



FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 253

Committee: Ways and Means Education

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Senate Bill 253 as passed the Senate could decrease net income tax receipts to the Education Trust Fund (ETF) by an undetermined amount dependent upon the amount of rebates claimed pursuant to this bill under the Entertainment Industry Incentive Act of 2009 (EIIA) for:

- 1) 45% of payroll expenses, up to \$2 million annually, for small budget productions with productions expenditures greater than \$100,000 and up to \$499,999; and
- 2) motion picture soundtracks and music video productions due to lowering the minimum production expenditure from \$50,000, under current law, to \$30,000.

This bill could also increase potential income tax receipts to the ETF by an undetermined amount dependent upon:

- 1) the amount of withholding taxes remitted by qualified production companies on behalf of loan-out companies to qualify for the incentives allowed pursuant to the EIIA; and
- 2) any motion picture soundtrack production expenditures in excess of \$200,000 and up to \$300,000 for which a qualified production company may otherwise have claimed a rebate for under current law.

This bill does not alter the existing \$22 million annual aggregate cap for this program.