



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

SENATE BILL NO. 497

PRINTER'S NO. 1517

PRIME SPONSOR: Robinson

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2023/24	FY 2024/25
General Fund	See Fiscal Impact	See Fiscal Impact

SUMMARY:

This bill creates the Max Manufacturing Initiative Fund and the Max Manufacturing Endeavor Loan Fund to make grants and loans available for specialized manufacturing equipment and integrated systems and imposes powers and duties on the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) to administer the program.

ANALYSIS:

This bill creates the Max Manufacturing Initiative Fund within the State Treasury to be administered by DCED to issue grants for specialized equipment, infrastructure and integrated systems for use by university and private entities, public-private partnerships, contracting authorities and nonprofit organizations conducting or facilitating advanced manufacturing to support:

- Advancement in the fields of industrial processes, mining, manufacturing, production agriculture, information technology and biotechnology.
- Service as a medical facility or in other industrial or technology sectors as defined by the department.
- The acquisition and installation of new machinery and equipment, upgrading existing machinery and equipment or retrofitting existing facilities with new or high-demand technologies as defined by the department.

This bill also creates the Max Manufacturing Endeavor Loan account within the State Treasury to be administered by DCED for the purpose of issuing loans under this chapter, upon application of an applicant for the purposes of purchasing of specialized equipment or integrated systems for use by university and private entities, public-private partnerships and contracting authorities conducting or facilitating advanced manufacturing, and purchasing, constructing, renovating or rehabilitating facilities to be used in a shared infrastructure project.

It also requires grantees and recipients of loans to provide annual detailed accounting reports to DCED and allows DCED to use up to 3% of an appropriated amount for administrative costs.

Senate Bill 497 bill was amended in the Senate to:

- Remove language requiring a project labor agreement for work performed under this act.
- Add language requiring a grant or loan recipient to make a good faith effort to employ contractors and subcontractors from the local labor market.
- Add language requiring all projects to comply with the Prevailing Wage Act.

This act shall take effect immediately.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The fiscal impact of Senate Bill 497 is dependent upon a future appropriation from the General Assembly. The legislation would allow DCED to use up to 3% annually of a future appropriation to each account for administrative costs relating to the administration of this act. Pending a potential appropriation, DCED believes the program could be operated with the 3% allocation.

The Senate changes do not have any fiscal impact on this bill.

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Estimates are calculated using the best information available. Actual costs and revenue impact incurred may vary from estimates.