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

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- 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 In lines 22 and 25 strike the brackets
 - 7 In line 26, strike the brackets and strike "(d)"
 - 8 Strike line 29 in its entirety and insert the following in lieu thereof:
 - 9 "(f) [For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2001, the] The Department of"
 - 10 After line 32 insert the following and renumber the remaining
 - 11 section accordingly:

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 Section 10a-169b of the general statutes is repealed and the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

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

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

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

45 Higher Education prescribes.

46 (d) The recipients of reimbursements pursuant to this section for the
47 fiscal year ending June 30, 2002, shall constitute a cohort and
48 reimbursements for succeeding years shall only be available for
49 members of such cohort.

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

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