

SENATE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

Chair of Committee

April 28, 2026
Date

Committee on Appropriations.

After consideration on the merits, the Committee recommends the following:

SB26-156 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee of the Whole with favorable recommendation and with a recommendation that it be placed on the consent calendar:

1 Amend printed bill, page 19, strike lines 15 through 24 and substitute:

2 **"SECTION 7. Appropriation - adjustments to 2026 long bill.**

3 To implement this act, the general fund appropriation made in the annual
4 general appropriation act for the 2026-27 state fiscal year to the
5 department of labor and employment for use by the division of
6 employment and training for workforce development council is decreased
7 by \$46,605.

8 (2) Subsection (1) of this section does not require a reduction of
9 an appropriation in the annual general appropriation act for the 2026-27
10 state fiscal year if:

11 (a) The amount of the general fund appropriation made in the
12 annual general appropriation act for the 2026-27 state fiscal year to the
13 department of labor and employment for use by the division of
14 employment and training for workforce development council is less than
15 the amount of the adjustment required in subsection (1) of this section; or

16 (b) The annual general appropriation act for the 2026-27 state
17 fiscal year does not include an appropriation to the department of labor
18 and employment for use by the division of employment and training for
19 workforce development council.

20 **SECTION 8. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
21 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
22 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August
23 12, 2026, if adjournment sine die is on May 13, 2026); except that section
24 7 of this act takes effect only if the annual general appropriation act for
25 the 2026-27 state fiscal year becomes law, in which case section 7 takes
26 effect upon the effective date of this act or of the annual general

1 appropriation act for state fiscal year 2026-27, whichever is later, and
2 except that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of
3 article V of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or
4 part of this act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will
5 not take effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be
6 held in November 2026 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of
7 the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor."

8 Page 1, line 102, strike "PRACTICES." and substitute "PRACTICES, AND,
9 IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, REDUCING AN APPROPRIATION."

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