



The Career and Technology Education Committee described in SB868 performs duplicative functions as the state’s CTE Advisory Committee. The Maryland CTE Advisory Committee is led by the Maryland Business Roundtable for Education and is composed of similar members identified in SB868. The MSDE regularly collaborates with the Governor’s Workforce Development Board, Maryland Department of Labor, Maryland Department of Commerce, Maryland Higher Education Commission, community colleges, local school systems, and employers to inform the direction and implementation of CTE. It is unclear how the function of the Career and Technology Education Committee would differ from practices that are currently implemented by the MSDE.

SB868 does not address how the MSDE is currently implementing CTE, which already includes many components identified in the Bill. For example, the Bill highlights apprenticeships as an essential element of CTE. In 2018, the MSDE established Apprenticeship Maryland as a CTE program of study. The MSDE works closely with the Maryland Department of Labor and local school systems to engage employers and expand apprenticeship opportunities for all students. All of Maryland’s CTE programs of study provide the opportunity for students to earn industry-recognized credentials and/or college credit. The MSDE is adding a military CTE program of study and is incorporating ASVAB testing. As a result, the intent of SB868 is already being addressed.

We respectfully request that you consider this information as you deliberate **SB 868**. For further information, please contact Tiffany Johnson Clark, at 410-260-6028, or [tiffany.clark1@maryland.gov](mailto:tiffany.clark1@maryland.gov).