



152nd GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL NOTE

BILL:	SENATE BILL NO. 154
AS AMENDED BY:	SA 1
SPONSOR:	Senator Pettyjohn
DESCRIPTION:	AN ACT TO AMEND CHAPTER 211, VOLUME 83 OF THE LAWS OF DELAWARE RELATING TO THE FOCUS ON ALTERNATIVE SKILLS TRAINING PROGRAM.

Assumptions:

1. This Act becomes effective upon signature of the Governor.
2. This Act repeals the sunset of the Focus on Alternative Skills Training (FAST) Program, which provides tuition for an eligible individual to attend an approved non-degree credit certificate program that provides industry-accepted skill training and certification.
3. Per the original bill, Senate Substitute 1 for Senate Bill 65 of the 151st General Assembly, the program shall be paid for out of available general funds or eligible federal funds, not to exceed \$1 million.
4. The Department of Labor (DOL) carried out the FAST Program utilizing contracted services with federal funds from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of \$500,000. DOL will be required to obligate the funds by December 2024 and expend the funds by December 2026. DOL does not expect these ARPA funds to continue.
5. This Act makes permanent the duties of the DOL, Division of Employment and Training associated with the FAST Program. The program becoming permanent would require the following:
 - a. 1.0 FTE, Employment and Training Contract Specialist, to manage the procurement and vendors. The Fiscal Year 2024 personnel costs, including other employment costs (OECs) at a rate of 32.25%, for the position are estimated at \$72,354.
 - b. Annual administrative, rent, and supply costs are estimated at \$6,000.
6. A 2% inflation cost has been included for projected increases in salary, health insurance, and OECs.

Cost:

	<u>Operating Costs</u>
Fiscal Year 2024:	\$78,354 - \$500,000 (Maximum)
Fiscal Year 2025:	\$79,801 - \$1,000,000 (Maximum)
Fiscal Year 2026:	\$81,277 - \$1,000,000 (Maximum)

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