General Assembly **Substitute Bill No. 1367**

January Session, 2001

AN ACT EXPANDING EDUCATION AND JOB TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES FOR IMMIGRANTS.

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

(NEW) (a) Within available appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2002, and the next two successive fiscal years, the Labor Department, in cooperation with the Department of Social Services, shall establish a two-year pilot program for lawfully residing non-English-speaking immigrant aliens to (1) assist such persons in learning to read, write and speak English; and (2) expand education, training, supportive services and job development for the placement of such persons in Connecticut's workforce.

(b) Not later than January 1, 2002, the Labor Commissioner shall submit a status report on the establishment and on any operation of the pilot program authorized under this section to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations, human services and labor and public employees and to the select committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to workforce development.

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