

150th GENERAL ASSEMBLY FISCAL NOTE

BILL: SENATE BILL NO. 65

SPONSOR: Senator Pettyjohn

DESCRIPTION: AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 19 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE

FOCUS ON ALTERNATIVE SKILLS TRAINING PROGRAM.

Assumptions:

1. This Act shall take effect upon signature by the Governor and will be implemented no later than one year from enactment.

- 2. This Act establishes the Focus on Alternative Skills Training Program (FAST), within the Delaware Department of Labor's Employment and Training Division. The program will provide tuition assistance of up to \$9,000, to residents who have obtained a high school diploma, Diploma of Alternate Achievement Standards, or a Delaware secondary credential, which includes earning a GED, and have enrolled in an approved non-degree credit certificate program within 18-months of graduation from a Delaware high school.
- 3. The Workforce Development Board will create and maintain a list of non-degree credit certificate programs approved for the FAST program.
- 4. This Act identifies up to \$1,000,000 in available General Funds for the program's implementation and makes tuition awards subject to the availability of funds.
- 5. The Delaware Department of Labor's Employment and Training Division anticipates the need for two contractual positions at a total annual cost of \$110,000 to assist in administering the program.

Cost:

Fiscal Year 2020: \$0 (assumes implementation one year after enactment)

Fiscal Year 2021: \$1,000,000

Fiscal Year 2022: \$1,000,000

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