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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Works Contracts – Apprenticeship Requirements**
3 **(Maryland Workforce Apprenticeship Utilization Act)**

4 FOR the purpose of altering certain apprenticeship requirements relating to public works
5 contracts to require certain contractors and subcontractors to employ a certain
6 number of qualified apprentices or journeyworkers necessary to meet a certain
7 applicable percentage for the project; altering which projects are subject to certain
8 apprenticeship requirements; repealing certain provisions of law that authorize
9 contractors and subcontractors to make certain payments to a certain apprenticeship
10 program in lieu of employing certain apprentices; requiring the Secretary of Labor
11 to annually establish a certain applicable percentage; authorizing the Secretary to
12 waive certain requirements under certain circumstances; establishing that certain
13 apprenticeship requirements apply to the University System of Maryland and
14 Baltimore City Community College; and generally relating to apprenticeship
15 requirements for public works contracts.

16 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
17 Article – State Finance and Procurement
18 Section 11–203(e), 17–601, 17–602, 17–603, 17–604, 17–605, and 17–606
19 Annotated Code of Maryland
20 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

21 BY adding to

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 Article – State Finance and Procurement
 2 Section 17–601.1, 17–602.1, ~~17–604.1~~, 17–605.1, and 17–607
 3 Annotated Code of Maryland
 4 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

5 ~~BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,~~
 6 ~~Article – State Finance and Procurement~~
 7 ~~Section 17–602~~
 8 ~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~
 9 ~~(2021 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)~~

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

12 **Article – State Finance and Procurement**

13 11–203.

14 (e) (1) In this subsection, “University” means the University System of
 15 Maryland, Morgan State University, or St. Mary’s College of Maryland.

16 (2) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, this Division II does
 17 not apply to the University System of Maryland, Morgan State University, St. Mary’s
 18 College of Maryland, or Baltimore City Community College.

19 (3) (i) A procurement by a University or Baltimore City Community
 20 College shall comply with the policies and procedures developed by the University or
 21 Baltimore City Community College and approved by the Board of Public Works and the
 22 Administrative, Executive, and Legislative Review Committee of the General Assembly in
 23 accordance with:

- 24 1. § 12–112 of the Education Article for the University
 25 System of Maryland;
- 26 2. § 14–109 of the Education Article for Morgan State
 27 University;
- 28 3. § 14–405(f) of the Education Article for St. Mary’s College
 29 of Maryland; or
- 30 4. § 16–505.3 of the Education Article for Baltimore City
 31 Community College.

32 (ii) 1. The review and approval of the Board of Public Works
 33 shall be required for the following types of contracts with a value that exceeds \$1,000,000
 34 for a University or \$500,000 for Baltimore City Community College:

1 A. capital improvements; and

2 B. services.

3 2. In its review of a contract for services or capital
4 improvements with a value that exceeds \$1,000,000, the Board of Public Works may request
5 the comments of the appropriate agencies, including the Department of Budget and
6 Management and the Department of General Services.

7 3. For Baltimore City Community College contracts that are
8 not subject to the review and approval of the Board of Public Works under subparagraph
9 1 of this subparagraph:

10 A. contracts with a value of \$100,000 or less shall be reviewed
11 and approved by the President of Baltimore City Community College or the President's
12 designee; and

13 B. contracts with a value that exceeds \$100,000 but does not
14 exceed \$500,000 shall be approved by the Board of Trustees of Baltimore City Community
15 College.

16 (4) The policies of a University or Baltimore City Community College shall:

17 (i) to the maximum extent practicable, require the purchasing of
18 supplies and services in accordance with Title 14, Subtitle 1 of this article;

19 (ii) promote the purposes of the regulations adopted by the
20 Department of General Services governing the procurement of architectural and
21 engineering services;

22 (iii) promote the purposes of § 13-402 of the State Personnel and
23 Pensions Article;

24 (iv) to the maximum extent practicable, be similar to § 13-218.1 of
25 this article; and

26 (v) to the maximum extent practicable, require the procurement of
27 food in accordance with Title 14, Subtitle 7 of this article.

28 (5) (i) Except as provided in paragraph (7) of this subsection, the
29 following provisions of Division II of this article apply to a University and to Baltimore City
30 Community College:

31 1. § 11-205 of this subtitle ("Collusion");

32 2. § 11-205.1 of this subtitle ("Falsification, concealment,
33 etc., of material facts");

1 (iii) At the election of the Board of Regents of Morgan State
2 University and subject to the approval of the Board of Public Works, the State Board of
3 Contract Appeals shall have authority over contract claims related to procurement
4 contracts awarded by the University after June 30, 2004.

