



State Fiscal Note for Bill Number: 2023-H-5520

Date of State Budget Office Approval: Wednesday, May 10, 2023

Date Requested:

Date Due:

<i>Impact on Expenditures</i>		<i>Impact on Revenues</i>	
FY 2023	N/A	FY 2023	N/A
FY 2024	\$4,158,339	FY 2024	\$0
FY 2025	\$4,158,339	FY 2025	\$0

Explanation by State Budget Office:

This bill would establish annual appropriations by the General Assembly, of at least \$4.0 million, to support the funding of high-quality after-school and out-of-school programs, assistance for educator professional development and pipeline funding for high-quality youth development professionals. It also requires the state Department of Education (RIDE) to create a competitive request for proposals in order to allocate funding in each fiscal year, and to submit an annual report to the General Assembly on the status of progress for each authorized program.

Comments on Sources of Funds:

Costs associated with financing of this bill would be financed through general revenue.

Summary of Facts and Assumptions:

H-5520 would establish a chapter for the purpose of funding comprehensive afterschool, school vacation, summer learning and workforce development programs for public and state school students in grades K-12. The legislation requires that the General Assembly make yearly appropriations of at least \$4.0 million to support these programs, which would include funding for: High-quality afterschool and out-of-school programs and instructors; Quality assistance supports for educator professional development; Workforce development and funding for a pipeline of high-quality youth development professionals; and funding for retention and professional development.

This bill also requires RIDE to create a competitive request for programs that seek to receive funding appropriated to meet the requirements of this chapter. The application process for programs seeking to receive funding would include a detail of funds received from all public sources for existing afterschool, summer learning and workforce development programs and the types of students and programs served by the funds. Programs which support equity, inclusion, accessibility and/or low-income families, youth with disabilities, multi-language learners and youth and families who have challenges associated with access to services would receive priority for funding approvals.

The Budget Office assumes that the minimum yearly appropriation required by the General Assembly per the constraints of this bill would be the amount of funding appropriated in the first years of the program. RIDE indicated that it could not accurately estimate the cost of the program if the program grew in subsequent years.

RIDE also indicated that it may require additional staffing capacity to develop and review RFPs, manage and provide the reporting for award grants, and perform

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additional tasks related to expanding after-school programming. The Budget Office uses the current salary and benefits cost of a filled Administrator of Adult Education Position to estimate the cost of one additional FTE that would be necessary at RIDE to support additional programming as described above. The Office of Adult Education and GED at RIDE manages Adult Education and Workforce Development Programs, leveraging both federal and state funds to support Rhode Island adult in gaining skills and credentials necessary for employment, citizenship, and community leadership. The office also collaborates with multiple state agencies including the Department of Labor and Training and the Department of Human Services. The Budget Office assumes that the responsibilities and qualifications of an FTE tasked with developing quality workforce supports as described above would be similar to the Adult Education Administrator position currently at RIDE. The total salary and benefits cost of this position is \$158,339. This cost is additive to the \$4.0 million annual appropriation that is established through this bill.

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Due to the assumed date of passage, this bill is not assumed to have a fiscal impact in FY 2023.

FY 2024: \$4,158,339
FY 2025: \$4,158,339

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