

HB 580 -- APPRENTICE TAX CREDIT

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This bill creates the Skilled Trade and Apprenticeship Revitalization (STAR) Tax Credit. Beginning January 1, 2018 a taxpayer, as defined in the bill, that employs an apprentice through a United States Department of Labor approved apprenticeship program or a vocational or technical program of a high school is allowed to claim \$1,000 per apprentice employed through a Department of Labor approved program and \$500 per apprentice employed through a vocational high school program.

An employer shall not claim more than two apprentices per journeyman, and no more than 10 apprentices per year. The tax credits created by this bill are not refundable, transferable, nor do they carry over towards subsequent tax years. Furthermore, the total amount of tax credits authorized by the Department of Revenue shall not exceed \$400,000 per tax year. If the amount of claimed credits exceeds \$400,000, the credits will be issued on a first-come, first-served basis.

These provisions expire six years after the effective date.