5 (iv) At the election of the Board of Trustees of St. Mary's College of
6 Maryland and subject to the approval of the Board of Public Works, the State Board of
7 Contract Appeals shall have authority over contract claims related to procurement
8 contracts awarded by St. Mary's College of Maryland after June 30, 2006.

9 (v) At the election of the Board of Trustees of Baltimore City
10 Community College and subject to the approval of the Board of Public Works, the State
11 Board of Contract Appeals shall have authority over contract claims related to procurement
12 contracts awarded by Baltimore City Community College after June 30, 2021.

13 (7) Except with regard to the provisions of § 15-113 of this article,
14 paragraphs (3), (4), and (5) of this subsection do not apply to:

15 (i) procurement by a University or Baltimore City Community
16 College from:

- 17 1. another unit;
- 18 2. a political subdivision of the State;
- 19 3. an agency of a political subdivision of the State;
- 20 4. a government, including the government of another state,
21 of the United States, or of another country;
- 22 5. an agency or political subdivision of a government; or
- 23 6. a bistate, multistate, bicounty, or multicounty
24 governmental agency;

25 (ii) procurement by a University in support of enterprise activities
26 for the purpose of:

- 27 1. direct resale;
- 28 2. remanufacture and subsequent resale; or
- 29 3. procurement by the University for overseas programs; or

30 (iii) procurement by the University System of Maryland for:

1 1. services of managers to invest, in accordance with the
2 management and investment policies adopted by the Board of Regents of the University
3 System of Maryland, gift and endowment assets received by the University System of
4 Maryland in accordance with § 12–104(e) of the Education Article; or

5 2. expenditures to manage, maintain, and enhance, in
6 accordance with the management and investment policies adopted by the Board of Regents
7 of the University System of Maryland, the value of gift and endowment assets received by
8 the University System of Maryland in accordance with § 12–104(e) of the Education Article.

9 17–601.

10 (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

11 **(B) “APPLICABLE PERCENTAGE” MEANS THE PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL**
12 **LABOR HOURS OF WORK ON A COVERED PROJECT, INCLUDING CONSTRUCTION,**
13 **ALTERATION, AND REPAIR WORK, PERFORMED BY AN APPRENTICE OR A**
14 **JOURNEYWORKER ESTABLISHED UNDER § 17–602.1 OF THIS SUBTITLE.**

15 **[(b)] (C)** “Apprenticeship training program” means an apprenticeship training
16 program that:

17 **(1)** is registered with, and approved by, the Apprenticeship and Training
18 Council or the U.S. Department of Labor; **AND**

19 **(2)** **COMPLIES WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF 29 C.F.R. PART 29 AND**
20 **PART 30.**

21 **[(c)] (D)** “Covered craft” means a classification of workers listed in the prevailing
22 wage determination applicable to the covered project.

23 **[(d)] (E)** “Covered project” means a project for the construction of a public work[,
24 as defined under § 17–201 of this title, that is valued at \$500,000 or more] **THAT IS**
25 **SUBJECT TO SUBTITLE 2 OF THIS TITLE.**

26 **[(e)] (F)** “Department” means the Maryland Department of Labor.

27 **[(f)] (G)** “Fund” means the State Apprenticeship Training Fund established
28 under § 17–602 of this subtitle.

29 **(H) “LABOR HOURS” MEANS THE TOTAL NUMBER OF HOURS DEVOTED TO**
30 **THE PERFORMANCE OF CONSTRUCTION, ALTERATION, OR REPAIR WORK BY ANY**
31 **INDIVIDUAL AND EXCLUDES HOURS WORKED BY:**

32 **(1) FOREMEN;**

1 (2) SUPERINTENDENTS;

2 (3) OWNERS; OR

3 (4) ANY PERSON EMPLOYED IN A BONA FIDE EXECUTIVE,
4 ADMINISTRATIVE, OR PROFESSIONAL CAPACITY, AS DEFINED IN 29 C.F.R. PART
5 541.

6 [(g)] (I) “Participates in an apprenticeship training program” means that a
7 contractor or subcontractor makes regular financial contributions for each covered craft to
8 apprenticeship training programs for covered crafts during the term of the covered project
9 that are at least equal to the hourly fringe benefit contribution rates required for
10 apprenticeship training by the applicable prevailing wage determination for the project, as
11 specified by the Secretary.

