

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: HB 2820

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Measure Description:

Establishes Prosperity 1,000 Pilot Program to provide career coaching, occupational training and job placement services for at least 1,000 low-income job seekers residing in areas of concentrated poverty.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Cities, Community Colleges, Counties, Department of Corrections (DOC), Department of Human Services (DHS), Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC), Public Universities, Employment Department (OED)

Analysis:

This fiscal impact statement is for the purpose of transmitting the measure from the House Committee on Economic Recovery and Prosperity to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.

The measure establishes the Prosperity 1,000 Pilot Program. This program is to provide career coaching, occupational training, and job placement services for at least 1,000 low-income job seekers who reside in areas of concentrated poverty. The program is to be administered by local workforce development boards. The Department of Human Services (DHS) is directed to incorporate the pilot program into the statewide plan for the SNAP Employment and Training Program, and to seek federal reimbursement of 50 percent of the program’s costs. The State Workforce and Talent Development Board and DHS are to establish a joint steering committee to oversee the pilot program progress, coordinate support for program participants, and ensure the program goals are met. The Board is to provide staff support for the steering committee. DHS is directed to report annually to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to workforce development no later than December 31 of each calendar year. The program and any reporting requirements sunset on January 2, 2026.

This measure includes a one-time \$5.0 million General Fund appropriation to DHS to be distributed to local workforce development boards in consultation with the State Workforce and Talent Development Board. This measure declares an emergency and takes effect July 1, 2021.

The Legislative Fiscal Office (LFO) notes that General Fund appropriations cannot be carried across biennia. Any General Fund monies appropriated by this measure and unused by the end of the 2021-23 biennium will need to revert to the General Fund, and additional program expenditures must be approved as part of the 2023-25 agency budget development process or by future legislative action.

A more complete fiscal analysis on the measure will be prepared as the measure is considered in the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.

Further Analysis Required