

HOUSE BILL 1247

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CF SB 121

By: **Delegate Guyton**

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Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **More Opportunities for Career-Focused Students Act of 2023**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring certain county boards of education to consider the pursuit of
4 certain certificates, certifications, or apprenticeships as the equivalent of pursuing
5 postsecondary education and provide a method for certain individuals to authorize
6 the release of certain student information to certain apprenticeship sponsors and
7 employers; requiring each public high school to inform students of certain
8 employment and skills training opportunities in a certain manner; requiring a
9 county board to pay for a student to take an apprenticeship entrance exam or
10 industrial certification exam under certain circumstances; and generally relating to
11 career education and apprenticeships.

12 BY adding to
13 Article – Education
14 Section 4–142
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2022 Replacement Volume)

17 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
18 Article – Education
19 Section 7–203.1
20 Annotated Code of Maryland
21 (2022 Replacement Volume)

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

24 **Article – Education**
25 **4–142.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "PLATFORM" MEANS A COLLEGE AND CAREER
2 READINESS SOFTWARE PROGRAM THAT HELPS SCHOOL SYSTEMS AND SCHOOLS
3 ALIGN STUDENT STRENGTHS AND INTERESTS TO POSTSECONDARY GOALS AND
4 CAREERS.

5 (B) A COUNTY BOARD THAT USES A PLATFORM SHALL:

6 (1) CONSIDER THE PURSUIT OF A VOCATIONAL CERTIFICATE, AN
7 INDUSTRY CERTIFICATION, OR AN APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM AS THE EQUIVALENT
8 OF PURSUING POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION; AND

9 (2) PROVIDE IN THE PLATFORM A METHOD FOR A STUDENT OR A
10 STUDENT'S PARENT OR GUARDIAN TO CHOOSE TO AUTHORIZE THE RELEASE OF THE
11 STUDENT'S PERSONAL INFORMATION AND PLATFORM RESULTS TO:

12 (I) APPRENTICESHIP SPONSORS REGISTERED WITH THE
13 DIVISION OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND ADULT LEARNING UNDER § 11-405
14 OF THE LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT ARTICLE; AND

15 (II) EMPLOYERS REGISTERED WITH THE MARYLAND
16 DEPARTMENT OF LABOR OR LOCAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARDS.

17 (C) EACH PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL SHALL, IN THE SAME MANNER IN WHICH
18 THE SCHOOL INFORMS STUDENTS OF POSTSECONDARY EDUCATIONAL OPTIONS,
19 INFORM STUDENTS OF EMPLOYMENT AND SKILLS TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES
20 AVAILABLE THROUGH:

21 (1) APPRENTICESHIP SPONSORS REGISTERED WITH THE DIVISION
22 OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND ADULT LEARNING UNDER § 11-405 OF THE
23 LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT ARTICLE; AND

24 (2) EMPLOYERS REGISTERED WITH THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT
25 OF LABOR OR LOCAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARDS.

26 7-203.1.

27 (a) (1) [For fiscal years 2003 and 2004, the Department shall distribute grants
28 to Tier I counties, as defined in § 1-101 of the Economic Development Article, for the
29 administration of the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test to 10th grade students.

30 (2)] For fiscal year 2005 and each subsequent fiscal year, the Department
31 shall distribute grants to each county for the administration of the Preliminary Scholastic
32 Aptitude Test to 10th grade students.

1 **[(b)] (2)** Subject to the availability of funding in the State budget, the amount of
2 each county's grant shall be in an amount sufficient for the administration of the test to all
3 10th grade students in the county.

4 **(B) (1) (I) IN THIS SUBSECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE**
5 **MEANINGS INDICATED.**

6 **(II) "APPRENTICESHIP ENTRANCE EXAM" MEANS THE**
7 **TRADE-SPECIFIC ASSESSMENT USED TO EVALUATE A STUDENT'S BASIC APTITUDE**
8 **BEFORE THE STUDENT BEGINS THE PRACTICAL AND TECHNICAL TRAINING PHASE**
9 **OF AN APPRENTICESHIP.**

10 **(III) "INDUSTRIAL CERTIFICATION EXAM" MEANS THE**
11 **INDUSTRY-RECOGNIZED ASSESSMENT THAT DOCUMENTS A STUDENT'S**
12 **PERFORMANCE AND ACHIEVEMENT OF INDUSTRY STANDARDS AND RESULTS IN THE**
13 **RECEIPT OF A CERTIFICATE, A LICENSE, OR ANY OTHER CREDENTIAL.**

14 **(2) IF A COUNTY BOARD PAYS FOR ANY STUDENT TO TAKE AN**
15 **ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAMINATION, A PRELIMINARY SCHOLASTIC APTITUDE**
16 **TEST/NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP QUALIFYING TEST, OR A SCHOLASTIC**
17 **APTITUDE TEST, THE COUNTY BOARD SHALL PAY FOR A STUDENT TO TAKE AN**
18 **APPRENTICESHIP ENTRANCE EXAM OR INDUSTRIAL CERTIFICATION EXAM.**

19 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
20 1, 2023.