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SB-343

AN ACT CONCERNING A MILITARY OCCUPATIONAL SPECIALTY WORKING GROUP AND A GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE REIMBURSEMENT OF CERTAIN LICENSING, CERTIFICATION, REGISTRATION OR TUITION FEES.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 23 \$	FY 24 \$
Consumer Protection, Dept.	GF - Cost	192,500	See Below
State Comptroller - Fringe Benefits ¹	GF - Cost	30,398	See Below

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill requires the Department of Consumer Protection (DCP) to establish a grant program to reimburse veterans for certain licensing, certification, registration fees, and tuition resulting in a total cost to the state of \$222,898 in FY 23.

DCP will have to hire a duration project manager in FY 23 (\$107,898 for salary and fringe benefits) to run the grant program and will incur overtime costs of approximately \$15,000 for existing employees to create the online infrastructure for the program. The bill also appropriates \$100,000 from the General Fund in FY 23 to fund the grant program. The bill is unclear if the grant program is only for one year or is ongoing. To the extent the program is ongoing, the costs identified in FY 23 (outside

¹The fringe benefit costs for most state employees are budgeted centrally in accounts administered by the Comptroller. The estimated active employee fringe benefit cost associated with most personnel changes is 40.53% of payroll in FY 23.

of the overtime costs for the creation of the online infrastructure) would continue subject to the number of reimbursements.

Section 1 of the bill creates a working group which results in no fiscal impact to the state. This section has no fiscal impact as PA 17-236 prohibits transportation allowances for working group members.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to the continuation of the grant program.