

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE
ASSEMBLY, No. 2835
STATE OF NEW JERSEY
221st LEGISLATURE

DATED: JUNE 20, 2024

SUMMARY

- Synopsis:** Establishes Second Chance Program in charge of providing opportunities through labor organizations for formerly incarcerated individuals.
- Type of Impact:** Annual increase in State costs.
- Agencies Affected:** Department of Labor and Workforce Development; Department of Education; Department of Corrections.

Office of Legislative Services Estimate

Fiscal Impact	
Annual State Cost Increase	Approximately \$64,000 to \$128,000

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BILL DESCRIPTION

This bill establishes the Second Chance Program within the State Employment and Training Commission in the Department of Labor and Workforce Development. The purpose of the program would be to provide real and lasting career opportunities through labor organizations for formerly incarcerated individuals, with the intent to reduce recidivism.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

None received.

OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

The OLS estimates that this bill would lead to an annual State cost increase of approximately \$64,000 to \$128,000. The OLS notes that the bill gives latitude to the State Employment and Training Commission to develop the parameters for implementing the program and so final costs may be higher or lower than the estimated amount. The bill does not provide for worker training programs; instead, the Second Chance program would provide career connections between formerly incarcerated individuals and labor organizations. The OLS determines that resources of between 0.5 and 1.0 full-time equivalent employee would be needed to implement the provisions of this bill. To the extent that fewer or additional resources were required, the fiscal estimate would change accordingly. The OLS also notes that any reduction in recidivism rates resulting from this bill would reduce future State incarceration costs.

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This legislative fiscal estimate has been produced by the Office of Legislative Services due to the failure of the Executive Branch to respond to our request for a fiscal note.

This fiscal estimate has been prepared pursuant to P.L.1980, c.67 (C.52:13B-6 et seq.).