12 (J) “QUALIFIED APPRENTICE OR JOURNEYWORKER” MEANS AN
13 INDIVIDUAL WHO:

14 (1) HAS GRADUATED FROM A REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP
15 TRAINING PROGRAM WITHIN 3 YEARS BEFORE THE START DATE OF THE COVERED
16 PROJECT; OR

17 (2) IS PARTICIPATING IN ~~AN~~ A REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP
18 TRAINING PROGRAM.

19 (K) “QUALIFIED APPRENTICESHIP-CONNECTED PROGRAM” MEANS A
20 PREAPPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM OR WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM THAT:

21 (1) DEMONSTRATES THROUGH VERIFIABLE DATA OVER THE
22 PRECEDING 2 YEARS A CONSISTENT RECORD OF PLACING PARTICIPANTS INTO A
23 REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING PROGRAM; AND

24 (2) IS AFFILIATED WITH OR PROVIDES PARTICIPANTS WITH ACCESS
25 TO A REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING PROGRAM THAT HAS A COMPLETION
26 RATE OF AT LEAST 25%, AS DETERMINED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

27 [(h)] ~~(K)~~ (L) “Secretary” means the Secretary of Labor.

28 17-601.1.

29 ~~(A) THIS SUBTITLE APPLIES ONLY TO CONTRACTORS AND~~
30 ~~SUBCONTRACTORS WHO EMPLOY FOUR OR MORE INDIVIDUALS TO PERFORM WORK~~
31 ~~ON A COVERED PROJECT.~~

1 ~~(B)~~ **NOTHING IN THIS SUBTITLE MAY PREEMPT A LOCAL LAW OR POLICY**
 2 **PROVIDING FOR ADDITIONAL SKILLED AND TRAINED WORKFORCE REQUIREMENTS**
 3 **ON PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS.**

4 17-602.

5 (a) There is a State Apprenticeship Training Fund in the Department.

6 (b) The Fund consists of:

7 (1) payments made by contractors or subcontractors in accordance with
 8 this subtitle and Subtitle 6A of this title;

9 (2) penalties collected as a result of violations of this subtitle and Subtitle
 10 6A of this title; ~~and~~

11 (3) penalties collected as a result of violations of Title 14, Subtitle 8 of this
 12 article; AND

13 (4) ANY MONEY FROM ANY OTHER SOURCE ACCEPTED FOR THE
 14 BENEFIT OF THE FUND.

15 (c) The Fund is a special, nonlapsing fund that is not subject to § 7-302 of this
 16 article.

17 (d) The State Treasurer shall hold the Fund separately, and the Comptroller shall
 18 account for the Fund.

19 (e) The Secretary shall use money in the Fund to:

20 (1) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (F) OF THIS SECTION, promote OR
 21 SUPPORT preapprenticeship programs, APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS, and other
 22 workforce development programs ~~in the State's public secondary schools and community~~
 23 ~~colleges that assist students in preparing for and entering apprenticeship training~~
 24 ~~programs;~~ and

25 (2) pay any costs associated with carrying out the provisions of this subtitle
 26 and Subtitle 6A of this title or Title 14, Subtitle 8 of this article.

27 (F) FUNDS DISTRIBUTED UNDER SUBSECTION (E)(1) OF THIS SECTION
 28 SHALL BE AWARDED ONLY TO QUALIFIED APPRENTICESHIP-CONNECTED
 29 PROGRAMS.

30 17-602.1.

1 (A) FOR CONSTRUCTION ON A COVERED PROJECT FOR WHICH A PUBLIC
2 BODY ADVERTISES FOR BIDS OR PROPOSALS FOR A PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACT ON
3 OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2027, THE APPLICABLE PERCENTAGE IS 20%.

4 (B) (1) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, ~~2027~~ 2028, AND ~~EACH EVERY~~
5 OTHER DECEMBER 31 THEREAFTER, THE SECRETARY SHALL SET THE APPLICABLE
6 PERCENTAGE THAT WILL APPLY FOR THE FOLLOWING CALENDAR YEAR.

7 (2) THE APPLICABLE PERCENTAGE ADOPTED UNDER THIS
8 SUBSECTION SHALL BE BASED ON, OVER THE PREVIOUS 2 YEARS:

9 (I) ENROLLMENT IN STATE APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS; AND

10 (II) ACTUAL APPRENTICESHIP UTILIZATION ON PUBLIC WORKS
11 PROJECTS.

