

**SB0926/443920/1**

BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 926  
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, after “**Employment –**” insert “**Apprenticeships and Representation on the**”; in lines 2 and 3, strike “– **Representation**”; in line 6, after the semicolon insert “establishing the Apprenticeship 2030 Commission to examine and make recommendations to expand access to apprenticeship to reduce skill shortages in high-demand occupations and provide affordable training for career pathways for young people to participate in apprenticeships; requiring the Governor to include certain amounts in certain fiscal years in the annual budget bill for a certain purpose;”; and in the same line, after “to” insert “apprenticeships and”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, after line 18, insert:

“SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) (1) There is an Apprenticeship 2030 Commission.

(2) The purpose of the Commission is to examine and make recommendations to reduce skill shortages in high-demand occupations and provide affordable training for career pathways for young people by:

(i) expanding registered apprenticeships in industry sectors with skill shortages;

(ii) growing the number of registered apprenticeships from 11,000 in 2021 to at least 80,000 in 2030; and

(iii) reaching the Blueprint goal for 45% of high school graduates completing the High School Level of a registered apprenticeship.

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(3) The Commission shall focus on registered apprenticeships at all education levels with the goal of recruiting unemployed and underemployed people at least 18 years old into apprenticeships.

(b) The Commission consists of the following members:

(1) four Senators from the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee, the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee, and the Senate Finance Committee, appointed by the President of the Senate;

(2) four Delegates from the House Appropriations Committee, the House Economic Matters Committee, and the House Ways and Means Committee, appointed by the Speaker of the House;

(3) the Secretary of Labor, or the Secretary's designee;

(4) the Secretary of Commerce, or the Secretary's designee;

(5) the State Superintendent of Schools, or the Superintendent's designee;

(6) the Secretary of Higher Education, or the Secretary's designee;

(7) the Chair of the Governor's Workforce Development Board, or the Chair's designee;

(8) the Chair of the Maryland Apprenticeship and Training Council, or the Chair's designee;

(9) the Chair of the CTE Committee, or the Chair's designee; and

(10) four members designated by the President of the Maryland State and DC AFL-CIO, including individuals representing the building trades, health care workers, and public service unions.

(c) The chair of the Commission shall be elected by the members of the Commission.

(d) The Department of Legislative Services, with the assistance of staff from the State agencies represented on the Commission, shall provide staff for the Commission.

(e) A member of the Commission:

(1) may not receive compensation as a member of the Commission; but

(2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

(f) The Commission shall:

(1) identify occupational sectors with current or projected skill shortages, focusing on the largest sectors, including health care, information technology, public service, manufacturing, and business services;

(2) examine best practices for scaling registered apprenticeships with other states or countries;

(3) examine industries that would benefit from creating and scaling registered apprenticeships;

(4) explore degree apprenticeships in fields requiring degrees, including health care, teaching, and other public services;

(5) engage members of employer and labor communities to identify needs for registered apprenticeship career pathways;

(6) examine existing registered apprenticeships in the State and how best to scale State registered apprenticeships;

(7) identify what funding is needed to expand registered apprenticeship pathways, and how to best deploy dedicated funding; and

(8) make recommendations regarding:

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(i) specific goals by occupation and year, to reach 80,000 apprentices by 2030 and 45% of high school graduates in apprenticeships by 2031; and

(ii) strategies to achieve the goals, including:

1. recruiting new registered apprenticeship sponsors and apprentices for existing and new registered apprenticeships; and

2. appropriate funding.

(g) On or before December 31, 2023, the Commission shall report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, for each of fiscal years 2024 through 2026, the Governor shall include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of the following amounts to Employ Prince George's, a nonprofit entity located in Largo, Maryland, to provide workforce development services to at least 2,000 youth and adults in the community:

(1) for fiscal year 2024, \$1,030,030;

(2) for fiscal year 2025, \$1,106,996; and

(3) for fiscal year 2026, \$1,119,482.”;

in line 19, strike “2.” and substitute “4.”; and in line 20, after “2022.” insert “Section 2 of this Act shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 9 months and, at the end of June 30, 2024, Section 2 of this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.”.