

# **SB205\_MATC\_Letter of Support.pdf**

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**Committee:** Senate Finance

**Bill Title:** *Division of Workforce Development and Adult Learning - Apprenticeship and Training Council - Sunset Extension*

**Re:** Letter of Support

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Chair Kelley and members of the Senate Finance Committee,

On behalf of the Maryland Apprenticeship and Training Council, I am writing to offer support for SB205, *Division of Workforce Development and Adult Learning (DWDAL)- Apprenticeship and Training Council - Sunset Extension*.

This critical bill proposes to reauthorize the designation of the Department of Labor's DWDAL as the State Apprenticeship Agency (SAA) in addition to reauthorizing the Maryland Apprenticeship and Training Council (MATC). The bill shifts the sunset from July 1, 2024 to July 1, 2034.

I currently serve as Chairman of the MATC and have been a member of the Council since 2014. The MATC consists of 12 members, all of whom are appointed by the Governor with consent from the Senate of Maryland. The Council is responsible for significant oversight functions of Maryland's Apprenticeship system. Primarily, it makes recommendations regarding the formulation and adoption of standards of apprenticeship, which safeguard the welfare of apprentices and ensure alignment with all State and federal regulations related to apprenticeship, licensing, and more.

As a long-standing member of the Council and Registered Apprenticeship community, I attest to the importance of passing SB205 and reauthorizing the MATC for our State. Under DWDAL and MATC's leadership, Maryland has seen tremendous gains in the number of apprentices, number of new programs, diversity of apprentices, and the overall quality of apprenticeship programs in the State.

Passage of this bill is critical to the continuation of DWDAL and MATC's efforts to expand and diversify Registered Apprenticeship in MD, and to maintain the high quality of these opportunities.

As Chairman of the MATC, I respectfully ask for a favorable report from the committee on SB205.

Thank you for your consideration.

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# **SB205\_MDL\_Letter of Support.pdf**

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## Senate Bill 205

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SB205, *Division of Workforce Development and Adult Learning (DWDAL)- Apprenticeship and Training Council - Sunset Extension*, proposes to reauthorize the designation of the Department of Labor's DWDAL as the State Apprenticeship Agency (SAA), overseeing the duties of the Maryland Apprenticeship and Training Council (MATC), shifting the sunset from July 1, 2024 to July 1, 2034.

While 24 states allow for their Registered Apprenticeship (RA) systems to receive oversight directly from the U.S. Department of Labor's Office of Apprenticeship (OA), Maryland is one of 30 states and territories with SAA designation. Other states, such as Colorado, are actively transitioning to SAA authority, as it provides access to additional funding and the ability to be more responsive to the needs of the business and jobseeker communities.

The bill is critical to the continuation of DWDAL's robust efforts to expand and diversify Registered Apprenticeship. As the authorized SAA, DWDAL is poised to apply for, and secure, federal discretionary funding designed *exclusively* for scaling Registered Apprenticeships at the state level. With greater access to funding, MD Labor can directly and more effectively respond to business needs by granting seed funding for new program activities and providing enhanced technical assistance, grounded in knowledge of Maryland rules and regulations.

During the Hogan administration, the Maryland Apprenticeship and Training Program was transferred internally at MD Labor from the Division of Labor and Industry to the DWDAL, allowing for stronger integration with the State's workforce system. **During DWDAL's tenure as the SAA, Registered Apprenticeship metrics have greatly improved.** Immediately prior to the last sunset review period in December 2012, the number of Registered Apprentices in Maryland was 7,645. As of December 31, 2021, Maryland has **11,404** Registered Apprentices and 181 active RA sponsors, marking the highest number of active programs in over a decade, including **two straight years of 10,000+ apprentices** registered for the first time in State history. As the SAA, DWDAL has also successfully worked with businesses to expand into new industries, such as healthcare and information technology, in addition to expanding opportunities for returning citizens, individuals with disabilities, women, and minorities.

With this information, the Department respectfully asks for a favorable report from the committee and stands ready to answer any questions the committee may have.

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