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To: Subst. Senate Bill No. 367

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Cal. No. 228

**"AN ACT ADDRESSING THE SHORTAGE OF NURSES,
PHARMACISTS, ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONALS, DENTAL
HYGIENISTS AND DENTAL ASSISTANTS."**

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2002*) (a) The Department of
4 Higher Education, in coordination with Boards of Trustees of The
5 University of Connecticut, Connecticut State University and the
6 Community-Technical College System, shall develop and, within
7 existing budgeted resources or through reallocation of existing funds,
8 implement initiatives that address the state's nursing shortage and
9 increase the enrollment, retention and graduation rates of nursing
10 students at such public institutions of higher education. Such
11 initiatives shall include: (1) Increased admissions in nursing programs

12 at such public institutions of higher education, as permitted by
13 relevant accreditation standards, by a combined total of at least ten per
14 cent over the duration of the nursing shortage, as determined by the
15 Office of Workforce Competitiveness; (2) guaranteed admissions
16 programs that fully articulate pathways for graduates of the state's
17 community-technical colleges who meet admission criteria for nursing
18 programs at such public institutions of higher education into such
19 institutions' programs of nursing; and (3) increased retention and
20 graduation of nursing students.

21 (b) On or before January 1, 2003, and annually thereafter, the
22 Commissioner of Higher Education shall report, in accordance with
23 the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint
24 standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of
25 matters relating to appropriations, education and public health and the
26 select committee on workforce development on the use of higher
27 education resources dedicated to addressing the state's nursing
28 shortage and any progress in meeting the directives of this section.

29 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2002*) (a) The Labor Commissioner, in
30 implementing the Labor Department's customized job training
31 program, shall require, when appropriate, that each trainee of the
32 program be issued a certificate or credential upon successful
33 completion of the program. Such certificate or credential shall be
34 approved by an institution of education accredited by this state or by
35 the Labor Commissioner. Each employer of such trainee shall place
36 such certificate or credential in such trainee's personnel file maintained
37 pursuant to chapter 563 of the general statutes. For purposes of this
38 section, "certificate or credential" includes, but is not limited to, a
39 certificate or credential that may constitute credit toward an academic
40 degree from an institution of higher learning.

41 (b) On or before February 1, 2004, and annually thereafter, the Labor
42 Commissioner shall provide copies of the Labor Department's
43 customized job training annual report to the chairpersons and ranking
44 members of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly

45 having cognizance of matters relating to labor and public employees
46 and the select committee on workforce development. Such report shall
47 include, but not be limited to, the number of certificates and
48 credentials issued.

49 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2002*) On or before January 1, 2003,
50 the Board of Trustees of the Community-Technical Colleges, in
51 consultation with the Governor's Jobs Cabinet and appropriate
52 employers and employee representatives, shall develop a
53 comprehensive plan with a timeline and budget requirements for the
54 establishment of manufacturing technology centers at Capital
55 Community College, Manchester Community College, Middlesex
56 Community College, Naugatuck Valley Community College,
57 Northwestern Connecticut Community College, Quinebaug Valley
58 Community College and other community-technical colleges, as
59 appropriate. Such centers shall be modeled on the manufacturing
60 technology center already in place at Asnuntuck Community College.

61 Sec. 4. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2002*) On or before February 1, 2004,
62 the Commissioner of Education, in consultation with the
63 superintendent of the regional vocational-technical school system and
64 within available appropriations, shall develop a curriculum designed
65 to prepare seniors to achieve a passing score on a national
66 occupational competency examination or the National Institute of
67 Metalworking Skills examination.

68 Sec. 5. Subsection (a) of section 10-21c of the general statutes is
69 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
70 *1, 2002*):

71 (a) Any local or regional board of education which has a
72 demonstrated shortage of certified teachers in those fields designated
73 by the State Board of Education pursuant to the provisions of section
74 10a-163, or elects to expand the academic offerings to students in the
75 areas identified by the Labor Commissioner and the Office of
76 Workforce Competitiveness pursuant to section 4-124w, as amended,

77 may solicit and accept qualified private sector specialists, not
 78 necessarily certified to teach, whose services to teach in shortage areas
 79 have been donated by business firms, as defined in section 12-631.
 80 Private sector specialists who donate their services may be permitted
 81 to offer instruction in existing or specially designed curricula,
 82 provided no private sector specialist shall be permitted to work more
 83 than one-half of the maximum classroom hours of a full-time certified
 84 teacher, and provided further no private sector specialist teaching in
 85 an area identified by the Labor Commissioner and the Office of
 86 Workforce Competitiveness pursuant to section 4-124w, as amended,
 87 shall have sole responsibility for a classroom. No certified teacher may
 88 be terminated, transferred or reassigned due to the utilization of any
 89 private sector specialist. Local or regional boards of education shall
 90 annually review the need for private sector specialists and shall not
 91 renew or place a private sector specialist if certified teachers are
 92 available. Not later than July 1, 1984, the Department of Education
 93 shall notify local and regional boards of education and municipalities
 94 of the program established pursuant to this section and the
 95 requirements for eligibility under chapter 228a."

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2002</i>
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2002</i>
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2002</i>
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2002</i>
Sec. 5	<i>July 1, 2002</i>