

MEMORANDUM

TO: County Council

FROM: Robert H. Drummer, Legislative Attorney 

SUBJECT: **Introduction:** Bill 7-09, Schools and Camps – Workforce Investment Scholarship

Bill 7-09, Schools and Camps – Workforce Investment Scholarship, sponsored by Councilmember Knapp, is scheduled to be introduced on February 24, 2009. A public hearing is tentatively scheduled for March 24 at 1:30 p.m.

Bill 7-09 would establish a workforce investment scholarship program administered by the Department of Economic Development. The Bill would create a workforce investment scholarship board to develop guidelines for the award of scholarships to undergraduate students at Montgomery College or the Universities at Shady Grove who are in degree programs that prepare the student for:

1. one of the County's 10 most needed occupations;
2. certification to teach math or science in the County public schools; or
3. a degree in engineering, mathematics, or a natural science.

Students who receive a scholarship would be required to agree to work in the County in one of the County's 10 most needed occupations for the number of years the student receives the scholarship. Students who do not obtain a degree or who do not meet the other conditions of the scholarship must repay the scholarship.

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Bill No. 7-09
Concerning; Schools and Camps –
Workforce Investment Scholarship
Revised: February 19, 2009
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Executive: _____
Effective: _____
Sunset Date: _____
Ch. _____, Laws of Mont. Co. _____

**COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

By: Councilmember Knapp

An Act to:

- (1) establish a workforce investment scholarship program;
- (2) establish a workforce investment scholarship board to adopt guidelines;
- (3) direct the Department of Economic Development to administer the program; and
- (3) generally enhance workforce development in the County.

By adding

Montgomery County Code
Chapter 44, Schools and Camps
Article IV, Workforce Investment Scholarship Program

Boldface	Heading or a defined term.
<u>Underlining</u>	Added to existing law by original bill.
[Single boldface brackets]	Deleted from existing law by original bill.
<u>Double underlining</u>	Added by amendment.
[[Double boldface brackets]]	Deleted from existing law or the bill by amendment.
* * *	Existing law unaffected by bill.

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland approves the following Act:

1 **Sec. 1. Chapter 44 is amended by adding Article IV as follows:**

2 **Article IV. Workforce Investment Scholarship Program.**

3 **44-46. Legislative findings.**

- 4 (a) The economic development of the County requires a well-prepared,
5 educated, trained, and adaptable workforce to meet the current and future
6 needs of County businesses.
- 7 (b) The County workforce needs the tools and resources to successfully compete
8 in a complex global economy.
- 9 (c) County workforce training should encourage students to prepare for those
10 occupations that are most needed in the County.
- 11 (d) Montgomery College and the Universities at Shady Grove provide high
12 quality higher education training in the County.
- 13 (e) A workforce investment scholarship program would promote economic
14 development in the County.

15 **44-47. Workforce Investment Scholarship Program.**

16 (a) Definitions.

17 Board means the Workforce Investment Scholarship Board created in
18 Section 44-48.

19 Director means the Director of the Department of Economic Development
20 or the Director's designee.

21 (b) The Director must administer a workforce investment scholarship program
22 that:

23 (1) awards workforce investment scholarships to students in an
24 undergraduate degree program which prepares students for:

25 (A) one of the County's 10 most needed occupations;

26 (B) certification by the State Department of Education to teach
27 mathematics or science in a Maryland public school; or

- 28 (C) a degree in engineering, mathematics, or a natural science.
 29 (2) requires a student who receives a workforce investment scholarship to
 30 agree to work in the County as a mathematics or science teacher, as an
 31 engineer, or in one of the County’s 10 most needed occupations for at
 32 least the number of years the student receives the scholarship; and
 33 (3) requires the repayment of the scholarship by a student who does not
 34 complete a degree or who does not satisfy other conditions of the
 35 scholarship.

36 (c) The Director must award scholarships under the regulations adopted by the
 37 Board.

