

HOUSE BILL 705

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By: **Delegate Stein**

Introduced and read first time: February 7, 2019

Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Career and Technology Education – Training in Soft Business Skills**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring career and technology programs in public schools to provide
4 training in certain soft business skills; and generally relating to career and
5 technology education.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
7 Article – Education
8 Section 21–203
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

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

13 **Article – Education**

14 21–203.

15 Career and technology programs in the public schools shall:

16 (1) Offer a sequence of academic and occupational courses, career
17 development, and work experience to prepare students to begin careers and to pursue
18 lifelong learning; [and]

19 (2) Integrate academic knowledge and occupational competence to enable
20 students to develop the critical thinking, problem solving, employability, and technical
21 skills required to meet the workforce preparation and economic development needs of the
22 21st century; **AND**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(3) PROVIDE TRAINING IN SOFT BUSINESS SKILLS, INCLUDING:**

2 **(I) EMPLOYEE AND EMPLOYER RELATIONSHIPS AND**
3 **RESPONSIBILITIES;**

4 **(II) SOCIAL AWARENESS IN THE WORKPLACE, INCLUDING**
5 **DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION;**

6 **(III) BUSINESS ETIQUETTE, INCLUDING APPROPRIATE**
7 **LANGUAGE, ADDRESSING OTHERS APPROPRIATELY, CONFLICT RESOLUTION, AND**
8 **BUILDING CONSENSUS;**

9 **(IV) BASIC BUSINESS COMMUNICATIONS, INCLUDING PUBLIC**
10 **SPEAKING, BUSINESS WRITING, AND E-MAIL;**

11 **(V) PROJECT PLANNING;**

12 **(VI) BASIC USE OF BUSINESS TOOLS, INCLUDING WORD**
13 **PROCESSING AND SPREADSHEET SOFTWARE; AND**

14 **(VII) REQUIREMENTS FOR ADVANCEMENT IN THE WORKPLACE.**

15 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
16 1, 2019.