

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Description interns employed by assembly and senate offices and making an appropriation					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Under the bill, the employment of one paid intern in each assembly office and up to two paid interns in each senate office is authorized. Under the bill, each intern must: (a) be at least 18 years old; (b) be enrolled in an institution of higher education; and (c) come from a household whose income does not exceed 300 percent of the federal poverty line based on family size (\$83,250 per year for a family of four in 2022). Under the bill, each intern must be paid a stipend of at least \$15 per hour, which may be paid for up to 20 hours per week of work for work performed during certain terms set forth in the bill that correspond to the academic school year. The bill creates a sum sufficient appropriation in the Legislature to support the costs of the paid interns.

The internship program is generally scheduled to correspond with both academic calendars and legislative sessions for approximately 42 weeks in odd-numbered years, and 16 weeks in even-numbered years. Under the bill, up to 165 interns could be paid from the newly created sum sufficient appropriation. If interns were pay at the base wage rate of \$15, worked the maximum 20 hours per week and the Legislature's session schedule remained unchanged, additional expenditures for the Legislature would be an estimated \$2,079,000 in odd-numbered years and \$792,000 in even numbered years.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications