

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE
SENATE, No. 789
STATE OF NEW JERSEY
220th LEGISLATURE

DATED: JUNE 22, 2022

SUMMARY

Synopsis: Establishes Helmets to Hardhats program in the DMVA; appropriates \$400,000.

Type of Impact: Annual increase in State expenditures.

Agencies Affected: Department of Military and Veterans Affairs.

Office of Legislative Services Estimate

Fiscal Impact	<u>Year 1</u>	<u>Annually Thereafter</u>
State Cost Increase	Up to \$400,000	Indeterminate

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BILL DESCRIPTION

This bill establishes the Helmets to Hardhats program in the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs and will be administered by the New Jersey Building and Construction Trades Council. The purpose of the program is to provide outreach and assistance to veterans in obtaining preparation and guidance to gain admission into training and education programs needed to obtain careers in the construction industry, including registered apprenticeship programs which lead to careers in the building trades, as well as careers in administration, engineering and management in the construction industry.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

None received.

OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

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This legislative fiscal estimate has been produced by the Office of Legislative Services due to the failure of the Executive Branch to respond to our request for a fiscal note.

This fiscal estimate has been prepared pursuant to P.L.1980, c.67 (C.52:13B-6 et seq.).