



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 66**

February Session, 2024

Substitute House Bill No. 5385

*House of Representatives, March 20, 2024*

The Committee on Labor and Public Employees reported through REP. SANCHEZ, E. of the 24th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

## ***AN ACT STUDYING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF 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 which programs may be eligible to  
9 receive grant awards from the fund, and (2) the feasibility of using such  
10 fund for workforce housing, employment opportunities for  
11 disadvantaged youth and work-study opportunities for secondary and  
12 post-secondary students. The commissioner shall submit the findings of  
13 such study, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the  
14 general statutes, to the joint standing committee of the General

15 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to labor and public  
16 employees not later than January 1, 2025.

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

**Statement of Legislative Commissioners:**

In Subdiv. (2), "submit such study" was changed to "submit the findings of such study" for clarity.

**LAB**      *Joint Favorable Subst. -LCO*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

**OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:**

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 25 \$	FY 26 \$
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 25 only for consultant services.<sup>1</sup>

**The Out Years**

None

<sup>1</sup> 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.

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**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 9      Nay 3      (03/07/2024)