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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Government – Office of Program Evaluation and Government**
3 **Accountability – Review of State Workforce Development Programs**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Office of Program Evaluation and Government
5 Accountability to conduct a certain review of the effectiveness and efficiency of the
6 State’s workforce development programs and submit a report to the General
7 Assembly on or before a certain date; ~~authorizing the Office to hire an independent~~
8 ~~consultant to conduct the review;~~ and generally relating to a review of State
9 workforce development programs.

10 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
11 That:

12 (a) On or before ~~December 1, 2023~~ June 1, 2024, the Office of Program Evaluation
13 and Government Accountability in the Department of Legislative Services shall:

14 (1) conduct a review of the effectiveness and efficiency of the State’s
15 workforce development programs; and

16 (2) for the period covering calendar years 2018 through 2022, submit a
17 report to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government
18 Article.

19 (b) ~~(1) The Office may hire an independent consultant to conduct the review~~
20 ~~and submit the report required under subsection (a) of this section.~~

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 ~~(2) If the Office hires an independent consultant under paragraph (1) of~~
2 ~~this subsection, the Maryland Department of Labor shall pay the costs of the independent~~
3 ~~consultant.~~

4 ~~(e)~~ The review conducted under subsection (a)(1) of this section shall include:

5 (1) conducting an inventory of each workforce development program or
6 service offered by a State agency or local public authority;

7 (2) for each program or service identified under item (1) of this subsection,
8 determining who is served and the eligibility requirements for the program or service; and

9 (3) determining whether any overlap, duplication, gaps, or fragmentation
10 exists among the programs and services.

11 ~~(d)~~ (c) The report submitted under subsection (a)(2) of this section shall include:

12 (1) a description of all workforce development programs run by a State
13 agency or local public authority identified under subsection ~~(e)(1)~~ (b)(1) of this section,
14 including an evaluation of whether there is any overlap or duplication of the program with
15 another program;

16 (2) the number of individuals receiving job training or job readiness
17 services at each location;

18 (3) the number of individuals placed in permanent jobs who maintain
19 employment for a year or more at each location; and

20 (4) an assessment of whether there are any gaps or fragmentation in the
21 populations served by programs or services under subsection ~~(e)(3)~~ (b)(3) of this section.

22 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
23 1, 2023. It shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and, at the end of June 30, 2025,
24 this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and
25 of no further force and effect.