

# SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

**BILL NO.** Senate Bill 700

**PRINTER NO.** 1183

**AMOUNT**

No Fiscal Impact

**FUND**

General Fund

**DATE INTRODUCED**

June 14, 2023

**PRIME SPONSOR**

Senator Brooks

**DESCRIPTION**

Senate Bill 700 amends Section 1204.2 (Career and Technical Instructional Certificate) of the Public School Code to add additional pathways to certification for individuals seeking to teach occupational skills in approved career and technical education programs. Specifically, it requires the Department of Education (department) to issue a Career and Technical Intern Certificate or Career and Technical Instructional I Certificate to an individual with any of the following qualifications:

- Evidence of a minimum of 8,000 hours, equivalent to four years of full-time wage-earning experience in the occupational area to be taught;
- Evidence of a minimum of 4,000 hours, equivalent to two years of full-time wage-earning experience in the occupational area to be taught plus a baccalaureate degree;
- Evidence of a minimum of 8,000 hours, equivalent to four years of full-time experience as a volunteer firefighter or emergency medical technician in the area to be taught; or
- Evidence of a minimum of 8,000 hours, equivalent to four years of full-time experience teaching at a regionally accredited institution of higher education in the occupational area to be taught.

This act shall take effect in 60 days.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

The enactment of Senate Bill 700 will have no fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds. The department has indicated it can accomplish its administrative responsibilities to implement the new certification qualifications within its current operating budget. For information purposes, the department’s FY 2023-24 general operating budget is \$39.5 million.