, THE PUBLIC COMMUNITY COLLEGE SHALL PAY  
7 FOR THE COSTS OF TEXTBOOKS AND OTHER EDUCATIONAL INSTRUCTIONAL  
8 SUPPLIES FOR EACH ELIGIBLE STUDENT.

9 18-101.

10 (a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.

11 (b) "APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING PROGRAM" MEANS A REGISTERED  
12 APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM APPROVED BY THE DIVISION OF WORKFORCE  
13 DEVELOPMENT AND ADULT LEARNING WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR,  
14 LICENSING, AND REGULATION.

15 (c) "Commission" means the Maryland Higher Education Commission.

16 [(c)] (D) "Office" means the Office of Student Financial Assistance.

17 [(d)] (E) "Secretary" means the Secretary of Higher Education.

18 (F) (1) "WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SEQUENCE" MEANS A PROGRAM  
19 OFFERED BY A PUBLIC COMMUNITY COLLEGE THAT IS:

20 (I) APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION; AND

21 (II) COMPOSED OF COURSES RELATED TO:

22 1. JOB PREPARATION;

23 2. LICENSURE OR CERTIFICATION;

24 3. JOB SKILL ENHANCEMENT; OR

25 4. INSTRUCTION THAT IS PART OF AN APPRENTICESHIP  
26 TRAINING PROGRAM.

27 (2) "WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SEQUENCE" DOES NOT INCLUDE A  
28 SEQUENCE OF COURSES LEADING TO AN ASSOCIATE OR BACHELOR'S DEGREE.

1 18-401.

2 There is a program of senatorial scholarships in this State that are awarded under  
3 this subtitle.

4 18-402.

5 (a) (1) Except as provided in [paragraph] PARAGRAPHS (2) AND (3) of this  
6 subsection, each applicant for a senatorial scholarship shall:

7 (i) Take a competitive examination administered by the Office; and

8 (ii) 1. Be accepted for admission in the regular undergraduate,  
9 graduate, or professional program at an eligible institution; [or]

10 2. Be enrolled in a 2-year terminal certificate program in  
11 which the course work is acceptable for transfer credit for an accredited baccalaureate  
12 program in an eligible institution;

13 **3. BE ENROLLED IN WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT**  
14 **SEQUENCE COURSES AT AN ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION; OR**

15 **4. BE PARTICIPATING IN AN APPRENTICESHIP**  
16 **TRAINING PROGRAM.**

17 (2) An applicant is exempt from the examination if the applicant:

18 (i) Is attending an eligible institution and has completed at least 1  
19 year in good academic standing at the institution;

20 (ii) Graduated from high school at least 5 years before application  
21 for a senatorial scholarship;

22 (iii) Is accepted for admission to a private career institution, if the  
23 institution's curriculum is approved by the Commission, and the institution is accredited  
24 by a national accrediting association approved by the United States Department of  
25 Education; [or]

26 (iv) Is planning to attend or is attending a Maryland community  
27 college; **OR**

28 **(V) IS PARTICIPATING IN AN APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING**  
29 **PROGRAM.**

30 **(3) AN APPLICANT IS EXEMPT FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF**

1 **PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION IF THE APPLICANT IS OR WAS ENROLLED IN A**  
2 **CERTIFICATE OR LICENSE PROGRAM AT A COMMUNITY COLLEGE.**

3 18–405.

4 (a) Except as provided in subsection (d) of this section, a senatorial scholarship  
5 may be used only at [any undergraduate, graduate, or professional school in the State] **AN**  
6 **ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION OR FOR AN APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING PROGRAM.**

7 (b) A senatorial scholarship may be used:

8 (1) **(I)** If the curriculum is approved by the Commission, at a degree  
9 granting institution of higher education, a hospital diploma school for training registered  
10 nurses, or to attend a private postsecondary proprietary institution that is accredited by a  
11 national accrediting association approved by the United States Department of Education  
12 [as a full–time student]; **OR**

13 **(II) FOR AN APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING PROGRAM; and**

14 (2) For educational expenses as defined by the Office, including:

15 (i) Tuition and mandatory fees; [and]

16 (ii) Room and board; **AND**

17 **(III) STUDENT EXPENSES FOR AN APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING**  
18 **PROGRAM.**

19 18–406.

