

FISCAL NOTE

June 10, 2019

Bill No:	SB 118	Printer's No:	725	Sponsor:	Langerholc (R)
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COST / (SAVINGS)

Fund (s)	2018-19	2019-20
General Fund	See "FISCAL IMPACT"	\$3 million

SUMMARY: This bill establishes a work-to-recovery pilot program within the Department of Labor and Industry.

ANALYSIS: SB 118 establishes a work-to-recovery pilot program to be administered by the department in consultation with the Department of Health, the Department of Human Services, the Department of Corrections, the Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs, and the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency.

The bill stipulates that the department shall approve up to seven local pilot programs in counties with high levels of drug-related overdose deaths. These pilot programs will be implemented through local workforce development boards and business partners, with the goal of helping individuals in recovery from drug and alcohol addiction develop job-related skills and find long-term employment. The department is responsible for receiving applications for these pilot programs, establishing and tracking outcome metrics, providing informational resources to program partners, and determining the distribution of available funds from money appropriated for this act. SB 119 also requires the department, in consultation with the Pennsylvania Workforce Development Board, to submit an annual report to the General Assembly, Governor, and the Auditor General detailing the progress of the program.

SB 118 provides for business partners to receive \$1250 in incentive payments after an individual participating in a pilot program completes 12 consecutive weeks of full-time employment with the business.

SB 118 takes effect immediately.

FISCAL IMPACT: SB 118 carries a \$3 million annual cost to the department. The department will incur \$2.7 million in annual grants to local workforce development boards to fund support and work-training services for these networks. Additionally, the department will incur \$300,000 in annual administrative costs to oversee these pilot programs. As the department's workforce staff is currently federally-funded, staff time for this pilot program would be charged to the commonwealth.