



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 1364

LCO No. 4471

Referred to Committee on Select Committee on Workforce
Development

Introduced by:
(WFD)

**AN ACT LINKING VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL SCHOOL AND
COMMUNITY-TECHNICAL COLLEGE CURRICULUM TO INDUSTRY
NEEDS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

1 (NEW) (a) The Commissioners of Higher Education and Economic
2 and Community Development and the Labor Commissioner, in
3 consultation with the superintendent of the vocational-technical school
4 system, the Board of Trustees of the Community-Technical College
5 System and one member representing each of the economic clusters
6 identified by the Commissioner of Economic and Community
7 Development pursuant to section 32-4g of the general statutes, shall (1)
8 review, evaluate and, as necessary, recommend improvements for
9 certification and degree programs offered by the vocational-technical
10 school system and the community-technical college system to ensure
11 that such programs meet the employment needs of business and
12 industry, and (2) develop strategies to strengthen the linkage between
13 skill standards for education and training and the employment needs
14 of business and industry.

15 (b) On or before January 1, 2002, and annually thereafter, the
16 Commissioner of Education shall report, in accordance with section 11-
17 4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committees of the
18 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education,
19 commerce and labor and to the select committee of the General
20 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to workforce
21 development on the successful implementation of any recommended
22 programs or strategies within the vocational-technical school system or
23 the community-technical college system to strengthen the linkage
24 between vocational-technical and community-technical college
25 certification and degree programs and the employment needs of
26 business and industry.

Statement of Purpose:

To strengthen linkages between certification and degree programs offered by vocational-technical schools and community-technical colleges and the employment needs of business and industry.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]