



- Electrical Workers
- Insulators
- Boilermakers
- United Association
- Plumbers & Gas Fitters
- Sprinkler Fitters
- Steam Fitters
- Roofers
- Cement Masons
- Teamsters
- Laborers
- Bricklayers
- Ironworkers
- Sheet Metal Workers
- Elevator Constructors
- Painters
- Operating Engineers
- Carpenters

## Maryland House of Delegates Economic Matters Committee

Chair: CT Wilson

Vice Chair: Brian M. Crosby

### House Bill 719 Employment of Minors – Work Permits – Information Sharing

Position: **Support**

The Baltimore DC Metro Building Trades Council supports House Bill 719. This bill allows the Commissioner of Labor to share information on any minor that has a work permit with prospective apprenticeships and employers for recruitment. Normally the Building Trades do not recruit minors that are still in high school, but some trades allow a 16 year old to work full time through their helper programs. We have employers that participate in youth apprenticeship programs for summer or part time work. Most of us have gotten a job through networking or knowing someone who knows someone that is hiring. As adolescents have not developed that network they rely on their parents, career counselors and posted job offerings in social media or newspapers. Access to these persons that have a work permit with a work history and perhaps a means of transportation to get to work deserve to broaden their opportunity in the job market.

We ask the committee for a favorable vote. Thank you.

Respectfully,

Jeffry Guido

Baltimore-DC Metro Building Trades Council

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