

(a) The Apprenticeship and Training Council, hereby created as part of the Division of Labor and Industry, shall consist of seven members all of whom shall be appointed by the Governor of Maryland, with the advice of the Secretary of Licensing and Regulation and with the advice and consent of the Senate of Maryland. Three of the members shall be representatives of employee organizations; three shall be representatives of employers and one shall be appointed from the general public. The membership of the Council shall include black representation. Consultants to the Council shall include black representation. One member shall be appointed as chairman by the Governor, with the advice of the Secretary of Licensing and Regulation, and serve as chairman at the pleasure of the Governor. The State Director of Vocational Education and the State Supervisor of the Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training, U.S. Department of Labor, shall serve as consultants to the Council, without vote. The Governor, with the advice of the Secretary of Licensing and Regulation, is authorized to appoint up to three additional consultants to the Council from the public at large.

(b) All appointments as members of the Council shall be for terms of four years.]

[52.

The members of the Council shall receive per diem compensation as provided in the State budget for each day actually engaged in the discharge of their official duties as well as reimbursement for expenses in accordance with the standard travel regulations. The Council shall operate under the administrative direction of the Commissioner of Labor. The director of apprenticeship and training shall act as secretary.]

[53.

(a) The duties of the Council shall be to:

(1) Determine the apprenticeability of trades in the State of Maryland;

(2) Encourage the establishment of local apprenticeship committees where such committees are needed; and to approve their programs;

(3) Formulate and adopt standards of apprenticeship which safeguard the welfare of apprentices, being guided, but not controlled by the standards of apprenticeship recommended by the federal committee on apprenticeship; and provide guidance and counsel on the establishment of other forms of on-the-job training;

(4) Formulate policies for the overall apprenticeship program;