



# Senate

General Assembly

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 795

*Senate, May 11, 2015*

The Committee on Appropriations reported through SEN. BYE of the 5th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT CONCERNING A TWO-GENERATIONAL SCHOOL READINESS AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PILOT PROGRAM.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2015*) (a) The Labor Commissioner  
2 shall establish a two-generational school readiness and workforce  
3 development pilot program. The pilot program shall operate for two  
4 years and shall foster economic self-sufficiency in low-income  
5 households by delivering academic and job readiness support services  
6 across two generations in the same household. The pilot program shall  
7 be located in five communities and include not less than one  
8 community with fewer than fifty thousand persons that is served by a  
9 regional social services provider. The pilot program shall serve as a  
10 blueprint for a state-wide, two-generational school readiness and  
11 workforce development model.

12 (b) The pilot program shall be funded by state and private moneys  
13 and shall include:

14 (1) Early learning programs, adult education, child care, housing,  
15 job training and other related support services offered at one location,  
16 wherever possible;

17 (2) Development of a long-term plan to adopt a two-generational  
18 model for the delivery of the services described in subdivision (1) of  
19 this subsection on a state-wide basis. Such plan shall include, but not  
20 be limited to, (A) the targeted use of temporary family assistance  
21 program funds, to the extent permissible under federal law, to support  
22 two-generational programming, and (B) state grant incentives for  
23 private entities that develop such two-generational programming;

24 (3) Partnerships between state and national philanthropic  
25 organizations to enable state-wide replication and implementation of  
26 the program;

27 (4) A workforce liaison to gauge the needs of employers and  
28 households in each community and help coordinate the two-  
29 generational program to meet the needs of such employers and  
30 households; and

31 (5) The creation of an interagency work group to oversee the  
32 implementation of the program and the provision of services within  
33 the selected communities.

34 (c) The program shall be overseen by an interagency work group  
35 that includes the Commissioners of Social Services, Early Childhood,  
36 Education, Housing, Public Health and Correction and the Labor  
37 Commissioner. Coordinators of two-generational programs in each  
38 community in the pilot program shall report on a quarterly basis to the  
39 interagency work group. Not later than January 1, 2016, the  
40 interagency work group shall submit a report in accordance with the  
41 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes to the joint standing  
42 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
43 relating to human services and appropriations and the budgets of state  
44 agencies that details: (1) The number of persons served in the program;  
45 (2) the number of adults who have obtained jobs since receiving



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**OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:**

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 16 \$	FY 17 \$
Labor Dept.	GF - Cost	Significant	Significant

Note: GF=General Fund

**Municipal Impact:** None

**Explanation**

The bill will result in a significant cost to the Department of Labor associated with establishing a two-year, two-generational school readiness and workforce development pilot program in five communities. Such pilot must include early learning programs, adult education, child care, housing, job training and other related support services offered in one location wherever possible.

sHB 6824, the FY 16 and FY 17 budget bill, as favorably reported by the Appropriations Committee, appropriated \$2 million in each year to the Department of Labor for this purpose.

**The Out Years**

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.

**OLR Bill Analysis****sSB 795*****AN ACT CONCERNING A TWO-GENERATIONAL SCHOOL READINESS AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PILOT PROGRAM.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill requires the labor commissioner to establish a two-generational school readiness and workforce development pilot program, paid for with state and private funds. Under the bill, the pilot program operates (1) for two years and (2) in five communities, including one with a population under 50,000 served by a regional social services provider.

The pilot program must (1) foster economic self-sufficiency in low income households by delivering academic and job readiness support services across two generations in the same household and (2) serve as a blueprint for a state-wide two generational school readiness and workforce development model. It must also develop a long-term plan to deliver its services on a state-wide basis. The plan must include (1) the targeted use of temporary family assistance program funds to support two-generational programming and (2) state grant incentives for private entities that develop two-generational programming.

Under the bill, an interagency work group oversees the implementation of the program and the provision of services within the selected communities. By January 1, 2016, the work group must report to the Human Services and Appropriations committees.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2015

**PILOT PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS**

Under the bill, the pilot program must include:

1. early learning programs, adult education, child care, housing, job training, and other related support services, offered at one location wherever possible;
2. partnerships between state and national philanthropic organizations to replicate and implement the program state-wide; and
3. a workforce liaison to gauge the needs of employers and households in each community and coordinate the program with those needs.

### **INTERAGENCY WORK GROUP AND REPORT**

The bill requires coordinators of two-generational programs in each community in the pilot program to report quarterly to the interagency work group, which includes the social services, early childhood, education, housing, labor, public health, and correction commissioners.

The work group's report to the Human Services and Appropriations committees must include:

1. the number of people the program served;
2. the number of adults who obtained jobs after receiving services through the program;
3. the number of children who have improved academically, including (a) grade level increases and (b) improvements in reading comprehension;
4. the number of adults who received training or educational certificates or degrees after enrolling in the program;
5. the cost of the program to both the state and private funders; and
6. recommendations to expand the program to additional

communities state-wide.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Human Services Committee

Joint Favorable Change of Reference

Yea 18 Nay 0 (03/19/2015)

Appropriations Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 56 Nay 0 (04/29/2015)