



**Fiscal Estimate Narratives**

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LRB Number	<b>13-1599/1</b>	Introduction Number	<b>SB-044</b>	Estimate Type	<b>Original</b>
<b>Description</b> Workforce growth grants to technical college districts and making an appropriation					

**Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate**

SB-44 creates a new \$10 million appropriation in the first year of the biennium to support a new "workforce growth program." The workforce growth program would provide grants to local technical college district boards for the purposes of partnering with businesses, local workforce development boards, or economic development organizations that are located within the technical college district or that provide services in the district.

The grants could be directed to meeting local needs in supporting the economic sectors with documented skills gaps or workforce shortages, including manufacturing, energy, information technology, skilled trades and health care. The grants could target those already working or those needed preparation to enter the workforce.

**Long-Range Fiscal Implications**

The workforce grant program would increase funding available to training opportunities in areas with documented workforce shortages.