

(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.

11-402.

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.

11-403.

(a) (1) There is an Apprenticeship and Training Council as part of the Department. The Council consists of 12 members all of whom shall be appointed by the Governor of Maryland, with the advice of the Secretary and with the advice and consent of the Senate of Maryland.

(2) Four of the members shall be representatives of employee organizations; 1 shall be an employee; 5 shall be representatives of employers and 2 shall be appointed from the general public.

(3) The membership of the Council shall include representation by black, female, and handicapped persons. Consultants to the Council shall include representation by black, female, and handicapped persons.

(4) In advising the Governor, the Secretary shall give consideration to a balanced geographic representation from all of Maryland and a representative sampling and mix of Maryland industry.