



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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HB4038

Introduced 4/8/2025, by Rep. Kevin Schmidt

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

20 ILCS 605/605-1118 new
30 ILCS 105/5.1030 new

Amends the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. Provides that, subject to availability of funds, the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity may establish the Illinois Apprenticeship Voucher Program for the purpose of providing funds to apprentices to pay for their tools and equipment upon completion of their registered apprenticeship program. Provides that Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity shall disburse the sum of \$300 to each recipient in the form of a voucher for the purpose of paying for tools and equipment required in their intended line of work. Creates the Illinois Apprenticeship-to-Career Starter Kit Fund. Provides that moneys in the Fund shall be used by the Department for the purposes of the voucher program. Amends the State Finance Act to make conforming changes.

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1 AN ACT concerning State government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Department of Commerce and Economic
5 Opportunity Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois
6 is amended by adding Section 605-1118 as follows:

7 (20 ILCS 605/605-1118 new)

8 Sec. 605-1118. Illinois Apprenticeship Voucher Program.

9 (a) As used in this Section:

10 "Apprentice" means a participant in an apprenticeship
11 program approved by and registered with the United States
12 Department of Labor's Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training.

13 "Apprenticeship program" means an apprenticeship and
14 training program approved by and registered with the United
15 States Department of Labor's Bureau of Apprenticeship and
16 Training.

17 "Department" means the Department of Commerce and Economic
18 Opportunity.

19 (b) Subject to availability of funds in the Illinois
20 Apprenticeship-to-Career Starter Kit Fund, the Department is
21 authorized to establish the Illinois Apprenticeship Voucher
22 Program to be administered in accordance with this Section for
23 the purpose of providing funds to apprentices to pay for their

1 tools and equipment upon completion of their registered
2 apprenticeship program.

3 The Department shall disburse the sum of \$300 to each
4 recipient in the form of a voucher for the purpose of paying
5 for tools and equipment required in their intended line of
6 work.

7 In order to be eligible for the apprenticeship voucher
8 under this Section:

9 (1) the apprenticeship program must certify to the
10 Department that the apprentice has graduated from their
11 apprenticeship program; and

12 (2) the apprenticeship program must certify to the
13 Department that the apprenticeship program is an
14 Illinois-based apprenticeship program.

15 (c) The Department may accept funds from any individual,
16 business, philanthropic organization, and federal grant for
17 the funding of the Illinois Apprenticeship Voucher Program.
18 Those moneys shall be deposited into the Illinois
19 Apprenticeship-to-Career Starter Kit Fund.

20 (d) The Illinois Apprenticeship-to-Career Starter Kit Fund
21 is hereby created as a special fund in the State treasury. All
22 moneys in the Fund shall be used, subject to appropriation, by
23 the Department for the purposes of this Section.

24 (e) The Department may adopt any rules necessary to
25 administer the provisions of this Section.

1 Section 10. The State Finance Act is amended by adding
2 Section 5.1030 as follows:

3 (30 ILCS 105/5.1030 new)

4 Sec. 5.1030. The Illinois Apprenticeship-to-Career Starter
5 Kit Fund.