



Senate

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File No. 231

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Senate Bill No. 151

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The Committee on Labor and Public Employees reported through SEN. KUSHNER of the 24th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A FULL EMPLOYMENT TRUST FUND.

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) The Labor Commissioner shall
2 conduct a study regarding the establishment of a full employment trust
3 fund to be administered by the Labor Department that awards
4 employment opportunity grants to public and nonprofit entities for the
5 purpose of creating employment opportunities and job-training
6 programs. Such study shall include, but need not be limited to, (1) an
7 examination of existing programs that provide employment
8 opportunities and job training, and (2) the feasibility of using such fund
9 for workforce housing, employment opportunities for disadvantaged
10 youth and work-study opportunities for secondary and post-secondary
11 students. The commissioner shall submit such study, in accordance with
12 the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint
13 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
14 matters relating to labor and public employees not later than January 1,
15 2024.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

LAB *Joint Favorable*

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 24 \$	FY 25 \$
Labor Dept.	GF - Potential Cost	Up to 275,000	None

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill requires the Labor Commissioner to study the establishment of a "full employment trust fund" to award grants for the purpose of creating employment opportunities and job-training programs, which must include an examination of existing employment opportunity/job training programs and a fund feasibility analysis.

The fiscal impact is dependent on the breadth and depth of the study. A limited study could be accomplished by the agency without the need for additional resources. A broader study would result in a one-time cost of up to \$275,000 in FY 24 only for consultant services.¹

The Out Years

None.

¹ For comparison purposes, in July 2022 an allocation of \$275,000 was provided to the Office of Workforce Strategy to study a segment of the workforce development system that required a similar analysis as the one required under the bill.

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Labor and Public Employees Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 12 Nay 0 (03/16/2023)