Department of Planning and Budget
2026 General Assembly Session
State Fiscal Impact Statement

PUBLISHED: 3/11/2026 10:49 AM **ORIGINAL**

Bill Number: HB772ER **Patron:** Thornton
Bill Title: Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act. Adult and Dislocated Worker funds; minimum allocation requirement eliminated.

Bill Summary: Allows the Department of Workforce Development and Advancement to waive the requirement that local workforce development boards allocate at least 40 percent of Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Adult and Dislocated Worker funds to training services under specified circumstances. The bill requires the Department to develop and publish a waiver application and approval process, directs that any unencumbered funds resulting from an approved waiver be used for client services as defined by the Commissioner, and clarifies that sanctions for failure to meet the allocation requirement do not apply when a waiver has been granted.

Budget Amendment Necessary: **No.** **Items Impacted:** **N/A**

Explanation: This bill involves the Department of Workforce Development and Advancement (DWDA) and local workforce development boards. No budget action is required. See Fiscal Analysis section, below.

Fiscal Summary: It is anticipated that this bill will result in an indeterminate fiscal impact to DWDA.

Fiscal Analysis: This impact statement is final. The bill allows DWDA to waive the statutory minimum allocation of WIOA Adult and Dislocated Worker funds to training services under specified circumstances and requires DWDA to establish a waiver process. Any changes in spending patterns would depend on federal award levels, waiver utilization, and local board decisions and are indeterminate. Administration of the waiver process adds an administrative function for DWDA, and it is anticipated that this workload can be absorbed within existing resources.

Other: None.