

House Bill 1642

By: Representative Lim of the 99th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to imposition, rate, computation, exemptions, and credits relative to state income
3 taxes, so as to provide for a new tax credit for apprentices; to provide for definitions; to
4 provide for a refund for any amount of the credit that exceeds income tax liability; to provide
5 for conditions and limitations; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date
6 and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
10 imposition, rate, computation, exemptions, and credits relative to state income taxes, is
11 amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

12 "48-7-40.37.

13 (a) As used in this Code section, the term:

14 (1) 'Apprentice' means a person who is at least 16 years of age who has entered an
15 apprentice agreement with an apprentice program sponsor.

(2) 'Apprentice agreement' means a written agreement between an apprentice and an apprentice program sponsor and which provides for not less than 2,000 hours of continual employment, consistent with training requirements as established by industry practice, in the occupation to which he or she is apprenticed. The written agreement shall also provide for not less than 150 hours per year of related instruction for a person in such occupation, as well as participation in an approved schedule of work experience throughout a continual period of employment.

(3) 'Apprenticeable occupation' means the following occupations, as defined by the Bureau of Labor Statistics:

(A) Computer occupations, as defined by Standard Occupational Classification codes 15-1200;

(B) Healthcare technologists and technicians, as defined by Standard Occupational Classification codes 29-2000;

(C) Healthcare practitioner support technologists and technicians, as defined by Standard Occupational Classification codes 29-2050;

(D) Healthcare support occupations, as defined by Standard Occupational Classification codes 31-0000; and

(E) Production occupations, as defined by Standard Occupational Classification codes 51-000, if employed in the manufacturing industry, as provided for in the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) codes 31 through 33.

(4) 'Apprentice program sponsor' means a person, association, committee, organization, corporation, partnership, trust, or other entity operating an apprentice program.

(b) A state credit against the tax imposed by this article shall be allowed in an amount equal to \$4,800.00 or 50 percent of the wages paid to each apprentice in a taxable year, whichever is less. If a credit allowed by this section exceeds the tax otherwise due under this chapter, 100 percent of the balance of such credit may, at the option of the taxpayer, be refundable to the taxpayer."

43 **SECTION 2.**

44 This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2023, and shall be applicable to taxable years
45 beginning on or after January 1, 2023.

46 **SECTION 3.**

47 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.