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SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Requires the Department of Labor and Workforce Development (DLWD), in coordination with the Department of Education (DOE), to develop and Administer the Tennessee Work Ready Opportunity Program (T-WROP). Such program will assess and certify adult displaced workers' and students' career readiness using nationally recognized assessments. Requires that such assessments be available in print and electronic formats and be available to adult displaced workers and high school students.

Requires LEAs and public charter schools to provide each student the opportunity to take the ACT WorkKeys National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC) examinations through the T-WROP.

Requires the DLWD to allocate funding to administer the T-WROP, provide job-profiling training and services to employers, and conduct a virtual training program for communities on participation in the T-WROP. Subject to appropriation, the DOE is required to allocate funding for high school students to take assessments through the T-WROP.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Increase State Expenditures - \$3,306,100/FY21-22
\$3,016,900/FY22-23 and Subsequent Years

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (007104): Deletes all language after the enacting clause. Establishes, subject to available funding and limited to the 2021-22 and 2022-23 school years, that each student shall have the opportunity to take nationally recognized assessments as a strategy for assessing and certifying students' career readiness and providing students more choice in identifying career pathways.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$1,584,000/FY21-22
\$1,584,000/FY22-23

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- This legislation will result in an increase in expenditures for the DOE to provide nationally recognized assessments which assess and clarify students' career readiness.
- Such test is assumed to be the ACT WorkKeys National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC) examination.
- The annual cost to provide NCRC tests per year for approximately 72,000 students, at \$22 per test, will result in an increase in state expenditures of \$1,584,000 (72,000 x \$22).
- These new provisions will only be applicable in the 2021-22 and 2022-23 school years.
- An increase in state expenditures in each FY21-22 and FY22-23 of \$1,584,000.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



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