

HOUSE BILL 1001

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By: **Delegate Bridges**

Introduced and read first time: February 10, 2023

Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore City – Workforce Development Automobile Insurance Subsidy**
3 **Program**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing the Baltimore City Workforce Development Automobile
5 Insurance Subsidy Program within the Division of Workforce Development and
6 Adult Learning to provide subsidies for private passenger automobile insurance to
7 eligible graduates; and generally relating to the Baltimore City Workforce
8 Development Automobile Insurance Subsidy Program.

9 BY adding to
10 Article – Labor and Employment
11 Section 11–607
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2016 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
15 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

16 **Article – Labor and Employment**

17 **11–607.**

18 **(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS**
19 **INDICATED.**

20 **(2) “ELIGIBLE GRADUATE” MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO MEETS THE**
21 **REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAM ESTABLISHED UNDER**
22 **SUBSECTION (D)(2) OF THIS SECTION.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



(3) "PROGRAM" MEANS THE BALTIMORE CITY WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE SUBSIDY PROGRAM.

(B) (1) THERE IS A BALTIMORE CITY WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE SUBSIDY PROGRAM IN THE DIVISION.

(2) THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO PROVIDE SUBSIDIES FOR PRIVATE PASSENGER AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE TO ELIGIBLE GRADUATES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION.

(C) THE DIVISION SHALL ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM.

(D) (1) THE PROGRAM SHALL PROVIDE A PRIVATE PASSENGER AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE PREMIUM SUBSIDY TO ELIGIBLE GRADUATES IN AN AMOUNT OF \$150 PER MONTH.

(2) TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE PROGRAM, AN INDIVIDUAL MUST:

(I) RESIDE IN BALTIMORE CITY;

(II) HAVE GRADUATED FROM A TRAINING PROGRAM THAT:

1. IS LOCATED IN BALTIMORE CITY;

2. DEMONSTRATES AN ABILITY TO PROVIDE VOCATIONAL TRAINING ON AN ONGOING BASIS; AND

3. IS REGISTERED OR LICENSED IN THE STATE TO PROVIDE VOCATIONAL TRAINING;

(III) HAVE A VALID STATE DRIVER'S LICENSE AT THE TIME OF APPLICATION;

(IV) BE AT LEAST 19 YEARS OLD AT THE TIME OF APPLICATION; AND

(V) CARRY OR SEEK TO CARRY PRIVATE PASSENGER AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE FROM AN INSURER LICENSED TO ISSUE MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE IN THE STATE.

(3) THE DIVISION MAY ARRANGE FOR SUBSIDY PAYMENTS UNDER THE PROGRAM TO BE REMITTED DIRECTLY TO MOTOR VEHICLE INSURERS.

(4) IF AN ELIGIBLE GRADUATE AWARDED A SUBSIDY UNDER THE PROGRAM WISHES TO CONTINUE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM, THE ELIGIBLE GRADUATE MUST APPLY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM EACH FISCAL YEAR.

(E) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER, THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET BILL AN APPROPRIATION OF \$5,000,000 FOR THE PROGRAM.

(F) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ESTABLISH:

(1) APPLICATION PROCEDURES;

(2) CRITERIA FOR SETTING PRIORITIES FOR APPLICATIONS UNDER THE PROGRAM;

(3) PROCEDURES FOR AWARDING SUBSIDIES UNDER THE PROGRAM;

(4) PROCEDURES FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF SUBSIDIES TO ELIGIBLE GRADUATES OR MOTOR VEHICLE INSURERS, AS APPROPRIATE; AND

(5) ANY OTHER PROCEDURES OR CRITERIA NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THIS SECTION.

(G) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1 EACH YEAR, BEGINNING IN 2025, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL SUBMIT TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY A REPORT THAT INCLUDES, FOR THE MOST RECENT CLOSED FISCAL YEAR:

(1) THE NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS WHO APPLIED FOR SUBSIDIES UNDER THE PROGRAM;

(2) THE NUMBER OF SUBSIDIES AWARDED;

(3) THE FUNDS REMAINING; AND

(4) THE TRAINING PROGRAMS DESCRIBED UNDER SUBSECTION (D)(2)(II) OF THIS SECTION ATTENDED BY APPLICANTS FOR THE PROGRAM.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2023. It shall remain effective for a period of 6 years and, at the end of September 30, 2029, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.