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TO: FINANCE COMMITTEE
FROM: ASSOCIATED BUILDERS AND CONTRACTORS
RE: S.B. 795- YOUTH APPRENTICESHIP 2.0 ACT OF 2020
POSITION: SUPPORT

Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC) supports S.B. 795 which is before you today for consideration. The bill creates a High School Level of Registered Youth Apprenticeships Program within the Maryland Department of Labor. This will enable high school students to accelerate their acquisition of occupational skills and work experience.

As a leader in the construction apprenticeship program field, ABC has found that the earlier students are exposed to the opportunities available in our industry, the more likely they are to pursue this field as a career path. There is currently a shortage of skilled workers in all the trades and S.B. 795 would prove to be an additional stimulus for getting students engaged.

On behalf of the over 1,500 ABC business members in Maryland, we respectfully request a favorable report on S.B. 795.

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