

# HOUSE BILL 653

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By: **Delegate Qi**

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Assigned to: Economic Matters

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Joint Committee on Workforce Development**

3 FOR the purpose of creating a Joint Committee on Workforce Development; specifying the  
4 membership of the Committee; providing that members of the Committee serve at  
5 the pleasure of the appointing officer; providing for the appointment of cochairs of  
6 the Committee; establishing the powers and duties of the Committee; requiring the  
7 Committee to submit a certain report to the Governor and the General Assembly on  
8 or before a certain date each year; and generally relating to the Joint Committee on  
9 Workforce Development.

10 BY adding to

11 Article – State Government  
12 Section 2–10A–16  
13 Annotated Code of Maryland  
14 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

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

17 **Article – State Government**

18 **2–10A–16.**

19 **(A) THERE IS A JOINT COMMITTEE ON WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT.**

20 **(B) THE COMMITTEE CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING 10 MEMBERS:**

21 **(1) FIVE MEMBERS OF THE SENATE OF MARYLAND, APPOINTED BY**  
22 **THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE; AND**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           **(2) FIVE MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, APPOINTED BY**  
2 **THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE.**

3           **(C) THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE SERVE AT THE PLEASURE OF THE**  
4 **PRESIDING OFFICER WHO APPOINTED THEM.**

5           **(D) THE PRESIDENT AND THE SPEAKER SHALL APPOINT A SENATOR AND A**  
6 **DELEGATE, RESPECTIVELY, EACH TO SERVE AS COCHAIR.**

7           **(E) THE COMMITTEE SHALL:**

8                   **(1) EVALUATE THE CONDITION OF MARYLAND'S PUBLIC AND**  
9 **PRIVATE SECTOR WORKFORCE;**

10                   **(2) MONITOR WORKFORCE SKILLS SHORTAGES;**

11                   **(3) IDENTIFY STRATEGIES TO EXPAND EMPLOYMENT**  
12 **OPPORTUNITIES AND INCREASE INCOME FOR MARYLANDERS THROUGH**  
13 **WORKFORCE SKILLS POLICIES;**

14                   **(4) MONITOR WORKFORCE EDUCATIONAL TRAINING FUNDED ON A**  
15 **FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL LEVEL AND IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR; AND**

16                   **(5) REVIEW AND EVALUATE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF PROGRAMS,**  
17 **POLICIES, AND PRACTICES, INCLUDING:**

18                           **(I) CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION PROGRAMS IN**  
19 **PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND INSTITUTIONS OF POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION;**

20                           **(II) YOUTH APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS; AND**

21                           **(III) REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS.**

22           **(F) THE COMMITTEE SHALL HAVE REVIEW OVER:**

23                   **(1) CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION PROGRAMS;**

24                   **(2) WORKFORCE PROGRAMS UNDER THE MARYLAND HIGHER**  
25 **EDUCATION COMMISSION;**

26                   **(3) THE MARYLAND APPRENTICESHIP AND TRAINING PROGRAM;**

27                   **(4) THE GOVERNOR'S WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD; AND**

1           **(5) OTHER WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS IN THE STATE.**

2           **(G) THE COMMITTEE SHALL REPORT ITS FINDINGS AND**  
3 **RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1257 OF**  
4 **THIS TITLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31 EACH YEAR.**

5           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
6 October 1, 2021.