

**Department of Legislative Services**  
Maryland General Assembly  
2023 Session

**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**  
**First Reader**

House Bill 1122

(Delegate Embry, *et al.*)

Appropriations

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**Maryland Construction Education and Innovation Fund - Funding - Alteration**

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This bill requires that, beginning fiscal 2025, the governor must include in the annual budget an appropriation of \$625,000 to support the operation of The Maryland Center for Construction Education and Innovation (MCCEI). **The bill takes effect July 1, 2023.**

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** State general fund expenditures increase by \$375,000 beginning FY 2025 for the bill's mandated appropriation to the fund. Special fund revenues and expenditures increase by corresponding amounts each year. **This bill increases a mandated appropriation beginning in FY 2025.**

(in dollars)	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
SF Revenue	\$0	\$375,000	\$375,000	\$375,000	\$375,000
GF Expenditure	\$0	\$375,000	\$375,000	\$375,000	\$375,000
SF Expenditure	\$0	\$375,000	\$375,000	\$375,000	\$375,000
Net Effect	\$0	(\$375,000)	(\$375,000)	(\$375,000)	(\$375,000)

*Note: () = decrease; GF = general funds; FF = federal funds; SF = special funds; - = indeterminate increase; (-) = indeterminate decrease*

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** Minimal. Small businesses in the construction industry may continue to benefit from the center's efforts.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** Chapter 34 of 2016 established the Construction Education and Innovation Fund to support MCCEI. MCCEI is a public-private partnership located at

Towson University that was established in 2010. It resulted from work performed by the Center for Industry Initiatives for Construction of the Governor's Workforce Investment Board (GWIB), which had convened a forum of industry stakeholders. GWIB provided MCCEI with grant funding of \$225,000 in each of fiscal 2013, 2014, and 2015, but GWIB ended its support for MCCEI afterward. Chapter 34 continued State support of MCCEI by mandating \$250,000 annually for the fund.

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## **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** Similar legislation has not been introduced within the last three years.

**Designated Cross File:** SB 922 (Senator Rosapepe) - Rules.

**Information Source(s):** Department of Budget and Management; Maryland Department of Labor; Department of Legislative Services

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