20 (a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, each recipient of a senatorial  
21 scholarship may hold the scholarship for 4 undergraduate academic years, subject to §  
22 18–406.1 of this subtitle, and 4 graduate academic years if the recipient:

23 (1) Is a full–time student;

24 (2) Continues to be a resident of this State; and

25 (3) Continues to be a student at the institution and takes at least 12  
26 semester hours of courses as an undergraduate or 9 semester hours of courses as a graduate  
27 student each semester leading to a degree.

28 (b) A recipient of an undergraduate or graduate senatorial scholarship may hold  
29 the scholarship, appropriately prorated, for 8 academic years if the recipient:

30 (1) Is a part–time student;

1 (2) Continues to be a resident of this State; and

2 (3) Continues to be a student at the institution and takes at least 6  
3 semester hours of courses each semester leading to a degree.

4 (c) Any recipient of a senatorial scholarship may use up to one-half of the yearly  
5 award for summer school.

6 (d) A recipient of a senatorial scholarship who is enrolled in a terminal certificate  
7 program as provided in § 18-402(a) of this subtitle may hold the scholarship for 2 years if  
8 [he] **THE RECIPIENT** is a full-time student and otherwise meets the conditions of  
9 subsection (a) of this section, or may hold the scholarship for 4 years if [he] **THE**  
10 **RECIPIENT** is a part-time student and otherwise meets the conditions of subsection (b) of  
11 this section.

12 **(E) A RECIPIENT OF A SENATORIAL SCHOLARSHIP WHO IS CURRENTLY**  
13 **ENROLLED, OR WAS ENROLLED WITHIN THE LAST 2 YEARS, IN A CERTIFICATE OR**  
14 **LICENSE PROGRAM AT A COMMUNITY COLLEGE, AS PROVIDED IN § 18-402(A)(3) OF**  
15 **THIS SUBTITLE, MAY USE THE SCHOLARSHIP TO REIMBURSE EDUCATIONAL**  
16 **EXPENSES AS DEFINED BY THE OFFICE UNDER § 18-405(B)(2) OF THIS SUBTITLE.**

17 **[(e)] (F)** Each recipient of a senatorial scholarship who is enrolled in a private  
18 postsecondary proprietary institution that is accredited by a national accrediting  
19 association approved by the United States Department of Education:

20 (1) May hold the scholarship for the completion of one program if the  
21 student otherwise meets the conditions of subsection (a)(1) and (2) of this section; and

22 (2) Shall complete the program within the length of time prescribed by the  
23 institution for the completion of the program.

24 **[(f)] (G)** A recipient of a senatorial scholarship who is an individual who is on  
25 active duty with the United States military and otherwise meets the conditions of  
26 subsection (a) or (b) of this section may be domiciled in this State rather than a resident of  
27 this State.

28 **(H) A RECIPIENT OF A SENATORIAL SCHOLARSHIP WHO IS ENROLLED IN**  
29 **WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SEQUENCE COURSES MAY HOLD THE SCHOLARSHIP**  
30 **UNTIL THE PROGRAM IS COMPLETED.**

31 **(I) A RECIPIENT OF A SENATORIAL SCHOLARSHIP WHO IS PARTICIPATING**  
32 **IN AN APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING PROGRAM MAY HOLD THE SCHOLARSHIP UNTIL**  
33 **THE PROGRAM IS COMPLETED.**

1 (a) There is a program of Delegate Scholarships in this State that are awarded  
2 under this subtitle.

3 (b) A scholarship awarded under this subtitle may be used [at]:

4 (1) (I) [An] AT AN eligible institution for a program of undergraduate,  
5 graduate, or professional studies;

6 (II) AT AN ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION FOR WORKFORCE  
7 DEVELOPMENT SEQUENCE COURSES;

8 (III) FOR AN APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING PROGRAM;

9 (IV) AT AN ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION FOR A TERMINAL  
10 CERTIFICATE PROGRAM AS PROVIDED IN § 18-402(A) OF THIS TITLE; OR

11 (V) AT A COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOR A CERTIFICATE OR  
12 LICENSE PROGRAM;

13 (2) [An] AT AN accredited undergraduate, graduate, or professional  
14 institution outside the State, if the applicant:

15 (i) Will be studying in an academic area that is not available in this  
16 State;

17 (ii) Is disabled and will be studying at an institution outside the  
18 State that makes special provisions for disabled students that are not available to the  
19 applicant at an institution in the State; or

20 (iii) Is an individual who is on active duty with the United States  
21 military who is domiciled in this State; and

22 (3) [A] AT A private career school within the State that is approved by the  
23 Maryland Higher Education Commission under § 11-202 of this article and that is  
24 accredited by a national accrediting association that is approved by the United States  
25 Department of Education.

