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BY: Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 198
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, strike “**Technology Studies Program**” and substitute “**and Aviation Systems Technology Programs – Feasibility Study**”; strike beginning with the second “the” in line 3 down through “at” in line 6; in line 7, after “College” insert “, in consultation with certain entities, to complete a certain feasibility study and program design assessment for aerospace and aviation systems technology workforce training programs”; and strike in their entirety lines 9 through 13, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, in line 15, strike “the Laws of Maryland read as follows”.

On pages 1 through 3, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 16 on page 1 through line 7 on page 3, inclusive, and substitute:

“(a) Prince George’s Community College shall conduct a comprehensive feasibility study and program design assessment to establish an aerospace systems technology workforce training program and an aviation systems technology workforce training program.

(b) The study shall include an examination of:

(1) the workforce demand for aerospace manufacturing, aerospace systems technology, and aviation systems technology regionally and statewide;

(2) the current and projected needs of private sector employers engaged in aerospace, aviation, engineering, defense, and advanced manufacturing in Prince George’s County and the State;

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(3) the appropriate associate degree, credit certificate, and noncredit workforce credential structures that are aligned with high-value industry degrees, certificates, and credentials;

(4) opportunities for stackable credentials that are eligible for federal or State financial aid;

(5) the facilities, laboratories, simulators, equipment, and infrastructure that are required to deliver the programs;

(6) faculty and instructor credential and certification requirements, including recruitment and workforce development needs;

(7) apprenticeship, internship, and other work-based learning opportunities with private sector employers;

(8) start-up costs, operating costs, and any long-term sustainability considerations; and

(9) the recommended sequencing for program implementation.

(c) In conducting the study, Prince George's Community College shall consult with:

(1) private sector employers in aerospace, aviation, engineering, defense, and advanced manufacturing;

(2) the Maryland Aerospace and Technology Commission under the Department of Commerce;

(3) State and regional workforce development entities;

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(4) the Maryland Department of Labor; and

(5) other economic development or industry stakeholders, as appropriate.

(d) The study shall include structured industry engagement, including employer roundtables, workforce charrettes, and demand-validation sessions to ensure alignment with current and projected labor markets.

(e) On or before December 1, 2027, Prince George's Community College shall report to the Senate Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee and the House Ways and Means Committee, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article, on:

(1) the findings of the workforce demand analysis;

(2) recommended models for degree, certificate, and noncredit workforce credential programs;

(3) the investments that would be required for facilities, laboratories, simulators, equipment, and infrastructure;

(4) faculty and staff plans;

(5) potential industry partnerships;

(6) a proposed implementation timeline; and

(7) a funding and sustainability plan.

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SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, for fiscal year 2028, the Governor shall include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of \$100,000 to Prince George's Community College to complete the feasibility study and program design assessment required under Section 1 of this Act, including for industry workforce analysis, technical program design consulting, employer engagement, curriculum framework development, and planning for facilities, laboratories, simulators, equipment, and infrastructure investment.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 3, in line 8, strike "2." and substitute "3."; and in line 9, after "2026." insert "It shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and, at the end of June 30, 2028, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.".