

Chapter 115

(House Bill 1342)

AN ACT concerning

**Economic Development – Partnership for Workforce Quality Program –
Alterations**

FOR the purpose of expanding the purpose of the Partnership for Workforce Quality Program and the eligible uses of the grant under the Program to include training for new employees; and generally relating to the Partnership for Workforce Quality Program.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Economic Development
Section 3–401 and 3–402
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Economic Development
Section 3–403 and 3–405(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

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

Article – Economic Development

3–401.

- (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.
- (b) “Board” means the Partnership for Workforce Quality Advisory Board.
- (c) “Fund” means the Partnership for Workforce Quality Fund.
- (d) “Program” means the Partnership for Workforce Quality Program.

3–402.

There is a Partnership for Workforce Quality Program in the Department.

3–403.

The purpose of the Program is to provide training services to:

- (1) improve the competitiveness and productivity of the State's workforce and business community;
- (2) upgrade employee skills, **OR TRAIN NEW EMPLOYEES**, for new technologies or production processes; and
- (3) assist employers located in the State in promoting employment stability.

3-405.

(a) (1) An employer receiving assistance under the Program shall be located in the State.

(2) In order to receive assistance under the Program, an employer shall request training assistance in job-specific skills to **TRAIN NEW EMPLOYEES OR TO** upgrade or retain existing Maryland-based employees covered under Title 8 of the Labor and Employment Article.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2021.

Approved by the Governor, April 13, 2021.