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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 561, L.D. 1394, “An Act to Expand and Strengthen the Competitive Skills Scholarship Program”

Amend the bill in section 1 in paragraph B in the 2nd line (page 1, line 5 in L.D.) by striking out the following: ".04%" and inserting the following: '.034%'

Amend the bill in section 4 in paragraph C in the first 2 lines (page 1, lines 15 and 16 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "or certified preapprenticeship training program established pursuant to this chapter"

Amend the bill in section 5 in paragraph A in subparagraph (4) in the first line (page 1, line 28 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "Costs" and inserting the following: 'Related costs'

Amend the bill in section 5 in paragraph A by striking out all of the 2nd blocked paragraph (page 1, lines 33 to 36 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

'Registered apprentices and individuals participating in a plan that includes a certified preapprenticeship training program approved pursuant to subsection 4 are eligible for services under this subsection, including those necessary to participate in any on-the-job learning component of the program, as long as the registered apprentices and individuals meet the requirement of subsection 5, paragraph C.'

Amend the bill by inserting after section 6 the following:

'Sec. 7. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

LABOR, DEPARTMENT OF

Employment Services Activity 0852

Initiative: Allocates funds to reflect an increase in the employer contribution rates for the Competitive Skills Scholarship Fund.

COMPETITIVE SKILLS SCHOLARSHIP FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$3,500,000	\$3,500,000

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COMPETITIVE SKILLS SCHOLARSHIP FUND	<u>\$3,500,000</u>	<u>\$3,500,000</u>
TOTAL		

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

SUMMARY

This amendment changes the Competitive Skills Scholarship Fund planned yield from .04%, as in the bill, to .034%. It clarifies that preapprenticeship programs are considered a remedial or prerequisite educational service under the program for which services must be provided when part of an approved plan. The amendment limits the items that a program is required under the bill to provide to include only related costs of licensing and certification and limits eligibility for certain services to registered apprentices and individuals who meet certain income requirements. The amendment adds an appropriations and allocations section.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT