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# **Bill Analysis**

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#### **SUMMARY**

- Establishes a grant program for 501(c)(3) retailers that sell donated goods, equal to the lesser of 25% or \$1 million per year of state sales taxes collected by the retailer.
- Grants are to fund job training and placement services for individuals with workplace disadvantages, i.e., disabilities, mental health issues, criminal history, veteran status, and homelessness.
- Appropriates \$5 million from the GRF in each of FYs 2024 and 2025 for the grant program.

#### **DETAILED ANALYSIS**

## Grant program for job training and placement services

The bill establishes a grant program, administered by the Department of Development (DEV), for qualifying retailers. To qualify, a retailer must be a 501(c)(3) organization exempt from federal income tax, routinely sell donated goods, and use a portion of its revenue to provide job training, placement services, and employment to individuals with workplace disadvantages, i.e., disabilities, mental health issues, criminal history, veteran status, and homelessness. The grants must be used to fund such job training and placement services into competitive employment.

To be awarded a grant, a qualifying retailer may submit an application to DEV along with records detailing the number of people trained and employed through the retailer's workforce development programs in the preceding fiscal year and state sales tax records for the preceding fiscal year. DEV must approve or deny the application within 30 days. If approved, the amount of the grant equals 25% of state sales taxes collected by the retailer in the preceding fiscal year, up to \$1 million in a fiscal year. The grant is disbursed pursuant to an agreement between DEV and the retailer, which must include provisions for recovering any funds that the retailer uses for unauthorized purposes.

Each retailer awarded a grant must, by the following July 31, file a report with DEV accounting for the use of grant funds in the preceding fiscal year and listing the number of people served by the retailer's workforce programs in that year. The Department must review each report to ensure compliance, but such reviews may not be conducted more than four years after the last day of the fiscal year.<sup>1</sup>

The bill appropriates \$5 million from the GRF in each of FYs 2024 and 2025 to fund the grants.<sup>2</sup>

### **HISTORY**

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Section 1.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Sections 2 to 4.