

SENATE BILL 903

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By: **Senator Hester**

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Assigned to: Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Labor and Employment – Traditional Trade Apprenticeship Fund**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Traditional Trade Apprenticeship Fund in the
4 Maryland Department of Labor as a special, nonlapsing fund; specifying the purpose
5 of the Fund; requiring the Secretary of Labor to administer the Fund; requiring the
6 State Treasurer to hold the Fund and the Comptroller to account for the Fund;
7 specifying the contents of the Fund; specifying the purpose for which the Fund may
8 be used; providing for the investment of money in and expenditures from the Fund;
9 requiring the Director of Apprenticeship and Training to distribute certain grants
10 for a certain purpose; requiring the Director to establish application criteria for
11 programs receiving grants from the Fund; providing that only certain programs may
12 apply for a grant from the Fund; declaring the intent of the General Assembly;
13 defining certain terms; and generally relating to the Traditional Trade
14 Apprenticeship Fund.

15 BY adding to

16 Article – Labor and Employment

17 Section 11–606

18 Annotated Code of Maryland

19 (2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

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

22 **Article – Labor and Employment**

23 **11–606.**

24 **(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS**
25 **INDICATED.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(2) “FUND” MEANS THE TRADITIONAL TRADE APPRENTICESHIP**
2 **FUND.**

3 **(3) “PARTICIPANT” MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL PARTICIPATING IN A**
4 **TRADITIONAL TRADE APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM UNDER THIS SECTION WHO IS:**

5 **(I) AT LEAST 18 YEARS OLD AND UNDER THE AGE OF 30 YEARS;**

6 **(II) A RECENT VETERAN, AS DETERMINED BY THE**
7 **DEPARTMENT; OR**

8 **(III) CURRENTLY UNEMPLOYED AND ACTIVELY SEEKING WORK.**

9 **(4) “PROGRAM” MEANS A REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM**
10 **UNDER § 11-405 OF THIS TITLE THAT IS IN A TRADITIONAL TRADE.**

11 **(5) (I) “TRADITIONAL TRADE” MEANS A TRADE ESSENTIAL TO**
12 **HISTORIC PRESERVATION OR MAINTENANCE.**

13 **(II) “TRADITIONAL TRADE” INCLUDES:**

14 1. MASONRY;

15 2. FRAME AND FINISH CARPENTRY;

16 3. HISTORIC TRAIL WORK;

17 4. ROOFING;

18 5. MONUMENT RESTORATION; AND

19 6. PAINTING.

20 **(B) (1) THERE IS A TRADITIONAL TRADE APPRENTICESHIP FUND IN THE**
21 **DEPARTMENT.**

22 **(2) THE PURPOSE OF THE FUND IS TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FUNDS**
23 **FOR PROGRAMS IN THE STATE, AT THE CONCLUSION OF WHICH PARTICIPANTS MAY**
24 **BE:**

25 **(I) ELIGIBLE FOR FEDERAL EMPLOYMENT; AND**

1 **(II) QUALIFIED FOR PRIVATE SECTOR EMPLOYMENT IN THE**
2 **INDUSTRY FOR WHICH THE PARTICIPANT TRAINED.**

3 **(C) THE SECRETARY SHALL ADMINISTER THE FUND.**

4 **(D) (1) THE FUND IS A SPECIAL, NONLAPSING FUND THAT IS NOT**
5 **SUBJECT TO § 7-302 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE.**

6 **(2) THE STATE TREASURER SHALL HOLD THE FUND SEPARATELY,**
7 **AND THE COMPTROLLER SHALL ACCOUNT FOR THE FUND.**

8 **(E) THE FUND CONSISTS OF:**

9 **(1) FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDED TO THE STATE BY THE**
10 **FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FOR A PROGRAM;**

11 **(2) MONEY APPROPRIATED IN THE STATE BUDGET TO THE FUND; AND**

12 **(3) ANY OTHER MONEY FROM ANY OTHER SOURCE ACCEPTED FOR**
13 **THE BENEFIT OF THE FUND.**

14 **(F) THE FUND MAY BE USED ONLY FOR DISTRIBUTING GRANTS UNDER**
15 **SUBSECTION (G) OF THIS SECTION.**

16 **(G) (1) (I) THE DIRECTOR OF APPRENTICESHIP AND TRAINING SHALL**
17 **DISTRIBUTE GRANTS OF UP TO \$50,000 PER PARTICIPANT TO EXISTING PROGRAMS**
18 **IN FURTHERANCE OF THE FUND'S OBJECTIVES.**

19 **(II) THE DIRECTOR SHALL ESTABLISH APPLICATION CRITERIA**
20 **FOR PROGRAMS RECEIVING GRANTS FROM THE FUND.**

21 **(III) ONLY REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS UNDER §**
22 **11-405 OF THIS TITLE MAY APPLY FOR A GRANT FROM THE FUND.**

23 **(2) GRANTS FROM THE FUND SHALL BE USED TO PAY FOR UP TO**
24 **1-YEAR PAID APPRENTICESHIPS DURING WHICH PARTICIPANTS SHALL PERFORM**
25 **TRADITIONAL TRADE WORK ON HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROJECTS IN THE STATE.**

26 **(H) (1) THE STATE TREASURER SHALL INVEST THE MONEY OF THE FUND**
27 **IN THE SAME MANNER AS OTHER STATE MONEY MAY BE INVESTED.**

28 **(2) ANY INTEREST EARNINGS OF THE FUND SHALL BE CREDITED TO**
29 **THE GENERAL FUND OF THE STATE.**

1 **(I) EXPENDITURES FROM THE FUND MAY BE MADE ONLY IN ACCORDANCE**
2 **WITH THE STATE BUDGET.**

3 **(J) IT IS THE INTENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THAT \$2,000,000 OF**
4 **FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO THE STATE**
5 **FOR A PROGRAM ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2021, BE DISTRIBUTED TO THE FUND IF**
6 **THE PURPOSES OF THE PROGRAM ARE A PERMISSIBLE USE OF THE FEDERAL**
7 **FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.**

8 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
9 1, 2021.