

**LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE  
BILL ANALYSIS**

**Bill No:** SB 263

**48th Legislature, 2nd Session, 2008**

**Short Title:** Create Apprenticeship Training Fund

**Sponsor(s):** Senator Bernadette M. Sanchez and Others

**Analyst:** James Ball

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**Bill Summary:**

SB 263 creates the Apprenticeship Training Fund to be administered by the Instructional Support and Vocational Education Division of the Public Education Department (PED) and makes an appropriation to support registered apprenticeship training programs.

**Fiscal Impact:**

\$2.0 million is appropriated from the General Fund to the Apprenticeship Training Fund for expenditure in FY 09 and subsequent fiscal years. Unexpended funds at the end of a fiscal year shall not revert to the General Fund.

**Issues:**

According to PED's analysis of SB 263:

- the *Apprenticeship Assistance Act* was originally adopted in 1992;
- funding supports current and emerging industry training and economic development in areas registered apprenticeship programs;
- apprenticeship programs combine classroom training with employment (on-the-job). The program design is industry driven and, for the most part, industry funded. Training is, therefore, directly responsive to employer needs;
- legislative appropriation in SB 263 underwrites only that part of the program's costs that provides classroom-related instruction; it is not used to underwrite the costs employers incur in providing on-the-job training; and
- there were 1,248 apprentices registered in the state working at an average hourly wage of \$17.92.

The *General Appropriation Act* for FY 09 contains \$650,000 for apprenticeship assistance.

**Related Bill:**

HB 126 *Increase Apprenticeship Program Funding*