26 (c) [Moneys] MONEY appropriated to the Commission for scholarships awarded  
27 under this section that are not used by the end of the fiscal year shall be retained by the  
28 Commission for use by the awarding Delegate in the Delegate Scholarship Program during  
29 subsequent fiscal years.

30 18-504.

31 (a) A Delegate may award two part-time scholarships for each full-time

1 scholarship available.

2 (b) A part-time scholarship may not be for more than twice as many years as a  
3 full-time scholarship.

4 (c) **[Each] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION,**  
5 **EACH** recipient of a part-time scholarship shall carry at least 6 semester hours of courses  
6 each semester in a program leading to a degree.

7 **(D) A RECIPIENT OF A PART-TIME SCHOLARSHIP IS NOT REQUIRED TO**  
8 **CARRY THE MINIMUM NUMBER OF COURSES UNDER SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS**  
9 **SECTION IF:**

10 **(1) THE RECIPIENT IS ENROLLED IN WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT**  
11 **SEQUENCE COURSES AT AN ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION; OR**

12 **(2) THE RECIPIENT IS PARTICIPATING IN AN APPRENTICESHIP**  
13 **TRAINING PROGRAM.**

14 18-506.

15 (a) As an alternative to the scholarship awards authorized by §§ 18-503 through  
16 18-505 of this subtitle, and subject to the provisions of subsection (b) of this section, during  
17 each year in office each Delegate may award scholarships in a total amount equal to four  
18 times the tuition and mandatory fees for a full-time undergraduate student enrolled at the  
19 University of Maryland, College Park Campus for the academic year commencing in that  
20 year.

21 (b) A scholarship award under subsection (a) of this section:

22 (1) May not be for an amount less than \$200 or more than one-half of the  
23 total amount of scholarships authorized by subsection (a) of this section for that year;

24 (2) Shall be used at an eligible institution **OR FOR AN APPRENTICESHIP**  
25 **TRAINING PROGRAM;**

26 (3) May be used by:

27 (i) A graduate, undergraduate, or professional student; **[or]**

28 (ii) A student at a private career school within the State that is  
29 approved by the Maryland Higher Education Commission under § 11-202 of this article  
30 and that is accredited by a national accrediting association that is approved by the United  
31 States Department of Education; **[and]**

1           **(III) A STUDENT WHO IS CURRENTLY ENROLLED OR WAS**  
2 **ENROLLED WITHIN THE LAST 2 YEARS, IN A CERTIFICATE OR LICENSE PROGRAM AT**  
3 **A COMMUNITY COLLEGE, APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION, AS REIMBURSEMENT FOR**  
4 **EDUCATIONAL EXPENSES;**

5           **(IV) A STUDENT ENROLLED IN WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT**  
6 **SEQUENCE COURSES AT AN ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION; OR**

7           **(V) A PARTICIPANT IN AN APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING**  
8 **PROGRAM; AND**

9           (4) To the extent it is not used by the student, shall be reccredited to the  
10 Delegate's scholarship account and may be awarded in the next 12 months by that Delegate  
11 to another student pursuant to this section.

12 21–204.

13           **(a) A SEQUENCE OF COURSES ON A SPECIFIC CAREER PATHWAY THAT**  
14 **PROVIDES A MINIMUM NUMBER OF CREDITS IN A CAREER AND TECHNICAL**  
15 **EDUCATION PROGRAM SHALL BE REFERRED TO AS A SPECIALIZED HIGH SKILL**  
16 **MAJOR.**

17           **(B)** On or before December 1, 2017, the State Board, in consultation with the  
18 Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation and the Governor's Workforce  
19 Development Board, shall establish, for each year for 2018 through 2024, inclusive,  
20 statewide goals that reach 45% by January 1, 2025, for the percentages of high school  
21 students who, prior to graduation:

22           (1) Complete a career and technical education **[(CTE)]** program;

23           (2) Earn industry–recognized occupational or skill credentials; or

24           (3) Complete a registered youth or other apprenticeship.

