



FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 247

Committee: Fiscal Responsibility

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Senate Bill 247 as passed the Senate would rename the existing Alabama Department of Labor as the Alabama Department of Workforce (ADOW) and designate the head of the department as the Secretary of Workforce. This bill would also restructure the ADOW, and increase its' administrative and financial obligations by an undetermined amount by expanding the general functions and duties of the ADOW to include: (1) serving as the centralized data and information repository for the workforce development activities of the state; and (2) administering and overseeing certain state and federal workforce development programs and entities currently administered and overseen by the Department of Commerce (DOC).

Additionally, this bill would: (1) transfer to the newly restructured department from DOC all state-owned assets and state-level staff currently assigned to regional workforce councils; (2) provide for three additional exempt employees of the department, whose compensation shall be set by the Secretary; (3) provide for the employment of a division chief of the Workforce Pathway Division; (4) repeal provisions regarding the directors of unemployment compensation and employment services; and (5) allow members of the Alabama Workforce Board, members of its' executive committee, and members of the regional workforce boards to be reimbursed for reasonable expenses incurred in the performance of the duties of the office.