

WHEREAS, The long-term development and maintenance of a skilled and productive workforce will require a partnership of business, labor, government, and education at the State and local level; now, therefore,

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

Article 83A - Department of Economic and Employment Development

SUBTITLE 5. PARTNERSHIP FOR WORKFORCE QUALITY

3-501.

(A) THERE IS A PARTNERSHIP FOR WORKFORCE QUALITY PROGRAM WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND EMPLOYMENT DEVELOPMENT.

(B) THE PARTNERSHIP FOR WORKFORCE QUALITY PROGRAM SHALL PROVIDE TRAINING SERVICES:

(1) TO IMPROVE THE COMPETITIVENESS AND PRODUCTIVITY OF MARYLAND'S WORKFORCE AND BUSINESS COMMUNITY;

(2) TO UPGRADE EMPLOYEE SKILLS FOR NEW TECHNOLOGIES OR PRODUCTION PROCESSES; AND

(3) TO ASSIST MARYLAND BUSINESSES IN PROMOTING EMPLOYMENT STABILITY.

3-502.

(A) (1) THERE IS A PARTNERSHIP FOR WORKFORCE QUALITY ADVISORY BOARD AS PART OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND EMPLOYMENT DEVELOPMENT--AND--ORGANIZED--AS--A--SUBCOMMITTEE--OF--THE GOVERNOR'S-EMPLOYMENT-AND-TRAINING-COUNCIL.

(2) (I) THE BOARD SHALL CONSULT ON A REGULAR BASIS WITH THE GOVERNOR'S EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING COUNCIL CONCERNING THE ACTIVITIES OF THE PARTNERSHIP FOR WORKFORCE QUALITY PROGRAM.

(II) THE BOARD SHALL SUBMIT A QUARTERLY REPORT ON THE PROGRAM TO THE GOVERNOR'S EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING COUNCIL.

{2} (3) THE BOARD CONSISTS OF 15 MEMBERS, APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR, WITH THE ADVICE OF THE SECRETARY OF ECONOMIC AND EMPLOYMENT DEVELOPMENT AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE GOVERNOR'S EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING COUNCIL.

{3} (4) THE BOARD MEMBERSHIP SHALL INCLUDE: