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AN ACT REQUIRING THE OFFICE OF WORKFORCE STRATEGY
TO CONVENE A WORKING GROUP TO EXPAND PAID WORK-
BASED LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 26 \$	FY 27 \$
OWS	GF - Cost	200,000	None

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill results in a one-time cost of \$200,000 in FY 26 by requiring the Office of Workforce Strategy (OWS) to convene a working group that will develop a plan to establish a work-based learning (WBL) opportunities grant program and submit the plan to the committee of cognizance by January 1, 2026.

The bill requires the plan to include (1) an evaluation of WBL programs currently offered by employers and higher education institutions and (2) an assessment and prioritization of WBL needs by industry and region of the state. OWS will require consulting services at an estimated cost of \$200,000 in order to complete the analyses necessary for these components of the plan by the deadline of January 1. The other components of the plan can be completed within existing resources.

The Out Years

The fiscal impact is one-time only in FY 26 and therefore does not continue into the outyears.