

SEC 9. Work-Based Learning and Training Program *(a.k.a. Internships, Returnships, Externships, etc)*

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(f) The Department of Labor shall perform the duties described above with funds appropriated for this purpose. *(\$4m total; \$1mil VDOL, \$3m VSAC)*

(g) Education Cost Offset Pilot. The Vermont Department of Labor shall reserve up to *(\$3m)* of funds allocated for the Work-Based Learning and Training Program in FY2023 to pilot an initiative to expand the number of post-secondary students participating in an internship with a Vermont Employer.

1. Students enrolled in an approved post-secondary institution as defined in 16 V.S.A. may be eligible for up to \$3,000 for tuition and fees directly related to participating in an internship with a Vermont employer for which they are also receiving post-secondary credit toward a degree.

2. The Vermont Department of Labor will enter into an agreement with the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation to develop and administer the pilot. The agreement shall include an amount not to exceed 7% for costs associated with the administration of the program.

(h) *[insert former (f) report]*