

10-702.

(a) (3) "Enterprise zone" [means an area designated under Article 83A, § 5-402 of the Code] **HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 5-701 OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ARTICLE.**

(6) "Focus area" has the meaning stated in [Article 83A, § 5-401 of the Code] **§ 5-701 OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ARTICLE.**

(b) (1) Any business entity that is located in an enterprise zone and satisfies the requirements of [Article 83A, § 5-404 of the Code] **§ 5-707 OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ARTICLE** may claim a credit only against the State income tax for the wages specified in subsections (c) and (d) of this section that are paid in the taxable year for which the entity claims the credit.

(2) A business entity that is located in a focus area and satisfies the requirements of [Article 83A, § 5-404 of the Code] **§ 5-707 OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ARTICLE** may claim a credit only against the State income tax for the wages specified in subsection (e) of this section that are paid to a focus area employee in the taxable year for which the entity claims the credit.

(3) An organization that is exempt from taxation under § 501(c)(3) or (4) of the Internal Revenue Code may apply the credit under this section as a credit against income tax due on unrelated business taxable income as provided under §§ 10-304 and 10-812 of this title.

(c) If a business entity does not claim an enhanced tax credit under subsection (e) of this section for a focus area employee, for the taxable year in which a business entity satisfies the requirements of [Article 83A, § 5-404 of the Code] **§ 5-707 OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ARTICLE**, a credit is allowed that equals:

- (1) up to \$3,000 of the wages paid to each qualified employee who:
 - (i) is an economically disadvantaged individual; and
 - (ii) is not hired to replace an individual whom the business entity employed in that or any of the 3 preceding taxable years; and
- (2) up to \$1,000 of the wages paid to each qualified employee who:
 - (i) is not an economically disadvantaged individual; and