

## 150th GENERAL ASSEMBLY FISCAL NOTE

## BILL: HOUSE BILL NO. 291 SPONSOR: Representative Osienski DESCRIPTION: AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 19 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO STATE APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS.

## **Assumptions:**

- 1. This Act becomes effective upon signature by the Governor. Upon signature, this Act takes effect on July 1, 2020.
- 2. This Act creates a financial incentive for employers to train and retain apprentices in apprenticeship programs to help offset the costs associated with the establishment of such programs.
- 3. This Act requires the Delaware Division of Small Business to allocate funding for an apprenticeship incentive program.
- 4. This Act stipulates that the maximum amount any one employer may receive for one or more apprentices within any 12-month period is \$5,000. Employers are not eligible for the incentive reimbursement for an apprentice until after the completion of a 6-month probationary period.
- 5. The Delaware Division of Small Business plans to allocate \$50,000 from its annual allotment of funds from the Employment Training Tax (authorized in 19 Del. C. §3402 (b)(2)), which are considered Appropriated Special Funds (ASF) of the State, to implement the provisions of this Act.

## Cost:

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| Fiscal Year 2021: | \$50,000 |
| Fiscal Year 2022: | \$50,000 |
| Fiscal Year 2023: | \$50,000 |

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