

FISCAL NOTE

September 25, 2018

Bill No:	SB 714	Printer's No:	1888	Sponsor:	Blake (D)
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COST / (SAVINGS)

Fund (s)	2018-19	2019-20
General Fund	See "FISCAL IMPACT"	See "FISCAL IMPACT"

SUMMARY: This bill creates the Pennsylvania Career Readiness Council.

ANALYSIS: SB 714 establishes the Pennsylvania Career Readiness Council, and provides that the Council shall develop a plan within one year to improve career readiness preparation in Pennsylvania. This includes proposing K-12 curriculum changes to improve the transition to the workforce, making state programs more aligned with industry needs, increasing coordination among various agencies and organizations involved in job skills development, and focusing on STEM-related employment opportunities.

The council is to consist of fifteen members, as well as eight *ex officio* members with staggered terms. The bill provides for the Governor to appoint an Executive Director for the council, who may hire additional staff as necessary and as funding allows. The bill mandates that the council submit a report to the General Assembly annually on its progress along with any recommendations for legislation or other action related to its goals. The bill stipulates that the council is housed under DCED, and that the council may receive funding from the General Assembly, grants from the Federal Government or the Commonwealth, money from private entities or any combination thereof.

FISCAL IMPACT: Since the bill does not specify a funding source, it is assumed that operational and staffing costs related to the council will be incurred by DCED. The following table breaks down the total cost annually for DCED to implement SB 714:

Expense	Cost
Executive Director salary & benefits	\$109,000
Administrative Assistant salary & benefits	\$ 86,000
Operations (travel, IT, research)	\$ 50,000
Marketing	\$200,000
Total:	\$445,000