

SENATE BILL 984

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By: **Senators Hayes and Klausmeier**

Introduced and read first time: February 18, 2019

Assigned to: Rules

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland EARN Program – Strategic Industry Partnership – Definition**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the definition of “strategic industry partnership” for purposes
4 of certain provisions of law governing the Maryland EARN Program to include
5 employers from a target industry and representatives of labor organizations
6 associated with the target industry; and generally relating to the Maryland EARN
7 Program.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
9 Article – Labor and Employment
10 Section 11–701(a)
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2016 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
14 Article – Labor and Employment
15 Section 11–701(h)
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (2016 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

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

Article – Labor and Employment

20 11–701.

22 (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (h) (1) “Strategic industry partnership” means a collaboration that brings
2 together a regional group that may include employers, nonprofits, institutions of higher
3 education, community colleges, local boards, local governments, or other relevant partners
4 to:

5 [(1)] (I) identify common workforce needs for high-demand occupations
6 within a target industry; and

7 [(2)] (II) develop and implement industry strategies to meet the common
8 workforce needs and shortages based on regional needs.

9 (2) “STRATEGIC INDUSTRY PARTNERSHIP” INCLUDES
10 REPRESENTATIVES OF:

11 (I) EMPLOYERS FROM THE TARGET INDUSTRY; AND

12 (II) REPRESENTATIVES OF LABOR ORGANIZATIONS
13 ASSOCIATED WITH THE TARGET INDUSTRY.

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