



## FISCAL NOTE

### Senate Bill 253

Committee: Economic Development and  
Tourism

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**Senate Bill 253** as passed the Senate would increase the administrative obligations of the State Board of Education to establish the new Workforce Pathways diploma at the K-12 level.

Additionally, this bill would increase the administrative and financial obligations of the State Board of Education, the State Department of Education, and the local boards 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.

Further, this bill provides that any increased obligations may be offset in whole or in part by additional funding by the Legislature to construct, retrofit, or upgrade career and technical education centers in the state.

Finally, this bill would provide that the Legislature may provide funding for the existing Alabama Short-Term Credential Program. The Governor's Recommended Fiscal Year 2025 appropriation includes \$1 million for this program under the Alabama Community College System.