25           **[(b)] (C)** On or before December 1, 2017, the Maryland Longitudinal Data  
26 System Center and the Governor's Workforce Development Board shall develop annual  
27 income earnings goals for high school graduates who have not earned at least a 2–year  
28 college degree by age 25.

29           **[(c)] (D)** On or before December 1, 2017, the State Board shall develop a method  
30 to consider a student's attainment of a State–approved industry credential or completion  
31 of an apprenticeship program as equivalent to earning a score of 3 or better on an Advanced  
32 Placement examination for purposes of the Maryland Accountability Program established  
33 by the Department if the student:

1 (1) (i) Was enrolled in the State–approved [CTE] CAREER AND  
2 TECHNICAL EDUCATION program at the concentrator level or higher; and

3 (ii) Successfully earned the credential aligned with the  
4 State–approved [CTE] CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION program; or

5 (2) Successfully completed a youth or other apprenticeship training  
6 program approved by the [Maryland Apprenticeship Training Council] DIVISION OF  
7 WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND ADULT LEARNING in accordance with § 11–405 of  
8 the Labor and Employment Article.

9 [(d)] (E) On or before December 1, 2017, and December 1 of each year thereafter,  
10 the State Board shall report to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State  
11 Government Article, the General Assembly on the progress toward attaining the goals  
12 established by the State Board in accordance with subsection [(a)] (B) of this section and  
13 the goals established under subsection [(b)] (C) of this section.

#### 14 Article – Labor and Employment

15 11–405.

16 (a) (1) IN THIS SECTION, “OPEN EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES” MEANS  
17 OPENLY LICENSED EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS AND RESOURCES OFFERED FREELY  
18 FOR ANYONE TO USE AND CUSTOMIZE FOR COURSE INSTRUCTION.

19 (2) “OPEN EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES” INCLUDES DIGITAL  
20 LEARNING CONTENT, TOOLS AND SOFTWARE, AND IMPLEMENTATION RESOURCES.

21 (B) The duties of the Council shall be to:

22 (1) advise the Division of Workforce Development and Adult Learning on  
23 the apprenticeability of occupations in the State of Maryland;

24 (2) encourage the establishment of local apprenticeship committees where  
25 the committees are needed;

26 (3) make recommendations regarding the formulation and adoption of  
27 standards of apprenticeship which safeguard the welfare of apprentices, being guided, but  
28 not controlled, by the standards of apprenticeship recommended by the federal committee  
29 on apprenticeship;

30 (4) make recommendations regarding the formulation of policies for the  
31 overall apprenticeship program;

32 (5) make recommendations regarding the registration of standards of  
33 apprenticeship of the groups or employers that elect to conform with the provisions of this



1 subtitle;

2 (6) make recommendations regarding the registration of apprenticeship  
3 agreements which conform to the standards of apprenticeship adopted by the Division of  
4 Workforce Development and Adult Learning;

5 (7) recommend the issuance of certificates of completion of apprenticeship  
6 to apprentices who are registered with the Division of Workforce Development and Adult  
7 Learning when the Division determines that such apprentices have completed successfully  
8 their apprenticeship;

9 (8) seek all information pertaining to apprenticeship training in the State;

10 (9) prescribe its rules of procedure and duties of the Chairman, Director,  
11 and Secretary subject to the provisions of this law; and

12 (10) perform other advisory functions as the Governor or the Secretary may  
13 direct or as may come within the scope of the Council.

14 **[(b)] (C)** (1) No person, firm, or corporation may offer, establish, maintain, or  
15 operate an apprenticeship program for any occupation approved by the Division of  
16 Workforce Development and Adult Learning as an apprenticeable occupation for which  
17 tuition, charges, or fees are charged to or are payable by an enrollee or student, or which is  
18 financed in whole or in part by State funds, unless the program is first approved by the  
19 Division of Workforce Development and Adult Learning.

