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BILL NO.: **SB 91**

TITLE: Workforce Development and Adult Learning – Leasing
Training Program – Establishment

SPONSOR: Senator McCray

COMMITTEE: Finance

POSITION: **SUPPORT**

DATE: February 1, 2024

Baltimore County **SUPPORTS** Senate Bill 91 – Workforce Development and Adult Learning – Leasing Training Program – Establishment. This legislation allocates \$250,000 for a Leasing Training Program Fund to train, prepare, and connect job seekers with careers in the residential housing industry. Program participants would be connected to qualified partners who have experience in training those in the rental housing industry and have experience as leasing professionals.

Currently, the Maryland Multi Housing Association (MMHA), headquartered in Baltimore County, operates the Leasing Training Academy in Baltimore and Prince George’s Counties – a 20-day training program to prepare individuals for employment opportunities in the leasing field and pairs them with landlords for employment opportunities. The Leasing Training Academy is currently funded by the Baltimore County Department of Economic and Workforce Development. Baltimore County has been an early supporter of this program, which has seen four classes graduate since the program’s commencement. This legislation presents an opportunity to replicate this successful program statewide, advancing both workforce development and supporting affordable housing expansion.

Accordingly, Baltimore County urges a **FAVORABLE** report on SB 91 from the House Environment and Transportation Committee. For more information, please contact Jenn Aiosa, Director of Government Affairs at jaiosa@baltimorecountymd.gov