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Fiscal Note



Fiscal Note On: **HB 161** HLS 25RS 679

Bill Text Version: **ORIGINAL**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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Subject: TOPS		

COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES OR NO IMPACT See Note Page 1 of 1

Aligns programs to which TOPS Tech and TOPS Tech Early Start awards may apply with the M.J. Foster Promise Program qualified programs

Present law offers TOPS-Tech Awards for students in two-year programs and requires them to enroll in programs aligned with workforce priorities determined by the Board of Regents and Workforce Investment Council. Proposed law provides that students must instead enroll in "qualified programs" identified by an advisory council already established in law.

Present law provides TOPS-Tech Early Start Awards for 11th and 12th grade public school students pursuing industry credentials that are in high demand and recognized by the State Certification Council. Proposed law provides that courses taken with this award must come from a list of "qualified programs" determined by the same advisory council mentioned above.

Proposed law provides that these changes will start with the 2026-2027 school year.

EXPENDITURES	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

REVENUES	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

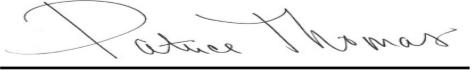
There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental expenditures as a result of this measure. The proposed law gives the M.J. Foster Promise Program Advisory Council the authority to decide which programs qualify for TOPS-Tech and TOPS-Tech Early Start awards.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure.

Senate Dual Referral Rules
 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}
 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

House
 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}
 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}


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