



Maryland Senate – Budget and Tax Committee

Chair: Guy Guzzone

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Senate Bill 751 – Apprenticeship Start Up Act of 2020

Position: Oppose

Electrical Workers

Insulators

Boilermakers

United Association

Roofers

Cement Masons

Teamsters

Laborers

Bricklayers

Ironworkers

Sheet Metal Workers

Elevator Constructors

Painters

Operating Engineers

Carpenters

The Baltimore DC Metro Building Trades Council fully supports apprenticeship. We oppose senate bill 751. Apprenticeship training is the corner stone of our success in the highly competitive construction industry. Our model of joint labor and management sponsorship provides fully funded training scholarships for all of our apprentices. We firmly believe that apprenticeships should be industry funded and not totally reliant on grant funding through MD State tax dollars. Registered apprenticeships are jobs where workers “earn and learn.” While working on the job, employees receive one-on-one full-time training from a skilled craftsperson as well as related classroom instruction. An apprentice is “sponsored” by an employer or association and is paid according to a progressive pay scale. This is stated in the fiscal note of the bill. Senate Bill 751 is a "Field of Dreams" build it and they will come legislation. We ask the committee for an unfavorable report.

The following website links will provide more detailed information on what is currently required for apprentices and youth apprenticeships.

<https://www.dllr.state.md.us/> home website for MD DOL Dept. Labor Licensing Regulation

<https://www.dllr.state.md.us/employment/appr/youthappr.shtml> Youth apprenticeship purpose, history and links to information on employer and student success stories.

<https://www.dllr.state.md.us/labor/wages/empm.shtml> information on minor work permits, allowable age to enter the work force and prohibited hazardous occupations for minors, etc.

<https://www.dllr.state.md.us/employment/appr/youthapprforms.shtml> regulations and compliance forms for registration of a youth apprenticeship and reporting requirements. Thank you.

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