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**"AN ACT EXPANDING THE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM."**

1 In line 4, bracket "pilot"

2 In line 7, insert an opening bracket before "entering" and after
3 "enrolling" insert the following "] enrolled"

4 In line 12, insert an opening bracket before "or" and a closing
5 bracket after "be"

6 Strike line 29 in its entirety and insert the following in lieu thereof:
7 "[f) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2001, the] (e) The Department of

8 After line 32 insert the following and renumber the remaining
9 section accordingly:

10 "Sec. 2. Section 10a-169b of the general statutes is repealed and the
11 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

12 (a) There is established an information technology loan
13 reimbursement [pilot] program administered by the Department of
14 Higher Education.

15 (b) Within available appropriations, the program shall provide a
16 student loan reimbursement grant for persons who meet the eligibility
17 requirements for the information technology scholarship program
18 pursuant to section 10a-169a, as amended by this act, and (1) attended
19 any institution of higher education, (2) majored in an information
20 technology related field, and (3) are newly employed on or after
21 January 1, 2001, by [an electronic commerce or information technology
22 intensive company, that has registered with or otherwise been
23 qualified by the Department of Economic and Community
24 Development pursuant to section 32-8a in an information technology
25 intensive occupation verified by the department and identified in the
26 strategic plan produced pursuant to section 31-11aa] a company in this
27 state in an information technology related position.

28 (c) Persons who qualify under subsection (b) of this section and
29 meet any additional requirements established by the Department of
30 Higher Education pursuant to this subsection shall be reimbursed on
31 an annual basis for qualifying student loan payments [in an amount
32 equal to such loan payments paid by that person during the previous
33 taxable year but not exceeding two thousand five hundred dollars for
34 each year of employment and for no more than a total of two years per
35 person. A person qualifying under subsection (b) of this section shall
36 only be reimbursed for loan payments made while such person was] if
37 they are employed by a qualifying company at the time of application
38 for loan reimbursement pursuant to this section. The Department of
39 Higher Education [shall] may develop additional eligibility
40 requirements for recipients. Such requirements may include income
41 guidelines. Persons may apply for grants to the Department of Higher
42 Education at such time and in such manner as the Commissioner of
43 Higher Education prescribes.

44 [(d) The recipients of reimbursements pursuant to this section for

45 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2002, shall constitute a cohort and
46 reimbursements for succeeding years shall only be available for
47 members of such cohort.]

48 [(e)] (d) Any unexpended funds appropriated for purposes of this
49 section shall not lapse at the end of the fiscal year but shall be available
50 for expenditure during the next fiscal year.

51 [(f) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2001, the] (e) The Department
52 of Higher Education may use up to five per cent of the funds
53 appropriated for purposes of this section for program administration,
54 promotion and recruitment activities. "