

SENATE BILL 879

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By: **Senator Rosapepe**

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Assigned to: Rules

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Job Help for All**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring a county board of education to distribute certain funds to a
4 local workforce development board beginning in a certain fiscal year; establishing
5 eligibility factors for a local workforce development board to receive a certain
6 percentage of certain funding; establishing calculations for the distribution of certain
7 funding; requiring the State, beginning in a certain fiscal year, to distribute a certain
8 percentage of funding to a local workforce development board according to a certain
9 formula; and generally relating to local workforce development boards.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
11 Article – Education
12 Section 5–213 and 7–127
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2022 Replacement Volume)

15 BY adding to
16 Article – Labor and Employment
17 Section 11–607
18 Annotated Code of Maryland
19 (2016 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

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

22 **Article – Education**

23 5–213.

24 (a) Each fiscal year, the State shall distribute the State share of the foundation
25 program to each county board.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



(b) Except as provided in subsections (c) and (d) of this section, each fiscal year, the county board shall distribute to each school the minimum school funding amount for the foundation program calculated under § 5–234 of this subtitle.

(c) (1) Each county board shall distribute to the local workforce development board for the county the following amount multiplied by the enrollment count in the county:

(i) For fiscal year 2024, \$62; and

(ii) For each [of] fiscal [years 2025 and 2026] **YEAR THEREAFTER**, the prior fiscal year amount increased by the inflation adjustment.

(2) The funds distributed under paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be used to support the Career Counseling Program for Middle and High School Students established under [§ 7–126] **§ 7–127** of this article that is provided [collaboratively] by the workforce development board[, the school,] **IN COLLABORATION WITH LOCAL SCHOOLS AND** any other relevant State or local agencies, **REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP SPONSORS**, and employers.

(3) On or before June 30, 2024, [and in each of the next 2 fiscal years] **AND EACH JUNE 30 THEREAFTER**, the local workforce development board, in collaboration with the county board and any other relevant State or local agencies, shall report to the Accountability and Implementation Board established under Subtitle 4 of this title on the use of the funds and the impact of the funds on providing career counseling.

(d) (1) In this [section] **SUBSECTION** the following words have the meanings indicated.

(2) “Collaborative time per pupil amount” means:

(i) For fiscal year 2026, \$163;

(ii) For fiscal year 2027, \$334;

(iii) For fiscal year 2028, \$512;

(iv) For fiscal year 2029, \$698;

(v) For fiscal year 2030, \$891;

(vi) For fiscal year 2031, \$1,093;

(vii) For fiscal year 2032, \$1,306;

(viii) For fiscal year 2033, \$1,527; and

(ix) For each fiscal year thereafter, the collaborative time per pupil amount in the prior fiscal year increased by the inflation adjustment.

(3) The collaborative time per pupil amount multiplied by the enrollment count in each county shall be distributed to and expended by schools in each county in accordance with Title 6, Subtitle 10 of this article and the county's collaborative time implementation plan approved by the Accountability and Implementation Board.

7-127.

(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

(2) "CTE Committee" means the Career and Technical Education Committee established under [§ 21-207] **§ 21-209** of this article.

(3) "Local career counseling agreement" means a memorandum of understanding between a county board, a local workforce development board, [a community college,] and, if appropriate, an American Job Center **FOR THE LOCAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD** to provide career counseling services **TO MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS**.

(4) "Program" means the Career Counseling Program for Middle and High School Students.

(b) (1) There is a Career Counseling Program for Middle and High School Students.

(2) The purpose of the Program is to provide each middle school and high school student in the county with individualized career counseling services.

(c) (1) Each county board shall enter into a local career counseling agreement with the local workforce development board[, the community college] that serves the county[, and, if appropriate, an American Job Center, **PROVIDING ACCESS TO ALL MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS**.

(2) Counseling provided under the local career counseling agreement shall help each student choose one or more post-college and career readiness pathways under § 7-205.1 of this title.

(d) Funding received by the county board for career counseling under **TITLE 5**, Subtitle 2 of this [title] **ARTICLE** shall be spent in accordance with the agreement.

