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LCO No. 4849



Referred to Committee on COMMERCE

Introduced by:
(CE)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE EXPANSION OF APPRENTICESHIP
TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2023*) (a) The Office of Workforce
2 Strategy shall develop an apprenticeship program to ensure access to
3 training for careers in mechatronics, cybersecurity, three dimensional
4 printing, Internet of things and chartered global management
5 accounting.

6 (b) The Office of Workforce Strategy shall:

7 (1) Consult with related businesses on an ongoing basis to assess the
8 hiring needs of such businesses;

9 (2) Develop an application for prospective enrollees in the
10 apprenticeship program developed pursuant to this section;

11 (3) Partner with regional workforce development boards and
12 institutions of higher education to offer apprenticeship programs;

13 (4) Develop a series of career pathways to ensure that workers have

14 the ability to vertically advance their careers; and

15 (5) Partner with associated training providers to track and report
16 performance outcomes of participants in the apprenticeship program.

17 (c) Upon completion of the apprenticeship training program,
18 enrollees may opt to have their information provided to businesses as
19 prospective employees.

20 (d) Not later than July 1, 2024, and annually thereafter, the Office of
21 Workforce Strategy shall submit a report, in accordance with the
22 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, on the apprenticeship
23 program developed pursuant to subsections (a) to (c), inclusive, of this
24 section to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having
25 cognizance of matters relating to commerce, education, higher
26 education and employment advancement, and labor and public
27 employees. Such report may include information on the (1)
28 apprenticeship program completion and job placement rate of
29 individuals participating in such program, and (2) starting wages and
30 wage growth of individuals employed after participating in the
31 apprenticeship program.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2023	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To require the Office of Workforce Strategy to develop an apprenticeship program to ensure access to training for certain careers.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]