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The Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding reported through SEN. DAILY of the 33rd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE APPRENTICE TRAINING PROGRAM.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) (1) Each person who
2 registered as an apprentice with the Labor Department before July 1,
3 2003, and has not completed an apprenticeship as of the effective date
4 of this section shall pay to the Labor Department a registration fee of
5 twenty-five dollars on or before July 1, 2003, and a renewal registration
6 fee of twenty-five dollars on or before July first of each subsequent
7 year until (A) such registration is withdrawn, or (B) such person has
8 completed an apprenticeship and possesses a valid journeyman card
9 of occupational license, if required.

10 (2) Each person who initially registers as an apprentice with the
11 Labor Department on or after July 1, 2003, shall pay to the Labor
12 Department a registration fee of twenty-five dollars at the time of
13 registration and an annual renewal registration fee of twenty-five

14 dollars until (A) such registration is withdrawn, or (B) such person has
15 completed an apprenticeship and possesses a valid journey person card
16 of occupational license, if required.

17 (b) Each person sponsoring an apprenticeship program registered
18 with the Labor Department as of July 1, 2003, shall pay to the Labor
19 Department an annual registration fee of thirty dollars for each
20 apprentice participating in such program until the apprentice has
21 completed the apprenticeship and possesses a valid journey person
22 card of occupational license, if required, or such program is cancelled
23 by the sponsor or deregistered for cause by the Labor Department in
24 accordance with regulations adopted pursuant to chapter 557 of the
25 general statutes, whichever is earlier.

26 (c) Any amount collected by the Labor Department pursuant to this
27 section shall be deposited in the General Fund and credited to a
28 separate nonlapsing appropriation to the Labor Department, for the
29 purpose of administering the department's apprentice training
30 program and sections 31-51a to 31-51d, inclusive, of the general
31 statutes.

32 Sec. 2. (*Effective from passage*) Not later than February 4, 2004, the
33 Labor Commissioner shall report, in accordance with the provisions of
34 section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committees of
35 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to labor
36 and higher education and employment advancement, concerning the
37 feasibility of establishing an on-line system for registering apprentices
38 and apprenticeship programs with the Labor Department.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>

HED *Joint Favorable Subst. C/R* FIN

FIN *Joint Favorable*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Impact
Department of Labor	See Below

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill establishes an annual fee for individuals and sponsors in the Department of Labor’s (DOL) Apprenticeship program. In FY 02 there were an estimated 16,000 individuals that participated in DOL’s Apprenticeship program (representing 3,000 employers). As a result of implementing an annual fee of \$25 for the apprentice and \$30 for the sponsor (employer) per apprentice, an annual revenue gain to the separate nonlapsing account could result in \$880,000 (reflects 100% collection rate). However, a collection rate of less than 100% is anticipated and therefore revenue generated would be reduced accordingly.

Due to the bill’s provisions, revenue may be generated prior to July 1, 2003, and it is uncertain the ability of the department to handle this requirement prior to additional staff being provided (anticipated to be supported with funding from this new nonlapsing account). The revenue deposited into the account shall support the operation of the department’s apprentice training program. It should be noted that due to layoffs, 13 positions were eliminated in the department’s Apprenticeship program. sHB 6548 (the budget bill) as favorably reported by the Appropriations Committee, includes funding of \$350,000 for 5 positions and Other Expenses costs in the department’s Apprenticeship program (General Fund).

In addition, it is anticipated that the department will be able to meet the reporting provision of the bill without requiring additional resources.

OLR Bill Analysis

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AN ACT CONCERNING THE APPRENTICE TRAINING PROGRAM**SUMMARY:**

This bill: (1) establishes an annual fee for participants in the Department of Labor's (DOL) apprentice training program and (2) requires the DOL to report to the Labor and Higher Education and Employment Advancement committees by February 4, 2004, on the feasibility of establishing an on-line system for registering apprentices and apprenticeship training programs.

The bill requires apprentices who register with DOL to pay a \$25 annual fee. If the apprentice has registered prior to July 1, 2003 but not completed the apprenticeship by the bill's effective date, the fee must be paid by July 1, 2003 and each July 1 annually thereafter until the apprentice either withdraws his registration or completes an apprenticeship and gets a valid journeyman card or occupational license, if one is required. Apprentices who register on or after July 1, 2003 must pay the \$25 when they register and annually each succeeding July 1 until program completion or registration withdrawal.

The bill requires anyone sponsoring an apprenticeship program registered with the DOL as of July 1, 2003 to pay an annual \$30 registration fee for each apprentice participating in the program until the apprenticeship is completed and the participant receives a journeyman card, if required, or the program is cancelled by the sponsor or deregistered by the DOL for cause, whichever is earlier.

Fees collected by the DOL must be deposited in the General Fund and credited to a separate nonlapsing appropriation to the DOL for administering the apprenticeship training program, the activities of the Connecticut State Apprenticeship Council, and the DOL commissioner's functions regarding formulation of work training standards.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

COMMITTEE ACTION

Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute Change of Reference

Yea 22 Nay 0

Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee

Joint Favorable Report

Yea 42 Nay 1