

# SENATE BILL 419

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By: **Senators Serafini, Edwards, and Salling**  
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Assigned to: Finance

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Labor and Employment – Grant Program for Workforce Skills Assessment**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Grant Program for Workforce Skills Assessment in the  
4 Maryland Department of Labor; providing for the purpose of the Program;  
5 authorizing the Governor to include an annual appropriation to the Program in the  
6 State budget; requiring the Department to implement and administer the Program;  
7 requiring the Department to adopt certain regulations; defining a certain term; and  
8 generally relating to the Grant Program for Workforce Skills Assessment.

9 BY adding to

10 Article – Labor and Employment  
11 Section 11–605  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (2016 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

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

16 **Article – Labor and Employment**

17 **11–605.**

18 (A) IN THIS SECTION, “PROGRAM” MEANS THE GRANT PROGRAM FOR  
19 WORKFORCE SKILLS ASSESSMENT.

20 (B) THERE IS A GRANT PROGRAM FOR WORKFORCE SKILLS ASSESSMENT  
21 IN THE DEPARTMENT.

22 (C) THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL  
23 ASSISTANCE TO AN EMPLOYER FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF ASSESSMENTS THAT

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 MEASURE WORKPLACE OR JOB-RELATED SKILLS OF EMPLOYEES WHO ARE STATE  
2 RESIDENTS.

3 (D) THE GOVERNOR MAY INCLUDE IN THE STATE BUDGET AN ANNUAL  
4 APPROPRIATION TO THE PROGRAM.

5 (E) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL IMPLEMENT AND ADMINISTER THE  
6 PROGRAM IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION.

7 (F) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THIS  
8 SECTION, INCLUDING REGULATIONS TO:

9 (1) DEVELOP REQUIREMENTS FOR GRANT APPLICATIONS;

10 (2) DEVELOP A PROCESS FOR REVIEWING GRANT APPLICATIONS AND  
11 AWARDING GRANTS TO ELIGIBLE EMPLOYERS; AND

12 (3) DETERMINE A CAP FOR THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF A GRANT THAT  
13 AN ELIGIBLE EMPLOYER MAY RECEIVE EACH YEAR.

14 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
15 October 1, 2020.