

In order to assure compliance with federal laws governing wages, hours, and working conditions, the Maryland Apprenticeship and Training Council will request recognition of its standards and activities by the Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training, U.S. Department of Labor, and if necessary, make such adjustments in its standards and procedures as will assure conformity.

Subtitle 5. Maryland Job Training Partnership Act.

11-501.

This subtitle may be referred to as the "Maryland Job Training Partnership Act".

11-502.

(a) It is State policy to coordinate all the resources available from federal, State and local governments, business, labor, and community based organizations to foster and promote a balanced, equitable, and cost-effective employment and training system. To effectuate this policy there shall be consultation between the Governor and the General Assembly in implementing the federal Job Training Partnership Act and this subtitle.

(b) It is the State's goal to assist its citizens in obtaining gainful employment and in reducing dependence on public assistance and unemployment insurance programs by:

(1) preparing unskilled youth and adults who are economically disadvantaged for entry into the work force;

(2) retraining those who have lost jobs and who must upgrade or replace their work skills; and

(3) providing training and related services to increase the employability of those who encounter barriers to employment.

(c) It is also the State's goal to develop a well trained productive work force which meets the needs of a changing economy by:

(1) developing and ensuring maximum utilization of timely statewide labor market information;

(2) linking employment and training services with economic development efforts;

(3) providing enhanced employment and training capabilities specially designed to meet the needs of business and industry, including industries that utilize advanced technology applications; and

(4) encouraging and initiating innovative employment and training strategies.

11-503.

(a) In this subtitle the definitions set forth in § 4 of the federal act shall apply; definitions set forth below shall have the meanings indicated.