

SENATE BILL 949

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By: **Senator Serafini**

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Assigned to: Rules

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CHAPTER _____

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

10 BY adding to

11 Article – Labor and Employment

12 Section 11–603

13 Annotated Code of Maryland

14 (2016 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

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

17 **Article – Labor and Employment**

18 **11–603.**

19 **(A) IN THIS SECTION, “PROGRAM” MEANS THE GRANT PROGRAM FOR**

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 **WORKFORCE SKILLS ASSESSMENT.**

2 **(B) THERE IS A GRANT PROGRAM FOR WORKFORCE SKILLS ASSESSMENT**
 3 **IN THE DEPARTMENT.**

4 **(C) THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL**
 5 **ASSISTANCE TO AN EMPLOYER FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF ASSESSMENTS THAT**
 6 **MEASURE WORKPLACE OR JOB-RELATED SKILLS OF EMPLOYEES WHO ARE STATE**
 7 **RESIDENTS.**

8 **(D) THE GOVERNOR MAY INCLUDE IN THE STATE BUDGET AN ANNUAL**
 9 **APPROPRIATION TO THE PROGRAM.**

10 **(E) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL IMPLEMENT AND ADMINISTER THE**
 11 **PROGRAM IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION.**

12 **(F) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THIS**
 13 **SECTION, INCLUDING REGULATIONS TO:**

14 **(1) DEVELOP REQUIREMENTS FOR GRANT APPLICATIONS;**

15 **(2) DEVELOP A PROCESS FOR REVIEWING GRANT APPLICATIONS AND**
 16 **AWARDING GRANTS TO ELIGIBLE EMPLOYERS; AND**

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

19 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect**
 20 **October 1, 2019.**

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.