20 (2) (i) **1.** The Division of Workforce Development and Adult  
21 Learning shall issue a certificate of approval to an applicant operating or proposing to  
22 operate the program if the Division of Workforce Development and Adult Learning is  
23 satisfied that the conditions of entrance, the qualifications of the administrators and  
24 instructors, the content of the program, the facilities, and the financial aspects of the  
25 program are adequate and appropriate for the purpose of the program.

26 **2. AS A CONDITION OF APPROVAL BY THE DIVISION OF**  
27 **WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND ADULT LEARNING, AN APPRENTICESHIP**  
28 **PROGRAM OPERATOR SHALL:**

29 **A. USE OPEN EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES FOR COURSE**  
30 **CONTENT MATERIAL; OR**

31 **B. PAY FOR THE COSTS OF TEXTBOOKS OR OTHER**  
32 **EDUCATIONAL INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPLIES FOR EACH ENROLLEE OR STUDENT.**

33 (ii) If the Division of Workforce Development and Adult Learning  
34 does not issue a certificate of approval to an applicant operating or proposing to operate a  
35 program, any person, firm, or corporation whose application is rejected has a right to

1 judicial review under Title 10, Subtitle 2 of the State Government Article.

2 (3) (i) The Division of Workforce Development and Adult Learning,  
3 after notice and hearing, may deregister a program or course if it finds that the program or  
4 course has ceased to meet the conditions of approval.

5 (ii) Any person, association, committee, or organization that  
6 operates an apprenticeship program that is deregistered by the Division of Workforce  
7 Development and Adult Learning may request a hearing before the United States  
8 Department of Labor.

9 (4) After consulting the Council, the Division of Workforce Development  
10 and Adult Learning, after notice and hearing, may adopt rules and regulations for the  
11 implementation of this section, including rules and regulations requiring the furnishing of  
12 periodic relevant information about approved and proposed programs and the operator or  
13 proposed operator of the approved or proposed programs.

14 (5) Any person, firm, or corporation that knowingly offers, establishes,  
15 maintains, or operates a program in violation of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and,  
16 upon conviction, shall be fined not more than \$1,000 or be imprisoned for not more than  
17 one year, or both.

18 (6) If recommended by the Council, the Division of Workforce Development  
19 and Adult Learning may apply to any court of competent jurisdiction for an injunction  
20 restraining violations of this section.

21 **[(c)] (D)** (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, the  
22 Division of Workforce Development and Adult Learning shall accord reciprocal approval to  
23 apprentices, apprenticeship programs, and standards that are registered in other states by  
24 the United States Department of Labor's Office of Apprenticeship or a registration agency,  
25 if reciprocity is requested by the apprenticeship program sponsor.

26 (2) The Division of Workforce Development and Adult Learning may not  
27 accord reciprocal approval to a program sponsor that does not meet the wage and hour  
28 requirements and apprentice ratio standards of the reciprocal state.

29 **[(d)] (E)** (1) On or before June 30 of each year, the Division of Workforce  
30 Development and Adult Learning shall report to the General Assembly, in accordance with  
31 § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the following information for the immediately  
32 preceding calendar year:

33 (i) the completion and enrollment rates of each apprenticeship  
34 program registered in the State; and

35 (ii) the age, race, sex or gender identity, county of residence, and  
36 program enrollment of each individual enrolled in a registered apprenticeship program.

1 (2) The Division of Workforce Development and Adult Learning shall:

2 (i) sort the information required under paragraph (1) of this  
3 subsection by apprenticeship program; and

4 (ii) publish the report required under paragraph (1) of this  
5 subsection on the Division of Workforce Development and Adult Learning's Web site.

6 11-504.

7 (a) **IN THIS SECTION, "OPEN EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES" HAS THE**  
8 **MEANING INDICATED IN § 11-405 OF THIS ARTICLE.**

9 **(B)** A workforce development program is established to implement the federal Act.

10 **[(b)] (C)** (1) This program shall provide employment, training, supportive  
11 and related services to eligible job seekers, as defined in the federal Act, including  
12 individuals with barriers to employment, such as those who are low income or low-skilled,  
13 to allow individuals to succeed in the labor market and to match employers with the skilled  
14 workers needed to compete in the global economy.