12 (C) THE SECRETARY MAY ALTER THE APPLICABLE PERCENTAGE FOR A
13 COVERED PROJECT TO MEET ANY RATIO REQUIREMENTS NECESSARY FOR
14 APPRENTICE OR JOURNEYWORKER SUPERVISION IN THE COVERED CRAFT.

15 17-603.

16 (a) A contractor that is awarded a procurement contract for a covered project shall
17 provide to a unit, as a condition of receiving the contract, written verification that:

18 (1) the contractor [participates in an apprenticeship training program for
19 each covered craft in which it will employ persons for the covered project] **IS EMPLOYING**
20 **THE NUMBER OF QUALIFIED APPRENTICES OR JOURNEYWORKERS FOR A COVERED**
21 **PROJECT NECESSARY TO MEET THE APPLICABLE PERCENTAGE FOR THE COVERED**
22 **PROJECT; OR**

23 (2) the contractor will make payments to the Fund IN ACCORDANCE WITH
24 § 17-605 OF THIS SUBTITLE]; or

25 (3) the contractor will make payments in amounts determined under §
26 17-605 of this subtitle to a registered apprenticeship program or to an organization that
27 has registered apprenticeship programs for the purpose of supporting these programs].

28 (b) The written verification required under subsection (a) of this section shall be
29 provided by a contractor to the unit responsible for the project before the contractor
30 commences performance under the procurement contract.

31 [(c) Organizations that have registered apprenticeship programs and receive
32 funds from contractors under subsection (a)(3) of this section shall certify to the Secretary

1 that all funds received are used solely for the purpose of improving or expanding
2 apprenticeship training in the State.

3 (d) The Secretary shall adopt regulations to establish a process for auditing
4 organizations that provide registered apprenticeship programs to ensure that all funds
5 received under subsection (a)(3) of this section are used solely to improve and expand
6 apprenticeship programs in the State.]

7 17-604.

8 (a) A subcontractor that performs work at a value exceeding the small
9 procurement amount specified in § 13-109 of this article for a covered project shall provide
10 to a unit written verification that:

11 (1) the subcontractor [participates in an apprenticeship training program
12 for each covered craft in which it will employ persons] **IS EMPLOYING THE NUMBER OF**
13 **QUALIFIED APPRENTICES OR JOURNEYWORKERS FOR A COVERED PROJECT**
14 **NECESSARY TO MEET THE APPLICABLE PERCENTAGE** for the covered project; **OR**

15 (2) the subcontractor will make payments to the Fund IN ACCORDANCE
16 WITH § 17-605 OF THIS SUBTITLE]; or

17 (3) the subcontractor will make payments in amounts determined under §
18 17-605 of this subtitle to a registered apprenticeship program or to an organization that
19 has registered apprenticeship programs for the purpose of supporting these programs].

20 (b) The written verification required under subsection (a) of this section shall be
21 provided by a subcontractor to the unit responsible for the project before the subcontractor
22 commences performance under the procurement contract.

23 [(c) Organizations that have registered apprenticeship programs and receive
24 funds from contractors under subsection (a)(3) of this section shall certify to the Secretary
25 that all funds received are used solely for the purpose of improving or expanding
26 apprenticeship training in the State.

27 (d) The Secretary shall adopt regulations to establish a process for auditing
28 organizations that provide registered apprenticeship programs to ensure that all funds
29 received under subsection (a)(3) of this section are used solely to improve and expand
30 apprenticeship programs in the State.]

31 ~~17-604.1.~~

32 ~~(A) IN THIS SECTION, "ALL APPLICABLE APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING~~
33 ~~PROGRAMS" MEANS EACH APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING PROGRAM THAT HAS A~~
34 ~~GEOGRAPHIC AREA OF OPERATION THAT INCLUDES THE LOCATION OF THE~~
35 ~~COVERED PROJECT AND HAS A USUAL AND CUSTOMARY BUSINESS PRACTICE OF~~

1 ~~ENTERING INTO AGREEMENTS WITH EMPLOYERS FOR THE PLACEMENT OF~~
2 ~~APPRENTICES IN THE COVERED CRAFT.~~

3 ~~(B) THE SECRETARY MAY WAIVE THE REQUIREMENTS UNDER § 17-603 OR~~
4 ~~§ 17-604 OF THIS SUBTITLE IF A CONTRACTOR OR SUBCONTRACTOR SUBMITS A~~
5 ~~WRITTEN WAIVER APPLICATION, INCLUDING ANY SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION~~
6 ~~REQUIRED BY THE SECRETARY, DEMONSTRATING THAT THE CONTRACTOR OR~~
7 ~~SUBCONTRACTOR:~~

