



March 22, 2021

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Requires the Department of Labor and Workforce Development to, on or before January 1, 2022, submit a report to the Commerce Committee of the House of Representatives and the Commerce and Labor Committee of the Senate discussing apprenticeship programs for minors in this state.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (004900): Deletes all language after the enacting clause. Establishes the Tennessee Registered Apprenticeship Program Act (Act) for the purpose of increasing the number of student apprenticeships with private industry in this state. Creates the Tennessee Office of Apprenticeship (Office) within the Department of Labor and Workforce Development (DLWD). Establishes duties of the Office. Authorizes the Commissioner of the DLWD to appoint a director for the Office, who shall serve at the pleasure of the Commissioner, manage the office of apprenticeship, and perform duties as are necessary to effectuate the provisions of this legislation. Establishes the Tennessee Apprenticeship Council (Council) composed of 11 members.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

**Increase State Expenditures - \$141,000/FY21-22
\$138,600/FY22-23 and Subsequent Years**

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- The DLWD will hire one program monitor director position and one executive administrative assistant-1 position to work for within the Office.
- An increase in recurring state expenditures of \$135,506 (salaries \$102,576 + benefits \$30,530 + communications \$2,000 + supplies \$400) and a one-time increase in state expenditures of \$2,400 (\$1,200 computer x 2 positions).
- Establishes an 11-member Council.
- Membership of Council is comprised of 4 government employees and 7 non-governmental employees.

- The legislation does not establish whether members receive compensation or expense reimbursement.
- It is assumed that non-governmental employees will receive reimbursement for all necessary travel expenses.
- Non-governmental members will, on average, travel 234 miles per each meeting of the Council.
- Travel reimbursement of \$0.47 per mile.
- It is assumed that the Council will meet 4 times annually.
- A recurring increase in state expenditures of \$3,079 (7 members x 4 meetings x 234 miles x \$0.47 per mile).
- An increase in state expenditures in FY21-22 of \$140,985 (\$135,506 + \$2,400 + \$3,079).
- A recurring increase in state expenditures in FY22-23 and subsequent years of \$138,585 (\$135,506 + \$3,079).

IMPACT TO COMMERCE WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Other Fiscal Impact – Due to multiple unknown factors, the impact of this legislation upon commerce and jobs in Tennessee cannot be reasonably quantified.

Assumption for the bill as amended:

- Should this program prove successful in training apprentices for careers in the workforce, it is estimated that would be a positive impact on commerce and jobs in the Tennessee economy; however, due to multiple unknown factors, any such impact cannot be reasonably quantified.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



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