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STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT

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Bill Number:	H. 5177	Introduced on February 12, 2026
Subject:	Baccalaureate in Culinary Arts Management Degree	
Requestor:	House Ways and Means	
RFA Analyst(s):	Tipton	
Impact Date:	March 10, 2026	

Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill authorizes an Applied Baccalaureate in Culinary Arts Management degree at Trident Technical College (Trident Tech) provided that the program is first approved by the Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education (Tech Board) and then the Commission on Higher Education (CHE). The Applied Baccalaureate in Culinary Arts Management degree program is only allowed under the bill so long as new General Funds are not appropriated for the operations of the degree program.

This bill is expected to have a minimal expenditure impact on the Tech Board and Trident Tech to establish the Applied Baccalaureate in Culinary Arts Management degree program. However, any expenses incurred will be managed by existing institutional resources as well as future tuition and fee revenue generated by the degree program.

This bill will have no expenditure impact on CHE, as the agency indicates that it will manage the approval of the degree program with existing staff and resources.

This bill will result in an undetermined increase in Other Funds revenue for Trident Tech as a result of additional tuition and fees generated by the Applied Baccalaureate in Culinary Arts Management degree. The actual revenue increase will depend on tuition rates set and the number of students who enter the degree program and is currently unknown.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

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State Expenditure

This bill authorizes an Applied Baccalaureate in Culinary Arts Management degree at Trident Tech provided that the program is first approved by the Tech Board and then CHE. The Applied Baccalaureate in Culinary Arts Management degree program is only allowed under the bill so long as new General Funds are not appropriated for the operations of the degree program.

The Tech Board anticipates a minimal expenditure impact to establish the Applied Baccalaureate in Culinary Arts Management degree program at Trident Tech and indicates that any expenses incurred will be managed by existing institutional resources as well as future tuition and fee revenue generated by the degree program.

CHE indicates that the approval of the degree program will be managed with existing staff and resources will therefore have no expenditure impact on the agency.

State Revenue

This bill will result in an undetermined increase in Other Funds revenue for Trident Tech from tuition and fees generated by the Applied Baccalaureate in Culinary Arts Management degree program. The actual revenue increase will depend on tuition rates set by the Tech Board and the number of students who enter the degree program and is currently unknown. The Tech Board indicates that this revenue will be used for educational and administrative expenses related to the degree program.

Local Expenditure

N/A

Local Revenue

N/A



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