

(f) If the Department identifies an employer that is likely to experience large losses in employment or a reduction in operations, the Department shall confidentially contact the employer and offer the assistance of the Department in providing alternative employment and retraining opportunities, including coordinating the delivery of available State and federal resources and services.

(g) The Secretary shall adopt regulations to implement the provisions of this subtitle.

Subtitle 4. Planned Apprenticeship Standards and On-the-Job Training Activities.

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The intent, purposes and objectives of this subtitle are to:

(1) encourage the development of an apprenticeship and training system through the voluntary cooperation of management, labor, and interested State agencies in cooperation with other states and the federal government;

(2) provide for the establishment and furtherance of standards of apprenticeship and training to safeguard the welfare of apprentices and trainees;

(3) contribute to a healthy economy by aiding in the development and maintenance of a skilled labor force sufficient in numbers and quality to meet the expanding needs of Maryland industry and to attract new industry;

(4) open to young people the opportunity to obtain training in skilled trades and other on-the-job occupations which will equip them for profitable employment and citizenship;

(5) establish an apprenticeship and training council and authorize the appointment of a Director;

(6) set up a program of planned apprenticeship under registered agreements, meeting standards established by the Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training, U.S. Department of Labor;

(7) promote employment opportunities for young people under conditions providing adequate training and reasonable earnings; and

(8) subject to § 2-1312 of the State Government Article, provide for periodic reports to the Governor, the General Assembly, and the public regarding the status of apprenticeship training in this State.

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Subject to the evaluation and reestablishment provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act, provisions of this subtitle creating the Apprenticeship and Training Council and related to the regulation of apprentices and trainees are of no effect after July 1, 2004.