

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE

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SENATE, No. 4211

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
219th LEGISLATURE

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SUMMARY

- Synopsis:** Establishes county college-based adult centers for transition for individuals with developmental disabilities; makes annual appropriation of \$4.5 million.
- Type of Impact:** Increase in annual State expenditures; increase in annual county college revenue and expenditures.
- Agencies Affected:** Office of the Secretary of Higher Education. County Colleges.

Office of Legislative Services Estimate

Fiscal Impact	Year 1	Annually Thereafter
State Cost Increase	\$4.5 million	Indeterminate
County College Cost Increase	Indeterminate	Indeterminate
County College Revenue Increase	\$4.5 million	Indeterminate

- The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) notes that this bill will lead to a State expenditure increase of \$4.5 million in FY 2022 to provide grants to county colleges to establish centers for transition for individuals with developmental disabilities. Annual State costs thereafter are indeterminate.
- County colleges will experience a concurrent increase in revenue stemming from the disbursement of grants under the FY 2022 appropriation. Assuming this appropriation is split evenly among the State’s 18 county colleges, each county college would receive \$250,000.
- County colleges will incur indeterminate annual expenditures to operate these centers and provide the services outlined in the bill, which may or may not be offset by grant revenues in future fiscal years.

BILL DESCRIPTION

This bill provides for the establishment of county college-based adult centers for transition, which will serve developmentally disabled individuals up to the age of 24. The bill also makes an annual appropriation of \$4.5 million for the bill’s purposes.

The county college-based adult center is to provide individuals with developmental disabilities up to the age of 24 a more successful transition from secondary school to postsecondary education, adult employment, and independent living opportunities and skills. A county college's board of trustees is required to appoint a person qualified by training and experience to direct and administer the adult center for transition.

The bill provides that the purpose of a county college-based adult center will be to: coordinate and integrate existing county and State-based services, programs, and resources; and ensure that individuals with developmental disabilities up to the age of 24 have opportunities to receive mentoring, job coaching, skill training, and any other appropriate wrap-around services to help them make a successful transition into employment and independent living.

The bill permits the board of trustees of a county college to satisfy the bill's requirements through a contract with the board of trustees of another county college.

The board of trustees of a county college may receive and expend moneys from the State and federal governments or private individuals, corporations, associations, or college foundations to meet the expenses of the county college-based adult center for transition.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

None received.

OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

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County colleges will incur indeterminate annual expenditures to operate these centers and provide the services outlined in the bill, which may or may not be offset by grant revenues in future fiscal years. The OLS notes, however, that certain county colleges may already operate centers and programs that meet the goals and requirements of the bill. These county colleges with pre-existing programs may not experience the same start-up costs associated with establishing an adult center for transition as those county colleges that do not operate centers that are in compliance with the provisions of the bill.

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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.).