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**SB 431 – Registered Apprenticeship Investments for a Stronger Economy
(RAISE) Act
Finance Committee
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Position: FAVORABLE WITH AMENDMENTS

AFSCME Council 3 represents 45,000 state, county, and municipal employees. When done properly, apprenticeships are meaningful job development programs that help employees go from apprentices to well-trained, permanent career employees. We appreciate the administration's willingness to address our concerns. We are working with our sisters and brothers at the MD/DC AFL-CIO to provide a comprehensive list of amendments that will ensure that we are maintaining the integrity of our registered apprenticeship programs in the state.

We urge the committee provide a favorable report with the AFL-CIO's amendments.

Thank you for your consideration.