



Senate

General Assembly

File No. 307

February Session, 2022

Substitute Senate Bill No. 101

Senate, April 5, 2022

The Committee on Commerce reported through SEN. HARTLEY of the 15th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS FOR INCARCERATED PERSONS AND PERSONS REENTERING THE COMMUNITY AFTER INCARCERATION.

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) Not later than October 1, 2022, the
2 Chief Workforce Officer, in consultation with the Commissioner of
3 Correction, shall develop a plan to expand the state's current workforce
4 development programming for incarcerated persons and persons
5 reentering the community after incarceration. Such plan shall include,
6 but need not be limited to, increasing the opportunities for such persons
7 to receive technological training to support such persons' reintegration
8 into the state workforce. Not later than January 1, 2023, the Chief
9 Workforce Officer shall implement such plan. Not later than January 1,
10 2024, the Chief Workforce Officer shall report, in accordance with the
11 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, regarding such plan
12 to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
13 cognizance of matters relating to commerce.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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CE *Joint Favorable Subst.*

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 23 \$	FY 24 \$
Various State Agencies	GF - Potential Cost	See Below	See Below

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

This bill requires the Chief Workforce Officer of the Office of Workforce Strategy (OWS), in consultation with the Commissioner of Correction, to develop, implement and report on a plan to expand workforce development programming for incarcerated persons and persons reentering the community after incarceration. There may be various costs associated with implementation of the plan.

The plan must be developed by October 1, 2022. There is no cost associated with the development of a plan as the Chief Workforce Officer has sufficient expertise to do so.

The plan must be implemented by January 1, 2023. As OWS coordinates with training providers, but does not administer training programs, potential cost for various state agencies is contingent on the specifics of the developed plan. To note, the bill requires the plan to include technological training to support reintegration into the state workforce but does not identify a program or funding source. The cost may be partially mitigated to the extent that existing programs are already funded and can assist with implementation of the plan.

The Chief Workforce Officer must report to a legislative committee

by January 1, 2024. There is no cost associated with reporting on the plan as the Chief Workforce Officer has sufficient expertise to do so.

The Out Years

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



OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Commerce Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 23 Nay 0 (03/18/2022)