

HOUSE BILL 415

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By: **Delegate Rosenberg**

Introduced and read first time: January 30, 2019

Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Medical Assistance Employment Initiative Pilot Program**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Medical Assistance Employment Initiative Pilot
4 Program in the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation; providing that
5 participation in the Pilot Program is voluntary and may not be construed to impose
6 a certain requirement; providing for the purposes of the Pilot Program; requiring the
7 Secretary of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation to administer the Pilot Program in
8 collaboration with the Maryland Department of Health; requiring the Secretary to
9 collect certain data for certain purposes; authorizing the Secretary to collaborate
10 with employers for certain purposes; requiring the Governor to include in the annual
11 budget for certain fiscal years a certain appropriation for the Pilot Program; defining
12 a certain term; requiring the Secretary to report to the Governor and the General
13 Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act;
14 providing for a delayed effective date; and generally relating to the Medical
15 Assistance Employment Initiative Pilot Program.

16 BY adding to

17 Article – Labor and Employment

18 Section 11–1001 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 10. Medical Assistance
19 Employment Initiative Pilot Program”

20 Annotated Code of Maryland

21 (2016 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

22 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

23 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

24 **Article – Labor and Employment**

25 **SUBTITLE 10. MEDICAL ASSISTANCE EMPLOYMENT INITIATIVE PILOT PROGRAM.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 11-1001.

2 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "PILOT PROGRAM" MEANS THE MEDICAL
3 ASSISTANCE EMPLOYMENT INITIATIVE PILOT PROGRAM.

4 (B) THERE IS A MEDICAL ASSISTANCE EMPLOYMENT INITIATIVE PILOT
5 PROGRAM IN THE DEPARTMENT.

6 (C) PARTICIPATION IN THE PILOT PROGRAM IS VOLUNTARY AND MAY NOT
7 BE CONSTRUED TO IMPOSE AN EMPLOYMENT REQUIREMENT ON A STATE RESIDENT
8 ENROLLED IN THE MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

9 (D) THE PURPOSES OF THE PILOT PROGRAM ARE TO:

10 (1) IDENTIFY WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR
11 PILOT PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS;

12 (2) GATHER INFORMATION FROM STATE AGENCIES ON EXISTING
13 WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS;

14 (3) GATHER AND EVALUATE INFORMATION ON VOLUNTARY
15 WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS FOR MEDICAID RECIPIENTS IN OTHER
16 STATES;

17 (4) ESTABLISH A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR COORDINATING
18 EFFORTS AND RESOURCES TO PROVIDE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
19 OPPORTUNITIES TO PILOT PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS; AND

20 (5) IMPLEMENT A WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FOR PILOT
21 PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS THAT:

22 (I) FOCUSES ON SPECIFIC LABOR FORCE NEEDS IN THE STATE;

23 (II) HAS THE GOAL OF REDUCING THE NUMBER OF
24 ABLE-BODIED INDIVIDUALS DEPENDING ON SOCIAL PROGRAMS; AND

25 (III) INCREASES THE EARNING CAPACITY, ECONOMIC STABILITY,
26 AND SELF-SUFFICIENCY OF PARTICIPANTS SO THAT, AMONG OTHER BENEFITS, THE
27 PARTICIPANT IS ABLE TO SECURE PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE.

28 (E) THE SECRETARY SHALL ADMINISTER THE PILOT PROGRAM IN
29 COLLABORATION WITH THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH.

1 **(F) THE SECRETARY SHALL COLLECT THE DATA NECESSARY TO EVALUATE**
2 **THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PILOT PROGRAM IN INCREASING THE EARNING**
3 **CAPACITY, ECONOMIC STABILITY, AND SELF-SUFFICIENCY OF PARTICIPANTS.**

4 **(G) THE SECRETARY MAY COLLABORATE WITH EMPLOYERS TO TRAIN AND**
5 **PLACE PILOT PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS IN POSITIONS THAT MEET THE POLICY**
6 **OBJECTIVES OF SUBSECTION (D)(5) OF THIS SECTION.**

7 **(H) FOR FISCAL YEARS 2021, 2022, AND 2023, THE GOVERNOR SHALL**
8 **INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET AN APPROPRIATION OF \$250,000 FOR THE PILOT**
9 **PROGRAM.**

10 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, on or before November 1,
11 2023, the Secretary of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation shall report to the Governor and,
12 in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly on the
13 implementation of this Act.

14 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
15 1, 2020. It shall remain effective for a period of 4 years and, at the end of June 30, 2024,
16 this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and
17 of no further force and effect.