Date of Hearing: May 10, 2023

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS
Chris Holden, Chair
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Policy Committee: Higher Education
Labor and Employment

Vote: 12 - 0
7 - 0

Urgency: No  State Mandated Local Program: No  Reimbursable: No

SUMMARY:

This bill makes various changes to several provisions of the California Community Colleges (CCC) Economic and Workforce Development Program (EWD), including repealing the sunset on the current program and repealing the Job Development Incentive Training Program portion of the program.

FISCAL EFFECT:

$23 million in ongoing Proposition 98 General Fund costs beginning in January 1, 2025, to extend authorization for this program indefinitely, should the Legislature choose to continue to fund this program at its historic levels.

COMMENTS:

1) Purpose. According to the author, this bill would:

Modernize the California Community Colleges Economic and Workforce Development program and prioritize equitable student outcomes, work-based learning, and career and economic mobility. [This bill] ultimately would put the money that’s currently allocated to this program to modernize this program and give students the tools to choose to go into a workforce that is in great need of new workers.

This bill is sponsored by the CCC Chancellor’s Office and has no opposition.

2) Background. The state budget provides $23 million in ongoing Proposition 98 General Fund to the CCC to administer the EWD program. The program supports CCCs in identifying regional workforce needs and offering associated training programs in collaboration with industry partners. Within EWD is the Job Development Incentive Training Program, which provides training on a no-cost or low-cost basis to participating employers who create employment opportunities.

The sunset provision of the EWD has been extended various times, most recently to January 1, 2025. This bill deletes the sunset provision.

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