

**CHAPTER 144**

**(House Bill 281)**

AN ACT concerning

**Youth Work Experience Program – Repeal**

FOR the purpose of repealing the Youth Work Experience Program within the Department of Economic and Employment Development.

BY repealing

Article 89 – Miscellaneous Business, Work, and Safety Provisions

Section 26

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1991 Replacement Volume)

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

**Article 89 – Miscellaneous Business, Work, and Safety Provisions**

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(a) (1) To the extent that State funds are made available under Section 24(b) of this subtitle, the Secretary of Economic and Employment Development may provide grants to private industry councils or administrative entities of the service delivery areas designated under the federal act for the operation of the Youth Work Experience Program authorized under this section.

(2) Grants shall be made available for the purpose of providing private sector employment experiences designed to develop the future employability and job skills of participating individuals.

(b) Individuals participating in the Youth Work Experience Program may work 12 or fewer hours each week, over a period of 9 or fewer months in any State fiscal year.

(c) In order to be eligible to participate in the Youth Work Experience Program, an individual must:

(1) Be economically disadvantaged, as defined in the federal act;

(2) Be either a high school student enrolled and attending the junior or senior year of high school, or a high school dropout 16 to 21 years of age who has either returned to and is attending high school on a full-time basis, or has enrolled in and is presently participating in an alternative education program leading to a high school diploma or its equivalent; and

(3) Meet and maintain minimum statewide academic performance standards to be established by the State Superintendent of Education and the Secretary of Economic and Employment Development. The establishment of these minimum