

SENATE BILL 413

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By: **Senator Rosapepe**

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Assigned to: Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Apprenticeship 2030 Commission**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Apprenticeship 2030 Commission to examine and
4 make recommendations to expand access to apprenticeships to reduce skill shortages
5 in high-demand occupations and provide affordable training for career pathways for
6 young people to participate in apprenticeships; and generally relating to the
7 Apprenticeship 2030 Commission.

8 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
9 That:

10 (a) (1) There is an Apprenticeship 2030 Commission.

11 (2) The purpose of the Commission is to examine and make
12 recommendations to reduce skill shortages in high-demand occupations and provide
13 affordable training for career pathways for young people by:

14 (i) expanding registered apprenticeships in industry sectors with
15 skill shortages;

16 (ii) growing the number of registered apprenticeships from 11,000 in
17 2021 to at least 80,000 in 2030; and

18 (iii) reaching the Blueprint goal for 45% of high school graduates
19 completing the High School Level of a registered apprenticeship.

20 (3) The Commission shall focus on registered apprenticeships at all
21 education levels with the goal of recruiting unemployed and underemployed people at least
22 18 years old into apprenticeships.

23 (b) The Commission consists of the following members:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



(1) four Senators from the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee, the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee, and the Senate Finance Committee, appointed by the President of the Senate;

(2) four Delegates from the House Appropriations Committee, the House Economic Matters Committee, and the House Ways and Means Committee, appointed by the Speaker of the House;

(3) the Secretary of Labor, or the Secretary's designee;

(4) the Secretary of Commerce, or the Secretary's designee;

(5) the State Superintendent of Schools, or the Superintendent's designee;

(6) the Secretary of Higher Education, or the Secretary's designee;

(7) the Chair of the Governor's Workforce Development Board, or the Chair's designee;

(8) the Chair of the Maryland Apprenticeship and Training Council, or the Chair's designee;

(9) the Chair of the CTE Committee, or the Chair's designee; and

(10) four members designated by the President of the Maryland State and DC AFL–CIO, including individuals representing the building trades, health care workers, and public service unions.

(c) The chair of the Commission shall be elected by the members of the Commission.

(d) The Department of Legislative Services, with the assistance of staff from the State agencies represented on the Commission, shall provide staff for the Commission.

(e) A member of the Commission:

(1) may not receive compensation as a member of the Commission; but

(2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

(f) The Commission shall:

(1) identify occupational sectors with current or projected skill shortages, focusing on the largest sectors, including health care, information technology, public service, manufacturing, and business services;

(2) examine best practices for scaling registered apprenticeships with other states or countries;

(3) examine industries that would benefit from creating and scaling registered apprenticeships;

(4) explore degree apprenticeships in fields requiring degrees, including health care, teaching, and other public services;

(5) engage members of employer and labor communities to identify needs for registered apprenticeship career pathways;

(6) examine existing registered apprenticeships in the State and how best to scale State registered apprenticeships;

(7) identify what funding is needed to expand registered apprenticeship pathways, and how to best deploy dedicated funding; and

(8) make recommendations regarding:

(i) specific goals by occupation and year, to reach 80,000 apprentices by 2030 and 45% of high school graduates in apprenticeships by 2031; and

(ii) strategies to achieve the goals, including:

1. recruiting new registered apprenticeship sponsors and apprentices for existing and new registered apprenticeships; and

2. appropriate funding.

(g) On or before December 1, 2023, the Commission shall report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2023. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of June 30, 2024, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.