

Sincerely,
Parris N. Glendening
Governor

Senate Bill No. 454

AN ACT concerning

Pilot Program for Long-Term Employment of Qualified Ex-Felons

FOR the purpose of creating a Pilot Program for Long-Term Employment of Qualified Ex-Felons; requiring the Department of ~~Public Safety and Correctional Services~~ Labor, Licensing, and Regulation to establish the pilot program in consultation with the Governor's Workforce Investment Board; requiring the Department to purchase certain bonds for a certain number of qualified ex-felons each year and to provide certain bonds to certain one-stop career centers; requiring that the pilot program be implemented by certain one-stop career centers in a certain number of Workforce Investment Areas; requiring a one-stop center that participates in the pilot program to work with certain entities to encourage referral and participation of qualified ex-felons, to provide certain outreach and education, and to develop a certain evaluation process; requiring a one-stop center to apply to the Department for designation as a pilot program location; requiring the Department in consultation with the Governor's Workforce Investment Board to designate certain one-stop centers as pilot program locations and to consider certain information; allowing a credit against the State income tax for certain wages paid by certain business entities with respect to certain ex-felon employees; providing for the calculation and use of the credit; defining certain terms; requiring a certain addition modification if a certain credit is claimed; requiring a certain certification prior to claiming the credit; prohibiting an employer from claiming the credit under certain circumstances; providing for the administration of the tax credits; requiring the Department of ~~Public Safety and Correctional Services~~ Labor, Licensing, and Regulation to adopt certain regulations; requiring the Comptroller to adopt certain regulations; providing for the application of this Act; providing for the termination of this Act; providing for the effective date of certain provisions of this Act; providing for the termination of certain provisions of this Act; and generally relating to the Pilot Program for Long-Term Employment of Qualified Ex-Felons.

BY adding to

Article - Labor and Employment Section 11-701 through 11-705 to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 7. Pilot Program for the Long-Term Employment of Qualified Ex-Felons"

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1999 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article - Correctional Services