151st 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 the date of enactment.

2. This Act establishes the Focus on Alternative Skills Training (FAST) Program, within the Delaware Department of Labor's Employment and Training Division. The program will provide tuition assistance to individuals for approved non-degree certificate programs that provide industry accepted skill training and certification. Program eligibility includes the following requirements:
    a. Must be a resident of Delaware.
    b. Must have attained a diploma from a Delaware school, or a Diploma of Alternate Achievement Standards, or a Delaware secondary credential.
    c. Must be enrolled in an approved non-degree credit certificate program not later than 18 months after graduating from 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. Payments from the FAST Program are limited to the following:
    a. The total amount of payments per individual cannot exceed $9,000.
    b. Payments cannot pay tuition for longer than 6 months.
    c. Payments are equal to the difference between the full amount of tuition charged and any financial assistance the individual received.
    d. Payments are made on a first-come, first-served basis.

5. This Act identifies up to $1,000,000 in General Funds to implement the provisions of this Act.

6. This Act expands upon the duties of the Delaware Department of Labor's Employment and Training Division. The Employment and Training Division anticipates the need for two (2.0) FTEs Employment Service Specialists, at a total annual cost of $127,630, and one (1.0) FTE Employment and Training Supervisor, at a total annual cost of $67,234. Costs include Other Employment Costs (OECs) at a rate of 32.11%.

Cost:

Fiscal Year 2022:	$1,000,000 (maximum)
Fiscal Year 2023:	$1,000,000 (maximum)
Fiscal Year 2024:	$1,000,000 (maximum)

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