

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NO. House Bill 723

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AMOUNT

No Fiscal Impact

FUND

General Fund

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March 2, 2021

PRIME SPONSOR

Representative Mizgorski

DESCRIPTION

House Bill 723 amends the Workforce Development Act of 2001 to bring the act into compliance with federal requirements in the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA).

This bill updates definitions for 'chief elected officials', 'customer', 'customized training' and 'eligible youth'. It provides definitions for 'core program', 'planning region', 'regional plan', 'state plan', and 'Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act'. Terminology and references are also updated to reflect the changes to definitions.

House Bill 723 makes changes to the Workforce Development Board, including the board's membership and the board's responsibilities to require the alignment with the state workforce development plan, and the legislation updates the criteria for board certification or recertification. The creation of a fiscal management accountability system is authorized, and the standards for the state performance accountability system are rewritten.

This legislation makes updates to the criteria for local workforce development areas and clarifies terms and responsibilities of the 'chief elected official' in an area. The local workforce development board membership is also updated to comply with WIOA. Local plans are required to be consistent with strategies in the state workforce development plan, and the legislation establishes the requirements, submission and update of plans. Updates to local performance measures must be consistent with state performance measures.

House Bill 723 also makes changes to the definitions of 'educational institution', 'forward-facing employment data' and 'public institution of higher education'. It provides for additional requirements for the Department of Labor and Industry regarding industry clusters and data compiled by the department. The department is also required to work in cooperation with other departments in identifying future and emerging employment opportunities and to annually share collected data with educational institutions.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

House Bill 723 will have no impact on Commonwealth funds. This legislation puts into statute current practice and makes technical changes to comply with federal law.