



102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

20 ILCS 605/605-470 new
35 ILCS 5/232 new

Amends the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. Creates the Office of the Apprenticeship Coordinator within the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity to implement programs and strategies related to apprenticeships and to provide assistance to individuals and groups in the State that have interest in or are qualified to be placed in an apprenticeship program. Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act to create a credit for qualified apprentices.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning revenue.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Department of Commerce and Economic
5 Opportunity Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois
6 is amended by adding Section 605-470 as follows:

7 (20 ILCS 605/605-470 new)

8 Sec. 605-470. Office of the Apprenticeship Coordinator.

9 (a) The Department shall provide for, staff, and establish
10 an Office of the Apprenticeship Coordinator ("the Office").
11 The Office shall do the following:

12 (1) Develop and implement programs and strategies that
13 help individuals learn about, receive technical assistance
14 in, and be placed in qualified apprenticeship programs
15 across the State of Illinois. In addition to making use of
16 Department resources, the Office of the Apprenticeship
17 Coordinator shall have the ability to cooperate with all
18 State agencies and institutions of higher education in
19 order to carry out its functions in an effective manner,
20 including support with necessary information, materials,
21 and other forms of assistance. Each State agency and
22 institution of higher education cooperating with the
23 Office shall designate an individual to serve as liaison

1 to the Office to provide information and materials and to
2 respond to requests for assistance from businesses.

3 (2) Provide technical, detailed, and comprehensive
4 assistance to individuals and groups in the State that
5 have interest in or are qualified to be placed in an
6 apprenticeship program. In accomplishing this goal, the
7 Office shall partner with trade or industry organizations,
8 public and private elementary and secondary education
9 schools, and institutions of higher education, with a
10 specific focus on community colleges, throughout the
11 State.

12 (3) Regularly study other states' actions with regard
13 to their approach to apprenticeship programs and make
14 recommendations to the General Assembly and the Governor
15 on ways that the apprenticeship programs can be improved,
16 expanded, or better suited to meet the demands of an
17 ever-changing modern economy.

18 (b) The Department shall oversee and certify a tax credit
19 against the taxes imposed by subsections (a) and (b) of
20 Section 201 of the Illinois Income Tax Act, as provided in
21 Section 232 of the Illinois Income Tax Act. The Department
22 shall have the ability to establish an application process,
23 prescribe a specific set of eligibility criteria deemed
24 reasonable and adequate, certify eligible apprenticeship
25 programs, and certify all income tax credits awarded to a
26 qualified apprentice.

1 (c) The Director of Commerce and Economic Opportunity
2 shall appoint an Assistant Director of the Office of the
3 Apprenticeship Coordinator to oversee the implementation and
4 administration of all functions and duties performed by the
5 Office under this Section.

6 (d) The Department shall adopt any rules necessary to
7 administer and implement the provisions of this Section,
8 including but not limited to rules concerning the application
9 and certification process for the income tax credit created
10 under Section 232 of the Illinois Income Tax Act.

11 Section 10. The Illinois Income Tax Act is amended by
12 adding Section 232 as follows:

13 (35 ILCS 5/232 new)

14 Sec. 232. Credit for qualified apprentices.

15 (a) For each taxable year ending on or after December 31,
16 2022, each qualified apprentice is entitled to a credit
17 against the tax imposed by subsections (a) and (b) of Section
18 201 of this Act in an amount equal to 100% of the qualified
19 costs incurred by a qualified taxpayer during the taxable
20 year. In no event shall a taxpayer receive a credit of more
21 than \$2,000 for any credit under this section. A qualified
22 apprentice may be entitled to no more than one tax credit per
23 taxable year in which he or she incurred qualified costs
24 related to an apprenticeship program certified by the

1 Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity under Section
2 605-470 of Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity
3 Law.

4 (b) In no event shall a credit under this Section reduce
5 the taxpayer's liability to less than zero. If the amount of
6 the tax credit exceeds the tax liability for the year, the
7 excess may be carried forward and applied to the tax liability
8 of the 5 taxable years following the excess credit year. The
9 credit must be applied to the earliest year for which there is
10 a tax liability. If there are credits from more than one tax
11 year that are available to offset a liability, then the
12 earlier credit must be applied first.

13 (c) The Department of Revenue, in cooperation with the
14 Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, shall adopt
15 any necessary rules in order to implement and administer the
16 provisions of this Section.

17 (d) For purposes of this Section:

18 "Qualified apprentice" means an individual who: (i) is
19 a resident of the State of Illinois; (ii) is at least 16
20 years old at the close of the school year for which a
21 credit is sought; and (iii) is enrolled in an
22 apprenticeship program identified by the Department of
23 Commerce and Economic Opportunity under Section 605-470 of
24 the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Law,
25 and (iv) becomes employed by an Illinois employer.

26 "Qualified costs" means the amount incurred on behalf

1 of a qualifying apprentice on tuition, books, fees, or
2 other expenses related to enrollment in a qualified
3 apprenticeship program identified by the Department of
4 Commerce and Economic Opportunity under Section 605-470 of
5 the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Law.