

CHAPTER 292

(Senate Bill 406)

AN ACT concerning

Partnership for Workforce Quality

FOR the purpose of establishing a Partnership for Workforce Quality Program within the Department of Economic and Employment Development; creating a Partnership for Workforce Quality Advisory Board; providing for the duties of this Board; specifying the terms of the initial members of the Board; providing for the administration of the Partnership for Workforce Quality Program; providing that the Program applies only to certain Maryland-based employers--of--a certain--size; providing for the availability of certain business assistance services; providing certain funding mechanisms for certain job specific training assistance; limiting the use of certain funds to certain costs associated with training; providing for a certain reporting requirement; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Partnership for Workforce Quality Program and Advisory Board.

BY adding to

Article 83A - Department of Economic and Employment
Development
Section 3-501 through 3-504 to be under the new subtitle
"Subtitle 5. Partnership for Workforce Quality"
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1988 Replacement Volume)

Preamble

WHEREAS, Rapid technological change and increasing international competition demand that workforce skills be continually updated; and

WHEREAS, The lack of a productive and well trained workforce diminishes the competitiveness of Maryland business and can result in the loss of employment for Maryland workers; and

WHEREAS, Upgraded skills can provide workers ~~and-potential~~ workers with increased productivity and earnings, job stability, and long-term career advancement; and