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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6773

BILL NUMBER: SB 461

NOTE PREPARED: Dec 29, 2012

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Vocational Arts Curriculum.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Waterman

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill provides that, as part of the annual review of a student's graduation plan, a school corporation must advise the student of the vocational training offered by the school corporation. It also provides that, as part of developing a student's graduation plan, a student's guidance counselor must advise the student of the vocational training offered by the school corporation and of career opportunities in lieu of attending college, including: (1) career opportunities that require vocational or industrial training; and (2) service in the armed forces of the United States or the National Guard.

The bill requires the Legislative Council to establish a Vocational Education Study Committee to study certain issues related to providing vocational or industrial programs in high school.

The bill requires the Commission on State Tax and Financing Policy to study the feasibility of offering tax incentives to a company to provide vocational or industrial job training to high school students.

Effective Date: Upon passage; July 1, 2013.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *Vocational Education Study Committee-* This bill establishes a committee to study certain issues related to providing vocational or industrial programs in high school. The committee is to operate under the policies governing study committees adopted by the Legislative Council. Legislative Council resolutions in the past have established budgets for interim study committees in the amount of \$9,500 per interim for committees with fewer than 16 members.

The Vocational Education Study Committee would:

1. Identify industrial or vocational educational programs available to high school students.
2. Study methods of increasing student involvement in vocational and industrial programs.
3. Study methods to modernize current vocational or industrial programs.
4. Study ways to make vocational or industrial programs more affordable to schools.
5. Study ways to make free transportation more available to students that travel off school property to vocational or industrial programs.
6. Study additional topics assigned by the Legislative Council.

Commission on State Tax and Financing Policy Study Topic- The requirement that the Commission on State Tax and Financing Policy study the feasibility of offering tax incentives to a company to provide vocational or industrial job training to high school students should have no fiscal impact.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: The requirement that the school corporation must advise the student of the vocational training offered by the school corporation and the requirement that the student's guidance counselor advise the student of the vocational training offered by the school corporation should not increase local school expenditures.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Legislative Services Agency.

Local Agencies Affected: Schools.

Information Sources:

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