

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:

THE MOORE-MILLER ADMINISTRATION'S 2025 SESSION RESULTS

When Maryland was faced with both the largest budget challenge since the Great Recession and a new federal administration, we didn't flinch. This session, the Moore-Miller Administration achieved its goals of reforming the tax code, growing and diversifying our economy, and investing in our people. The governor's new policies will support business growth, elevate apprenticeships, ensure we have the best public schools in the country, and build out the sectors of our economy that Maryland stands to win.

The Excellence in Maryland Public Schools Act (SB 429, HB 504)

- Grows our teaching workforce by developing fully licensed teachers through the Grow Your Own program and a national recruitment campaign.
- Supports administrative improvements to the Community Schools program to allow for more even implementation statewide and drive student achievement gains.

The RAISE Act (SB 431, HB 501)

- Establishes the Maryland Office of Registered Apprenticeship Development to expand opportunities for employers and apprentices.
- Creates the Pay Per Apprentice Program to incentivize nontraditional employers such as cybersecurity firms to adopt and scale up the apprenticeship model.
- Creates a concierge service for employers to navigate through the start up phase of creating an apprenticeship program.

The Model Employer Act (SB 433, HB 502)

- Increases capacity at the Department of Disabilities to implement policies and best practices that support employment, job training, and career readiness for Marylanders with disabilities
- Establishes the Office of Disability Employment Advancement and Policy
- Codifies the Maryland as a model Employer Initiative under the Office

The Procurement Reform Act (SB 426, HB 500)

- Expands opportunities for small businesses by expansion of the Small Business Reserve Program
- Enhances government efficiencies by streamlining the procurement process - making the system more nimble for both contractors and government
- Rewards contractors who practice good labor standards to ensure that our procurements align with our values



The Expungement Reform Act (SB 432, HB 499)

- Helps thousands of Marylanders who have served their time get a fair shot at building their future.
- Expands access to expungement and removes barriers to work, housing, and education for people who deserve a pathway to work, wages, and wealth.
- Ensures that every sentence does not have to be a life sentence.

The Chesapeake Bay Legacy Act (SB 428, HB 506)

- Establishes the Maryland Leaders in Environmentally Engaged Farming (LEEF) voluntary program to incentivize Maryland farmers to incorporate best conservation practices into farming
- Modernizes Maryland's water protection programs including the water quality monitoring program, aquaculture leasing, and fisheries management program

