



FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 253

Committee: Education Policy

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Senate Bill 253 as reported by the Committee on Education Policy would increase the administrative obligations of the State Board of Education to establish the new Workforce Pathways diploma at the K-12 level and would increase the administrative and financial obligations of the State Department of Education, by an undetermined amount, to develop and implement the Workforce Pathways curriculum for K-12 students pursuant to the provisions of this bill and to work with the local boards of education to implement the workforce diploma pathway at the local level.

Further, this bill could increase the obligations of the Legislature paid from the Education Trust Fund by an undetermined amount: (1) if the State Board of Education seeks additional funding to construct, retrofit, and/or upgrade career and technical education centers throughout the state; and (2) to provide additional funding for scholarships via the Alabama Community College System's Short-term Credential Scholarship Program. For FY 2025, the Governor's introduced budget appropriates \$1,000,000 for the Short-term Credential Scholarship Program.