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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

LS 6839
BILL NUMBER: HB 1254

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 9, 2025
BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Cognitive Training Grant Program.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Teshka
FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill establishes the Cognitive Training Grant Program to provide grants to public and charter schools (eligible schools) to adopt and implement a cognitive training program designed to build skills in areas important to learning. The bill also establishes the Cognitive Training Grant Program Fund.

It provides that the Department of Education (DOE) shall develop and publish on IDOE's website:

- (1) criteria that vendors must meet to be eligible for use by eligible schools; and
- (2) guidelines to award grants to eligible schools.

The bill also requires IDOE to prepare and submit an annual report regarding the program to the Governor and Legislative Council.

Effective Date: July 1, 2025.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *Cognitive Training Grant Program:* The new grant program is to be administered by the Department of Education (DOE). The requirements for DOE to develop guidelines and to begin administering grants in FY 2026 may require dedicated staffing. Based on similar positions at DOE, hiring a Grant Coordinator may be expected to cost between \$90,000 to \$114,000 per year, inclusive of salary and benefits. DOE is also required to report on the program to the Governor and the Legislative Council.

Cognitive Training Grant Fund: The new non-reverting fund is established to provide grants to schools to cover the costs of cognitive training. The costs to provide grants could be significant, but are dependent upon the types of allowable expenses schools may seek to fund. Grants may cover expenses for software, teacher training, compensation, or student assessments. The bill makes no appropriation. Ultimately, the source of funds and resources required to satisfy the requirements of this bill will depend on legislative and administrative actions.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: Schools that develop a cognitive training program for eligible students may apply for grants. Those that do will experience an increase in workload associated with grant application.

Explanation of Local Revenues: Schools that develop a cognitive training program for eligible students may receive grant revenue to reimburse program expenses, subject to the DOE program guidelines and criteria.

State Agencies Affected: Department of Education.

Local Agencies Affected: Public schools.

Information Sources: State Personnel Department Staffing Data, December 2024.

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