38 **44-48. Workforce Investment Scholarship Board**

39 (a) Creation. The County Executive must appoint, subject to confirmation by
 40 the County Council, a Workforce Investment Scholarship Board, consisting
 41 of 9 members.

42 (b) Composition; appointment of members.

43 (1) Six members must be selected from the public and must each be a
 44 County resident who is or has been active in government, business,
 45 industry, labor, community service, or education.

46 (2) One member must be nominated by the Director.

47 (3) One member must be nominated by the President of Montgomery
 48 College.

49 (4) One member must be nominated by the Executive Director of the
 50 Universities at Shady Grove.

51 (c) Chair; vice chair. The Board must annually select one member as chair and
 52 another as vice chair, and any other officers it finds necessary.

- 53 (d) Terms; reappointments. The term of office of each member is 3 years. A
 54 public member must not serve more than 2 consecutive terms. A member
 55 continues in office until a successor is confirmed.
- 56 (e) Compensation. A member receives no compensation for serving on the
 57 Board.
- 58 (f) Quorum. A quorum is a majority of the members of the Board.
- 59 (g) Meetings; reports. The Board may meet at the call of the chair as frequently
 60 as required to perform its duties, but no less than 4 times each year. The
 61 Board must submit an annual report on December 31 to the Executive and
 62 Council summarizing its activities, needs, and recommendations, and the
 63 degree to which the goals of the Board are being met.

64 **44-49. Duties of Board.**

65 The Board must:

- 66 (a) adopt regulations under Method 2 governing the award of workforce
 67 investment scholarships covering tuition, books, fees, and related expenses
 68 to attend Montgomery College or the Universities at Shady Grove;
- 69 (b) annually specify the County's 10 most needed occupations;
- 70 (c) submit an annual Workforce Investment Scholarship budget request to the
 71 Executive for inclusion in the County's annual operating budget;
- 72 (d) adopt procedures as necessary to achieve the purposes of this Article, and
 73 keep a record of its activities and minutes of all meetings; and
- 74 (e) make recommendations to the Executive and the Council on the workforce
 75 investment scholarship program.

76 **44-49. Staff Support.**

77 The Director must provide staff services and administrative support to the Board.

78 **Sec. 2 Transition.** The Executive must stagger the initial terms of the members of
 79 the Workforce Investment Scholarship Board appointed under Section 44-47 so

80 that one-third of the terms of these members expires each year.

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Philip M. Andrews, President, County Council Date

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Isiah Leggett, County Executive Date

88 *This is a correct copy of Council action.*

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Linda M. Lauer, Clerk of the Council Date

LEGISLATIVE REQUEST REPORT

Bill 7-09

Schools and Camps – Workforce Investment Scholarship

DESCRIPTION:	<p>This Bill would establish a workforce investment scholarship program administered by the Department of Economic Development. The Bill would create a workforce investment scholarship board to develop guidelines for the award of scholarships to undergraduate students at Montgomery College or the Universities at Shady Grove who are in a degree program that prepares the student for:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. one of the County's 10 most needed occupations;2. to teach math or science in the County public schools; or3. a degree in engineering, mathematics, or a natural science.
PROBLEM:	<p>The County workforce needs the tools and resources to successfully compete in our complex global economy in order to enhance the County's economic development.</p>
GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:	<p>To encourage students to prepare for occupations that are most needed in the County.</p>
COORDINATION:	<p>Department of Economic Development</p>
FISCAL IMPACT:	<p>To be requested.</p>
ECONOMIC IMPACT:	<p>To be requested.</p>
EVALUATION:	<p>To be requested.</p>
EXPERIENCE ELSEWHERE:	<p>To be researched.</p>
SOURCE OF INFORMATION:	<p>Robert H. Drummer, Legislative Attorney</p>
APPLICATION WITHIN MUNICIPALITIES:	<p>To be researched.</p>
PENALTIES:	<p>Students who do not complete a degree or satisfy other conditions of the scholarship must repay the scholarship.</p>