



House Bill 507

Date: February 6, 2026

Committee: Judiciary

Position: Favorable

Founded in 1968, the Maryland Chamber of Commerce (Maryland Chamber) is a statewide coalition of more than 7,000 members and federated partners working to develop and promote strong public policy that ensures sustained economic growth and opportunity for all Marylanders.

House Bill 507 extends an appropriation for qualifying nonprofits to provide automotive repair training to formerly incarcerated individuals for one additional year. Maryland employers across industries continue to face challenges finding and retaining skilled workers. Programs supported through the appropriation help bridge this gap by providing job training, credentialing, and reentry services that connect individuals with the skills employers are actively seeking. These efforts expand the talent pipeline while promoting safer communities and stronger local economies. **For these reasons, the Maryland Chamber respectfully requests a favorable report on HB 507.**