(e) The CTE Committee shall conduct an evaluation of each local career counseling agreement for best practices and disseminate its findings to all county boards,

local workforce development boards, [community colleges,] and, if appropriate, American Job Centers in the State.

Article – Labor and Employment

11-607.

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

(2) “ASVAB” MEANS THE ARMED SERVICES VOCATIONAL APTITUDE BATTERY.

(3) “COUNTY PER CAPITA AMOUNT” MEANS THE AMOUNT CALCULATED UNDER SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION.

(4) “LOCAL SHARE OF THE COUNTY PER CAPITA AMOUNT” MEANS THE AMOUNT CALCULATED UNDER SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION.

(5) “STATE SHARE OF THE COUNTY PER CAPITA AMOUNT” MEANS THE AMOUNT CALCULATED UNDER SUBSECTION (E) OF THIS SECTION.

(6) “TOTAL PROGRAM AMOUNT” MEANS \$50,000,000.

(B) TO BE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE THE STATE SHARE OF THE COUNTY PER CAPITA AMOUNT:

(1) A LOCAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD SHALL:

(I) PROVIDE THE CAREER COUNSELING PROGRAM FOR MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS AS ESTABLISHED IN § 7-127 OF THE EDUCATION ARTICLE;

(II) PRIORITIZE APPRENTICESHIPS BEGINNING IN HIGH SCHOOL;

(III) AID EMPLOYERS AND APPRENTICESHIP SPONSORS IN ACCESSING ASVAB SCORES, ADMINISTERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 7-111 OF THE EDUCATION ARTICLE, AND RELEVANT STUDENT CONTACT INFORMATION;

(IV) PROVIDE CAREER COUNSELING SERVICES FOR ADULTS;
AND

1 (V) ESTABLISH A POLICY TO ALLOW IT TO COMBINE FUNDING
2 PROVIDED UNDER THE FEDERAL WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY
3 ACT WITH OTHER SOURCES FOR RELATED INSTRUCTION AND COSTS FOR
4 REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIPS IN OCCUPATIONS IDENTIFIED BY THE WORKFORCE
5 DEVELOPMENT BOARD AS EXPERIENCING A SHORTAGE OF SKILLED WORKERS; AND

6 (2) A COUNTY SHALL PROVIDE THE LOCAL SHARE OF THE COUNTY
7 PER CAPITA AMOUNT.

8 (C) THE COUNTY PER CAPITA AMOUNT OF A LOCAL WORKFORCE
9 DEVELOPMENT BOARD IS THE TOTAL PROGRAM AMOUNT MULTIPLIED BY THE SAME
10 PROPORTION USED TO DISTRIBUTE FISCAL YEAR 2022 FEDERAL WORKFORCE
11 INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY ACT FUNDS TO LOCAL WORKFORCE
12 DEVELOPMENT BOARDS IN THE STATE.

13 (D) THE LOCAL SHARE OF THE COUNTY PER CAPITA AMOUNT FOR EACH
14 ELIGIBLE LOCAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD IS EQUAL TO THE COUNTY PER
15 CAPITA AMOUNT MULTIPLIED BY THE SAME PROPORTION AS THE LOCAL SHARE OF
16 THE FOUNDATION PROGRAM UNDER § 5-213 OF THE EDUCATION ARTICLE FOR
17 THAT COUNTY.

18 (E) THE STATE SHARE OF THE COUNTY PER CAPITA AMOUNT FOR EACH
19 ELIGIBLE LOCAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD IS EQUAL TO THE COUNTY PER
20 CAPITA AMOUNT MULTIPLIED BY THE SAME PROPORTION AS THE STATE SHARE OF
21 THE FOUNDATION PROGRAM UNDER § 5-213 OF THE EDUCATION ARTICLE FOR
22 THAT COUNTY.

23 (F) BEGINNING IN FISCAL YEAR 2025 AND IN EACH FISCAL YEAR
24 THEREAFTER, THE STATE SHALL DISTRIBUTE THE STATE SHARE OF THE COUNTY
25 PER CAPITA AMOUNT TO AN ELIGIBLE LOCAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD.

26 (G) THE DIVISION SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS FOR THE APPLICATION AND
27 DISTRIBUTION PROCESS UNDER THIS SECTION.

28 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
29 1, 2023.