

Bill No. 7-09
Concerning: Schools and Camps –
Workforce Investment Scholarship
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**COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

By: Councilmembers Knapp, Leventhal, Ervin, and Floreen

AN ACT to:

- (1) establish a workforce investment scholarship program;
- (2) establish a workforce investment scholarship board to ~~[[adopt]]~~ recommend guidelines;
- (3) direct the Department of Economic Development to administer the program; and
- (4) 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:

*Clerk's Note: Section number changed from 44-49 to 44-50 on line 92.
Under Section 2 on line 104, it should read Section 44-48.*

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) County workforce training should provide equal opportunity for women to
 12 train for careers in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics and
 13 generally encourage gender equity in all careers.

14 (e) Montgomery College and the Universities at Shady Grove provide high
 15 quality higher education training in the County.

16 ~~[(e)]~~ (f) A workforce investment scholarship program would promote
 17 economic development in the County.

18 **44-47. Workforce Investment Scholarship Program.**

19 (a) Definitions.

20 Board means the Workforce Investment Scholarship Board created in
 21 Section 44-48.

22 Director means the Director of the Department of Economic Development
 23 or the Director's designee.

24 (b) The Director must administer a workforce investment scholarship program
 25 that:

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

- 28 (A) one of the County’s 10 most needed occupations;
 29 (B) certification by the State Department of Education to teach
 30 mathematics or science in a Maryland public school; [[or]]
 31 (C) a degree in engineering, mathematics, or a natural science; or
 32 (D) a degree in early childhood education or early childhood special
 33 education.
- 34 (2) requires a student who receives a workforce investment scholarship to
 35 agree to work in the County as a mathematics or science teacher, as an
 36 engineer, or in one of the County’s 10 most needed occupations for at
 37 least the number of years the student receives the scholarship; and
- 38 (3) requires the repayment of the scholarship by a student who does not
 39 complete a degree or who does not satisfy other conditions of the
 40 scholarship.
- 41 (c) The [[Director]] Executive must adopt regulations under Method 2
 42 implementing the [[award]] [[scholarships]] scholarship program after
 43 considering the Board’s recommendations [[under the regulations adopted
 44 by the Board]]. The regulations must govern the award of workforce
 45 investment scholarships covering tuition, books, fees, and related expenses
 46 to attend an undergraduate degree program at:
- 47 1. Montgomery College for the first 2 years; and
 48 2. the Universities at Shady Grove for the last 2 years; or
 49 3. any campus for one of the participating Universities at Shady
 50 Grove for the last 2 years if the degree program is not offered at
 51 Shady Grove.

52 **44-48. Workforce Investment Scholarship Board**

53 (a) Creation. The County Executive must appoint, subject to confirmation by
 54 the County Council, a Workforce Investment Scholarship Board, consisting
 55 of ~~[[9]]~~ 3 members.

56 (b) Composition; appointment of members.

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

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

61 ~~[[3]]~~ (2) One member must be nominated by the President of
 62 Montgomery College.

63 ~~[[4]]~~ (3) One member must be nominated by the Executive Director of
 64 the Universities at Shady Grove.

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

67 (d) Terms; reappointments. The term of office of each member is 3 years. [[A
 68 public member must not serve more than 2 consecutive terms.]] A member
 69 continues in office until a successor is confirmed.

70 (e) Compensation. A member receives no compensation for serving on the
 71 Board.

72 (f) Quorum. A quorum is a majority of the members of the Board.

73 (g) Meetings; reports. The Board may meet at the call of the chair as frequently
 74 as required to perform its duties, but no less than 4 times each year. The
 75 Board must submit an annual report on December 31 to the Executive and
 76 Council summarizing its activities, needs, and recommendations, and the
 77 degree to which the goals of the Board are being met.

78 **44-49. Duties of Board.**

79 The Board must:

- 80 (a) [[adopt]] recommend regulations [[under Method 2]] governing the award of
81 workforce investment scholarships [[covering tuition, books, fees, and
82 related expenses to attend Montgomery College or the Universities at Shady
83 Grove]];
- 84 (b) [[annually specify the County's 10 most needed occupations;
85 (c) submit]] recommend an annual Workforce Investment Scholarship budget
86 request to the [[Executive]] Director for inclusion in the [[County's]]
87 Executive's recommended annual operating budget;
- 88 [[(d)] (c) adopt procedures as necessary to achieve the purposes of this Article,
89 and keep a record of its activities and minutes of all meetings; and
- 90 [[(e)] (d) make recommendations to the Executive and the Council on the
91 workforce investment scholarship program.

92 **44-50. [[Staff Support]] Duties of the Director.**

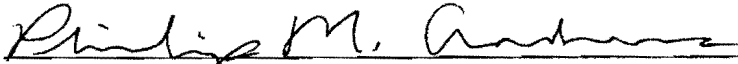
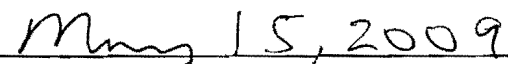
93 The Director:

- 94 (a) [[The Director]] must provide staff services and administrative support to
95 the Board;
- 96 (b) must annually specify the County's 10 most needed occupations as defined
97 in the regulations;
- 98 (c) must submit an annual Workforce Investment Scholarship Program budget
99 request to the Executive; and
- 100 (d) may enter into an agreement with Montgomery College, the Universities at
101 Shady Grove, or one of the participating Universities at Shady Grove to
102 administer the scholarship program.

103 **Sec. 2 Transition.** The Executive must stagger the initial terms of the members of
104 the Workforce Investment Scholarship Board appointed under Section 44-48 so
105 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

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

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Linda M. Lauer, Clerk of the Council Date