8 ~~(1) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, HAS REQUESTED~~
9 ~~QUALIFIED APPRENTICES FROM ALL APPLICABLE APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING~~
10 ~~PROGRAMS; AND~~

11 ~~(2) FOR EACH REQUEST:~~

12 ~~(I) THE REQUEST HAS BEEN DENIED FOR A REASON THAT IS~~
13 ~~NOT THE RESULT OF A REFUSAL BY THE CONTRACTOR OR SUBCONTRACTOR TO~~
14 ~~COMPLY WITH THE ESTABLISHED STANDARDS AND REQUIREMENTS OF THE~~
15 ~~APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING PROGRAM; OR~~

16 ~~(II) THE APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING PROGRAM HAS FAILED TO~~
17 ~~RESPOND TO THE REQUEST WITHIN 10 BUSINESS DAYS AFTER THE DATE ON WHICH~~
18 ~~THE APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING PROGRAM RECEIVED THE REQUEST.~~

19 ~~(C) TO REQUEST QUALIFIED APPRENTICES FROM AN APPRENTICESHIP~~
20 ~~TRAINING PROGRAM, A CONTRACTOR OR SUBCONTRACTOR SHALL SUBMIT:~~

21 ~~(1) A REQUEST BY TELEPHONE AND IN WRITING SENT~~
22 ~~ELECTRONICALLY AND BY REGISTERED MAIL; AND~~

23 ~~(2) A REQUEST TO AN APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING PROGRAM WITH~~
24 ~~WHICH THE CONTRACTOR OR SUBCONTRACTOR DOES NOT HAVE AN EXISTING~~
25 ~~PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT, AT LEAST 90 CALENDAR DAYS BEFORE THE DATE THE~~
26 ~~CONTRACTOR OR SUBCONTRACTOR EXPECTS TO USE APPRENTICE LABOR.~~

27 17-605.

28 (a) (1) A contractor or subcontractor [that elects to make payments to the
29 Fund in accordance with this subtitle] shall make payments, as determined by the
30 Secretary, not to exceed 25 cents per hour for each employee in each covered craft who is
31 employed by the contractor or subcontractor on the covered project, IF THE CONTRACTOR
32 OR SUBCONTRACTOR:

1 (I) ELECTS TO MAKE PAYMENTS TO THE FUND IN ACCORDANCE
2 WITH THIS SUBTITLE; OR

3 (II) FAILS TO MEET THEIR FULL QUALIFIED APPRENTICE OR
4 JOURNEYWORKER UTILIZATION REQUIREMENT UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.

5 (2) If the prevailing wage determination for a covered craft includes a
6 fringe benefit contribution for apprenticeship programs that exceeds 25 cents, the
7 contractor or subcontractor shall pay the difference to the employees in the covered craft in
8 wages.

9 (3) Payments made under this section fulfill any obligations of the
10 contractor or subcontractor regarding contributions for apprenticeship programs included
11 in the prevailing wage determination under § 17-208 of this title.

12 (4) Payments made under paragraph (1) of this subsection are permissible
13 deductions under § 17-215(b) of this title.

14 (5) Payments made to the Fund in accordance with paragraph (1) of this
15 subsection shall be made on a monthly basis.

16 (b) (1) If the Secretary determines that a contractor or subcontractor for a
17 covered project has made contributions to an apprenticeship training program at rates
18 lower than those required by this subtitle, OR HAS FAILED TO SATISFY THE QUALIFIED
19 APPRENTICE AND JOURNEYWORKER UTILIZATION REQUIREMENT UNDER THIS
20 SUBTITLE, the contractor or subcontractor shall make payments to the Fund [for the]
21 EQUAL TO THE PRO RATA difference between its contribution and the contribution rate
22 required by this subtitle.

23 (2) Payments made to the Fund in accordance with paragraph (1) of this
24 subsection shall be made on a monthly basis.

25 (c) A contractor shall report all apprenticeship payments made under this
26 subtitle on prevailing wage payroll records required by § 17-220 of this title.

27 (d) (1) A contractor or subcontractor that makes contributions to the Fund, a
28 registered apprenticeship program, or an organization that has registered apprenticeship
29 programs may request that its contributions be directed to a specific preapprenticeship or
30 workforce development program.

