

Maryland State Plan for Adult Education and Family Literacy

Revisions to the Maryland State Plan for Adult Education and Family Literacy Act (Title II of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998), and Sections of the Approved Maryland Unified Plan Fiscal Year 2010

The Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation (DLLR) submits the following revisions to the Maryland State Plan for Adult Education and Family Literacy (State Plan), as required by the Office of Vocational and Adult Education (OVAE/DAEL) in Memorandum 2009-02, sent on December 23, 2008.

Maryland's governance of Adult Education and Family Literacy will transfer on July 1, 2009, from MSDE to DLLR, pursuant to Senate Bill 203, passed by the Maryland General Assembly and signed into law by the Governor in April 2008 and revised by SB 762 in 2009. Therefore all references in the State Plan to the state eligible agency should be replaced with the Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation (DLLR) effective July 1, 2009 for all actions and activities beginning on that date or thereafter.

Senate Bill 203, passed by the Maryland General Assembly and signed into law by the Governor in April 2008, creates a Division of Workforce Development with the Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation (DLLR), and further creates the Adult Education and Literacy Services Office in the Division of Workforce Development. The Adult Education and Literacy Office shall be the sole agency in the State responsible for administering and supervising policy and funding for Adult Education and Literacy. The law also provides for the transfer of employees in the MSDE Adult Education and Literacy Services Branch to DLLR. An organizational chart of the new agency arrangement is attached.

In addition to this general revision whereby DLLR is regarded as the state eligible agency, the following sections of the Maryland State Plan will be revised as follows:

Chapter 3 State Advisory Committee for Adult Education

Page 3.6 Delete existing paragraph and replace with:

Senate Bill 203 established a Workforce Creation and Adult Education Transition Council to coordinate the integration of Adult Education and Literacy Services with the Division of Workforce Development and its programs. One of the tasks of the Council was to recommend the

composition and responsibilities of a State Advisory Council on Adult Education, Literacy, and Workforce Development.

The Transition Council Report, issued in December 2008 as mandated by Senate Bill 203, recommended replacing the State Advisory Committee (STAC) "with an Advisory Committee for Adult and Workforce Education within DLLR that has an interrelationship to the Correctional Education Advisory Group, the GWIB (Governor's Workforce Investment Board), and any other relevant advisory groups.

Chapter 5 Performance Measures

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Maryland's FY10 performance goals for the Core Indicators of Performance were negotiated with the Area I Coordinator in the DAEL, on March 24, 2009, jointly by MSDE and DLLR. Proposed negotiated performance levels are attached.

Chapter 6 Awarding Contracts and Grants

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Continuation of Grants for FY 10

Competitive grants were awarded for a three-year period ending June 30, 2002. Competitive grants were then awarded for a two-year period ending June 30, 2004. Based on continuing resolutions in Congress to extend the Workforce Investment Act for one additional year, FY 04 grants were extended for the consecutive years FY 05, FY 06, FY07, FY08 and FY09. Senate Bill 203 states that all grants will be continued through FY10. All other procedures and requirements will apply.