

House Bill 942 – Apprenticeship Pilot Program – Apprenticeship Maryland

This bill establishes a youth apprenticeship pilot program called Apprenticeship Maryland.

The goal is to prepare students to enter the workforce by providing on-site employment training and related classroom instruction needed to obtain a license or certification for a skilled occupation.

Program development in 2015; the program officially begins in the summer of 2016 and terminates in 2018.

Program Development Instructions:

- The Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE), DLLR, the Department of Business and Economic Development (DBED), and representatives of the business community = develop program criteria for and identify a list of eligible employers.
- MSDE, DLLR and the Public School Superintendents Association of Maryland, must develop criteria for selecting **two local school systems**
 - o Up to 60 juniors or seniors from each local school jurisdiction (not each school) selected by respective county superintendent
- One urban school system; one rural school system.
- Program focused on STEM and Manufacturing Industries
 - o STEM: Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics
- DLLR must issue a skills certificate to each student who completes the program.
- Students must be paid minimum wage (for work, not school).
- DLLR and MSDE jointly may adopt regulations to implement the program.

Student selected to participate in the program:

- Start the program in the summer or fall of the student's junior or senior year;
- Must complete at least 450 hours of supervised work-based training;
- Must receive at least one year of classroom instruction relating to the student's eligible career track in the manufacturing industry or STEM industries;
- Must receive credit toward a high school diploma or a postsecondary credential, or both, for the work-based training and classroom instruction completed; and
- must complete the program before August 31 following the student's HS graduation.