



Senate

General Assembly

File No. 27

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 108

Senate, March 14, 2024

The Committee on Higher Education and Employment Advancement reported through SEN. SLAP of the 5th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT REQUIRING A STUDY OF TRANSPORTATION BARRIERS THAT LIMIT ACCESS TO WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS.

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2024*) (a) The Commissioner of
2 Transportation and the Chief Workforce Officer shall jointly study the
3 transportation barriers faced by participants of workforce development
4 programs that limit such participants' access to the programs. Such
5 study shall include, but need not be limited to, a survey of participants
6 of workforce development programs in each region of the state.

7 (b) Not later than January 1, 2025, the Commissioner of
8 Transportation and the Chief Workforce Officer shall jointly submit a
9 report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general
10 statutes, to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly
11 having cognizance of matters relating to higher education and
12 employment advancement. Such report shall include, but need not be
13 limited to, a listing of the specific transportation barriers found in each

14 region of the state and recommendations to alleviate such barriers.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2024	New section

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In Section 1(a) and (b), "Department" was changed to "Commissioner" and "Office of Workforce Strategy" was changed to "Chief Workforce Officer" for clarity.

HED *Joint Favorable Subst. -LCO*

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill has no fiscal impact by requiring the Chief Workforce Officer and the Commissioner of Transportation to conduct a study on transportation barriers faced by participants of workforce development programs. The Office of Workforce Strategy (OWS) is currently undertaking a request for proposal (RFP) that is anticipated to meet the requirements of the study in the underlying bill.

The current RFP entitled "Transportation Pilot Research and Feasibility Study" seeks to analyze the state's transportation capacities and gaps as well as feasible transportation solutions. OWS has budgeted \$200,000 for this study.

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Municipal Impact: None



OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 22 Nay 0 (02/29/2024)