

coordinating the delivery of available State and federal resources and services. [In addition, the Department, with the approval of the employer, shall contact the Department of Economic and Community Development to provide whatever assistance is deemed appropriate.]

(g) The Secretary [of Employment and Training] shall adopt regulations to implement the provisions of this [subheading] SUBTITLE.

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

[7-401.] 3-401.

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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