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TO: Members of the State Board of Education

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SUBJECT: Transfer of Adult and Correctional Education Programs

**PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this agenda item is to provide an update on the status of the transfer of the Adult and Correctional Education programs from the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) to the Department of Labor Licensing and Regulation (DLLR).

**BACKGROUND:**

In its 2008 session, the Maryland General Assembly passed Senate Bill 203 to transfer the Correctional and Adult Education programs from the MSDE DLLR on July 1, 2009.

In January, 2009 the State Board of Education received the report of the Workforce Creation and Adult Education Transition Council co-chaired by Dr. Grasmick and DLLR Secretary, Tom Perez. The twenty-one Council members, appointed by the Governor, were charged to develop a plan for the seamless transition of the MSDE Adult and Correctional Education programs to DLLR. The Council's report included ninety-five recommendations to guide the transition of the programs, as well as next steps for a new State system of delivering adult education and workforce programs through DLLR.

Since that time, administrators from MSDE and DLLR have been working together to effect the seamless transfer of staff and programs. The FY 2010 budget approved by the General assembly transfers 183.5 budgeted positions and 96.5 contractual positions from MSDE to DLLR. It also moves \$33,576,994 in General, Federal, and Special funds from MSDE to DLLR. The internal administration teams in the two departments continue to work together to address the specifics of the transfer of employees, issues associated with the transfer of items such as information technology support, contracts, and physical inventory.

Legislation was introduced and passed to address needed "clean-up" issues in last year's SB 203. DLLR is readying space to accommodate the transferring employees. MSDE has assisted in the development of revisions to the State Plan required by the U.S.

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Department of Education. MSDE, with the concurrence of DLLR, has issued the application for continuation grants to local adult education program providers.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

Tom Perez, the Secretary of the Department of Labor Licensing and Regulation, will provide an update on the status of the transfer of the Adult and Correctional Education programs. He will also speak to the procedures that will control the awarding of high school diplomas by the State Board of Education through the GED Tests and the External Diploma Program.

**ACTION:**

No action required, for information only.

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