15 (2) **(I) 1. SUBJECT TO SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS**  
16 **PARAGRAPH, A TRAINING PROVIDER SHALL PAY FOR THE COSTS OF TEXTBOOKS AND**  
17 **OTHER EDUCATIONAL INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPLIES FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL WHO**  
18 **RECEIVES EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING SERVICES.**

19 **2. A TRAINING PROVIDER SHALL INCLUDE IN ITS**  
20 **CONTRACT WITH THE LOCAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD OR LOCAL**  
21 **WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AGENCY A PROVISION REQUIRING REIMBURSEMENT**  
22 **OF THE TRAINING PROVIDER FOR ITS COSTS.**

23 **(II) A TRAINING PROVIDER SHALL BE EXEMPT FROM THE**  
24 **REQUIREMENTS OF SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH IF THE TRAINING**  
25 **PROVIDER USES OPEN EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES.**

26 **(3)** (i) Subject to subparagraph (iv) of this paragraph, the State  
27 Department of Transportation shall issue to training providers weekly transit passes, in  
28 the form of magnetic passes or loaded smart cards, for local bus, light rail, or metro subway  
29 service provided by the Maryland Transit Administration.

30 (ii) The training providers shall provide the weekly transit passes  
31 issued under subparagraph (i) of this paragraph to individuals receiving employment and  
32 training services under the program established in accordance with subsection **[(a)] (B)** of  
33 this section.

1 (iii) A training provider shall reimburse the Department of  
2 Transportation for the cost of transit passes provided to the training provider under this  
3 paragraph.

4 (iv) To be eligible to receive transit passes under this paragraph, a  
5 training provider shall include in its contract with the local workforce development board  
6 or local workforce development agency a provision requiring reimbursement of the training  
7 provider for its costs under subparagraph (iii) of this paragraph.

8 **[(c)] (D)** The County Commissioners of Carroll County may appropriate funds  
9 necessary to enter into contracts with private or public enterprises for the training or  
10 retraining of workers of those enterprises.

11 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Division of Workforce  
12 Development and Adult Learning within the Department of Labor, Licensing, and  
13 Regulation shall:

14 (1) convene a workgroup of employers in the State across major industries  
15 to develop and recommend standards for one or more badges or certificates for soft  
16 workplace skills identified and approved by the State Department of Education; and

17 (2) on or before December 31, 2018, report its findings and  
18 recommendations determined under this section to the Governor, the State Department of  
19 Education, and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General  
20 Assembly.

21 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

22 (a) The State Department of Education shall convene a workgroup to study ways  
23 to recruit and train qualified career and technology education teachers in the State.

24 (b) The workgroup convened under subsection (a) of this section shall include:

25 (1) two members of the Senate of Maryland, selected by the President of  
26 the Senate;

27 (2) two members of the House of Delegates, selected by the Speaker of the  
28 House;

29 (3) the State Superintendent of Schools, or the State Superintendent's  
30 designee;

31 (4) one representative of the State Board of Education, selected by the  
32 State Board;

33 (5) one representative of the Governor's Workforce Investment Board,  
34 selected by the Governor;

1           (6)     three representatives of employers, each selected by the Governor, the  
2 President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House;

3           (7)     three superintendents or three directors of career and technology  
4 education programs in public school systems in the State, selected by the Public School  
5 Superintendent's Association of Maryland;

6           (8)     one representative of the Maryland State Education Association;

7           (9)     one representative of the American Federation of Teachers – Maryland;  
8 and

9           (10)    one representative of a registered apprenticeship program in the State.

10          (c)     The State Superintendent, or the State Superintendent's designee, shall chair  
11 the workgroup.

12          (d)     The Department of Legislative Services shall provide staff for the workgroup.

13          (e)     The workgroup shall study and make recommendations that will enable the  
14 State and county boards of education to recruit and increase training of qualified career  
15 and technology education teachers by 2025.

16          (f)     On or before December 31, 2018, the workgroup shall report its findings and  
17 recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State  
18 Government Article, the General Assembly.

19           SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
20 1, 2018. Sections 2 and 3 of this Act shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the  
21 end of June 30, 2019, Sections 2 and 3 of this Act, with no further action required by the  
22 General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.