31 (2) The Secretary shall make a good-faith effort to accommodate requests
32 received in accordance with paragraph (1) of this subsection.

33 **17-605.1.**

1 (A) WHILE CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY ON A COVERED PROJECT IS ONGOING,
2 EACH CONTRACTOR AND SUBCONTRACTOR PERFORMING WORK ON THE COVERED
3 PROJECT SHALL SUBMIT A MONTHLY REPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT THAT
4 INCLUDES:

5 (1) FOR EACH APPRENTICE OR JOURNEYWORKER:

6 (I) THE NAME OF THE APPRENTICE OR JOURNEYWORKER;

7 (II) THE NAME OF THE ASSOCIATED APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING
8 PROGRAM; AND

9 (III) THE APPRENTICE REGISTRATION OR IDENTIFICATION
10 NUMBER;

11 (2) THE TOTAL NUMBER OF APPRENTICES AND LABOR HOURS
12 WORKED, CATEGORIZED BY TRADE OR CRAFT; AND

13 (3) THE TOTAL NUMBER OF JOURNEYWORKERS AND LABOR HOURS
14 WORKED, CATEGORIZED BY TRADE OR CRAFT.

15 (B) WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER COMPLETING WORK ON A COVERED PROJECT,
16 EACH CONTRACTOR AND SUBCONTRACTOR SHALL SUBMIT TO THE DEPARTMENT:

17 ~~(1) A STATEMENT OF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF LABOR HOURS OF WORK~~
18 ~~ON A COVERED PROJECT, INCLUDING CONSTRUCTION, ALTERATION, AND REPAIR~~
19 ~~WORK, PERFORMED BY AN APPRENTICE OR JOURNEYWORKER; AND~~

20 ~~(2) IF APPLICABLE, A WRITTEN DECLARATION AND SUPPORTING~~
21 ~~DOCUMENTS JUSTIFYING ANY WAIVER RECEIVED UNDER § 17-604.1 OF THIS~~
22 ~~SUBTITLE.~~

23 (C) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL MAINTAIN ON ITS WEBSITE:

24 (1) DATA AGGREGATED FROM THE REPORTS RECEIVED UNDER
25 SUBSECTIONS (A) AND (B) OF THIS SECTION SHOWING THE USE OF QUALIFIED
26 APPRENTICES AND JOURNEYWORKERS ON COVERED PROJECTS; AND

27 ~~(2) DESCRIPTIONS OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF ANY WAIVER~~
28 ~~GRANTED UNDER § 17-604.1~~ PAYMENTS MADE BY EACH CONTRACTOR OR
29 SUBCONTRACTOR UNDER § 17-605 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

30 17-606.

1 (a) A contractor or subcontractor that fails to meet the requirements of this
2 subtitle shall be liable for an amount equal to:

3 (1) twice the amount of unpaid apprenticeship training contributions
4 required by ~~§§ 17-603 AND 17-604~~ OF this subtitle; AND

5 (2) ~~\$100 MULTIPLIED BY THE TOTAL LABOR HOURS FOR WHICH THE~~
6 ~~REQUIREMENT UNDER § 17-603 OF THIS SUBTITLE WAS APPLICABLE~~ A FINE OF UP
7 TO \$10,000.

8 (b) (1) In this subsection, “willfully” means representations or omissions
9 known to be false or made with deliberate ignorance or reckless disregard for their truth or
10 falsity.

11 (2) Any person, firm, or corporation that is found to have made willfully a
12 false or fraudulent representation or omission regarding a material fact in connection with
13 prevailing wage records required by this section shall be liable for a civil penalty in an
14 amount of up to \$1,000 for each employee and each falsified record.

15 (3) Penalties shall be recoverable [in civil actions and paid to the State]
16 ~~UNDER THE MARYLAND FALSE CLAIMS ACT BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY AND~~
17 PAID TO THE GENERAL FUND.

18 (c) (1) The Secretary shall adopt regulations to establish administrative
19 procedures for the collection of payments under this subtitle.

20 (2) (i) The Secretary may file suit to enforce this section in any court of
21 competent jurisdiction.

22 (ii) In an action filed under this subsection, the court shall require
23 the contractor or subcontractor to pay the amount required by subsection (a) of this section,
24 including interest, reasonable counsel fees, and court costs.

25 **17-607.**

26 **THE SECRETARY SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE**
27 **REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SUBTITLE.**

28 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
29 October 1, 2026.