



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 6722

January Session, 2025



AN ACT CONCERNING REIMBURSEMENT OF CERTAIN FEES FOR VETERANS OR SPONSORS OF VETERANS IN APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2025*) (a) Not later than January 1,
2 2026, the Commissioner of Consumer Protection, in consultation with
3 the Labor Commissioner and the executive director of the Technical
4 Education and Career System, shall establish a grant program through
5 which any veteran who resides in this state, and any person sponsoring
6 an apprenticeship program in which any such veteran participates, may
7 apply for reimbursement, pursuant to subsection (b) of this section, of
8 licensure, certification, registration or tuition fees associated with
9 occupations, apprenticeships or trade programs under the jurisdiction
10 of the Technical Education and Career System or boards or councils
11 within the Department of Consumer Protection or the Labor
12 Department, as applicable. As used in this section, "veteran" has the
13 same meaning as provided in section 27-103 of the general statutes.

14 (b) The following shall be eligible for reimbursement through the
15 grant program established under this section:

16 (1) Any fee paid to the Department of Consumer Protection on or
17 after July 1, 2025, by a veteran for any (A) examination, (B) initial

18 licensure or certification, or (C) annual renewal for the five years
19 immediately following such initial licensure or certification;

20 (2) Any fee paid to the Labor Department on or after July 1, 2025, by
21 a person sponsoring an apprenticeship program for any apprentice who
22 (A) participates in such program, and (B) is a veteran; and

23 (3) Up to one thousand dollars, in the aggregate, in tuition fees
24 charged by the Technical Education and Career System board for a
25 student who is a veteran, and paid to said board on or after July 1, 2025,
26 by, (A) such veteran, or (B) the person sponsoring an apprenticeship
27 program in which such veteran participates.

28 (c) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection, in consultation with
29 the Labor Commissioner and the executive director of the Technical
30 Education and Career System, shall prescribe the manner in which
31 eligible veterans or persons sponsoring apprenticeship programs shall
32 apply for reimbursement through the grant program established under
33 this section.

34 (d) Not later than January 1, 2027, and every six months thereafter,
35 the Commissioner of Consumer Protection, the Labor Commissioner
36 and the executive director of the Technical Education and Career System
37 shall jointly submit a report, in accordance with the provisions of section
38 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committee of the
39 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to veterans'
40 affairs. Such report shall contain (1) information detailing the number
41 of applications approved, and the total amount reimbursed, under the
42 grant program established under this section, and (2) recommendations
43 for legislation to address any areas for improvement in the
44 administration of such grant program that have been identified in such
45 report.

46 Sec. 2. (*Effective July 1, 2025*) The sum of one hundred thousand
47 dollars is appropriated to the Department of Consumer Protection from
48 the General Fund, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, for the grant
49 program established under section 1 of this act.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	New section

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