

SENATE BILL 876

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By: **Senators Klausmeier, Colburn, Ferguson, King, Manno, Miller, Muse, Peters, Pugh, Raskin, and Rosapepe**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education – Summer Career Academy Pilot Program**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Summer Career Academy Pilot Program and
4 identifying the purpose of the Program; requiring the State Department of
5 Education to develop certain criteria for the selection of eligible school systems
6 and eligible students for participation in the Program; requiring the
7 Department to collaborate with certain entities to develop criteria for eligible
8 employers; authorizing the State Superintendent of Schools to select certain
9 school systems to participate in the Program; authorizing certain county
10 superintendents to select a certain number of students in certain years to
11 participate in the Program; requiring a student selected to participate in the
12 Program to be assigned a certain counselor and a certain employment
13 opportunity and to receive a certain stipend; authorizing certain students to
14 choose to receive certain monetary awards on completion of the Program;
15 providing that funding for the Program be as provided in the State budget;
16 requiring the Department to reduce the number of participating students if
17 sufficient funds are not provided; requiring the Department to submit a certain
18 report on or before certain dates including certain information; providing for the
19 termination of this Act; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the
20 Summer Career Academy Pilot Program.

21 BY adding to

22 Article – Education

23 Section 7–205.2

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 Annotated Code of Maryland
2 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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

5 **Article – Education**

6 **7–205.2.**

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

9 (2) “ELIGIBLE EMPLOYER” MEANS AN EMPLOYER THAT HAS A
10 POSITION AVAILABLE FOR A HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT OVER THE SUMMER AND
11 MEETS THE CRITERIA DEVELOPED UNDER SUBSECTION (C)(2) OF THIS SECTION.

12 (3) “ELIGIBLE SCHOOL SYSTEM” MEANS A LOCAL SCHOOL
13 SYSTEM THAT HAS A LARGE NUMBER OF STUDENTS WHO ARE NOT ON TRACK TO
14 MEET THE MARYLAND COLLEGE AND CAREER READY STANDARDS IN HIGH
15 SCHOOL, AS DETERMINED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

16 (4) “ELIGIBLE STUDENT” MEANS A STUDENT WHO IS INTERESTED
17 IN OBTAINING WORKFORCE SKILLS AND TRAINING AND IS:

18 (I) REQUIRED TO TAKE A TRANSITION COURSE UNDER §
19 7–205.1 OF THIS SUBTITLE;

20 (II) STRUGGLING TO ACHIEVE MATHEMATICS COMPETENCY
21 IN ALGEBRA II BEFORE GRADUATION, AS DETERMINED BY A GUIDANCE
22 COUNSELOR AT THE STUDENT’S SCHOOL; OR

23 (III) STRUGGLING TO ACHIEVE COLLEGE AND CAREER
24 READINESS BEFORE GRADUATION, AS DETERMINED BY A GUIDANCE
25 COUNSELOR AT THE STUDENT’S SCHOOL, AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH CRITERIA
26 DEVELOPED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

27 (5) “PROGRAM” MEANS THE SUMMER CAREER ACADEMY PILOT
28 PROGRAM.

29 (B) (1) THERE IS A SUMMER CAREER ACADEMY PILOT PROGRAM IN
30 THE STATE.

31 (2) THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO PROVIDE STUDENTS
32 WHO ARE INTERESTED IN OBTAINING WORKFORCE SKILLS AND TRAINING AND

1 WHO ARE STRUGGLING ACADEMICALLY TO MEET GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS
2 AN OPPORTUNITY TO ADVANCE THE SKILLS OF THE STATE'S WORKFORCE
3 DURING SUMMER EMPLOYMENT AND TO GROW THE STATE'S ECONOMY
4 THROUGH THE PROMOTION OF SUSTAINABLE EMPLOYMENT FOR STUDENTS
5 AFTER GRADUATION.

6 (C) (1) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DEVELOP CRITERIA FOR THE
7 SELECTION OF:

8 (I) ELIGIBLE SCHOOL SYSTEMS; AND

9 (II) ELIGIBLE STUDENTS.

10 (2) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL COLLABORATE WITH THE
11 DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING, AND REGULATION, THE DEPARTMENT OF
12 BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
13 BUSINESS COMMUNITY TO DEVELOP CRITERIA FOR AND IDENTIFY ELIGIBLE
14 EMPLOYERS.

15 (D) (1) THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT MAY SELECT UP TO FOUR
16 ELIGIBLE SCHOOL SYSTEMS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM FOR A PERIOD
17 OF 3 YEARS.

18 (2) (I) FOR THE SUMMER OF 2015, EACH COUNTY
19 SUPERINTENDENT FROM AN ELIGIBLE SCHOOL SYSTEM MAY SELECT UP TO 60
20 STUDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM.

21 (II) FOR THE SUMMERS OF 2016 AND 2017, EACH COUNTY
22 SUPERINTENDENT FROM AN ELIGIBLE SCHOOL SYSTEM MAY SELECT UP TO 100
23 STUDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM.

24 (E) A STUDENT SELECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM:

25 (1) SHALL BE ASSIGNED A SUMMER CAREER COUNSELOR TO
26 ASSIST WITH THE PROGRAM;

27 (2) SHALL BE ASSIGNED A SUMMER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
28 WITH AN ELIGIBLE EMPLOYER;

29 ~~(2)~~ (3) SHALL RECEIVE A STIPEND OF UP TO \$4,500 FOR THE
30 SUMMER THAT IS PROPORTIONAL TO THE TIME WORKED; AND

31 ~~(3)~~ (4) ON SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE PROGRAM, MAY
32 CHOOSE TO RECEIVE:

1 **(I) A \$500 COMPLETION GRANT; OR**

2 **(II) A \$2,000 SCHOLARSHIP TOWARD THE COST OF TUITION**
3 **AT AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE STATE.**

4 **(F) (1) FUNDING FOR THE PROGRAM SHALL BE AS PROVIDED IN THE**
5 **STATE BUDGET.**

6 **(2) IF IN ANY YEAR SUFFICIENT FUNDS ARE NOT PROVIDED IN**
7 **THE STATE BUDGET TO FULLY FUND THE STIPENDS AND COMPLETION GRANTS**
8 **OR SCHOLARSHIPS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (E) OF THIS SECTION, THE**
9 **DEPARTMENT SHALL REDUCE THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN**
10 **THE PROGRAM ACCORDINGLY.**

11 **(G) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1 OF THE YEARS 2015 THROUGH 2017,**
12 **THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE**
13 **WITH § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE GENERAL**
14 **ASSEMBLY, REGARDING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PROGRAM INCLUDING:**

15 **(1) THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN THE**
16 **PROGRAM FROM EACH ELIGIBLE SCHOOL SYSTEM;**

17 **(2) WAGE INFORMATION REGARDING PAYMENTS DISBURSED TO**
18 **STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN THE PROGRAM;**

19 ~~**(3)**~~ **(3) FEEDBACK FROM STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN THE**
20 **PROGRAM ON WAYS TO IMPROVE THE PROGRAM;**

21 ~~**(4)**~~ **(4) THE TYPES OF WORKFORCE SKILLS AND TRAINING**
22 **THAT THE STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN THE PROGRAM WERE ABLE TO**
23 **ACQUIRE; AND**

24 ~~**(5)**~~ **(5) RECOMMENDATIONS TO EXPAND OR DISCONTINUE THE**
25 **PROGRAM.**

26 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
27 July 1, 2014. It shall remain effective for a period of 4 years and, at the end of June 30,
28 2018, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be
29 abrogated and of no further force and effect.