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**"AN ACT CONCERNING THE LATINO AND PUERTO RICAN
AFFAIRS COMMISSION AND THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN AFFAIRS
COMMISSION."**

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. Section 31-3i of the general statutes is repealed and the
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

5 [(a) The members of the Connecticut Employment and Training
6 Commission shall be]

7 (a) On and after October 1, 2003, no person shall serve as a member
8 of the Connecticut Employment and Training Commission unless
9 appointed as specified in subsection (b) of this section.

10 (b) (1) The [commission] Connecticut Employment and Training
11 Commission shall consist of [twenty-four] thirty-five members, [a

12 majority] exactly eighteen of whom shall represent business and
13 industry and the remainder of whom shall represent state and local
14 governments, organized labor, education, [and] community based
15 organizations, including a representative of a community action
16 agency, as defined in section 17b-885, and any other entity required by
17 the provisions of subsection (b) of Section 111 of the federal Workforce
18 Investment Act of 1998, P.L. 105-220, as from time to time amended.
19 Each member shall be appointed by the Governor from
20 recommendations submitted by the president pro tempore of the
21 Senate, the speaker of the House of Representatives, the majority
22 leader of the Senate, the majority leader of the House of
23 Representatives, the minority leader of the Senate and the minority
24 leader of the House of Representatives. The chairpersons and ranking
25 members of the joint standing committees of the General Assembly
26 having cognizance of matters relating to labor and public employees
27 and higher education and employment advancement shall serve as ex-
28 officio members of the commission.

29 [(2) Effective six months after the United States Secretary of Labor
30 approves the single Connecticut workforce development plan
31 submitted to said secretary in accordance with the provisions of
32 subsection (b) of section 31-11r, the Governor shall fill any vacancy on
33 the commission from recommendations submitted by the president
34 pro tempore of the Senate, the speaker of the House of
35 Representatives, the majority leader of the Senate, the majority leader
36 of the House of Representatives, the minority leader of the Senate and
37 the minority leader of the House of Representatives.

38 (c) Members appointed to the commission prior to June 23, 1999,
39 shall continue to serve on the commission as if they were appointed to
40 the commission as of June 23, 1999. The commission shall meet no less
41 than once every calendar quarter.]

42 (2) Each member shall serve for a term of four years or until the
43 member's successor is appointed, whichever is later. Any vacancy shall
44 be filled in the same manner as the original appointment. A member

45 appointed to fill a vacancy shall be appointed for the unexpired term
46 of the member whom the newly appointed member is to succeed.

47 (3) The Governor shall appoint a chairperson from among the
48 commission members, with the advice and consent of either house of
49 the General Assembly.

50 (c) The commission shall meet not less than once every calendar
51 quarter. A majority of the members of the commission shall constitute
52 a quorum. Any member who fails to attend three consecutive meetings
53 or who fails to attend fifty per cent of all meetings held during any
54 calendar year shall be deemed to have resigned from office.

55 Sec. 502. Section 31-11m of the general statutes is repealed and the
56 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

57 (a) All funds received by the state of Connecticut under the federal
58 Workforce Investment Act of 1998, P.L. 105-220, as from time to time
59 amended, shall be deposited into the General Fund.

60 (b) (1) Funds reserved for state-wide investment activities by the
61 state of Connecticut from the amounts allotted to the state under
62 Sections 127(b)(1)(C), 132(b)(1)(B) and 132(b)(2)(B) of the federal
63 Workforce Investment Act of 1998, P.L. 105-220, as from time to time
64 amended, shall be consistent with the provisions of Section 128(a) of
65 said act.

66 (2) Such reserved funds may be used only to carry out state-wide
67 youth activities described in Section 129(b) of the federal Workforce
68 Investment Act of 1998, P.L. 105-220, as from time to time amended, or
69 state-wide employment and training activities, for adults or for
70 dislocated workers, described in Section 134(a)(2)(B) or Section
71 134(a)(3) of said act, provided such use is consistent with the
72 Connecticut workforce development plan developed by the
73 Connecticut Employment and Training Commission under section 31-
74 11p. The percentage of such reserved funds that are used for
75 administrative costs shall be consistent with the provisions of Section

76 134(a)(3)(B) of said act. For purposes of this subdivision and
77 subdivision (3) of this subsection, "administrative costs" has the same
78 meaning as in 20 CFR Part 667, Subpart B.

79 (3) Any request by a regional workforce development board to the
80 Connecticut Employment and Training Commission for automatic,
81 temporary or subsequent designation as a local workforce investment
82 area shall be approved or denied utilizing the criteria set forth in
83 Section 116 of the federal Workforce Investment Act of 1998, P.L. 105-
84 220, as from time to time amended, not later than three months from
85 the date the chairperson of the commission receives the request.

86 (4) No state funds, funds received by the state of Connecticut under
87 the federal Workforce Investment Act of 1998, P.L. 105-220, as from
88 time to time amended, or funds for employment services for recipients
89 of temporary family assistance shall be used or reallocated for the
90 purpose of reconfiguring, modifying or eliminating any local
91 workforce investment area in the state in existence on July 1, 2000,
92 unless such reconfiguration, modification or elimination has been
93 approved by the General Assembly or the chief elected officials of a
94 majority of the municipalities that are included in each of the
95 workforce investment areas involved in such reconfiguration,
96 modification or elimination.

97 Sec. 503. Section 31-11p of the general statutes is amended by
98 adding subsection (d) as follows (*Effective from passage*):

99 (NEW) (d) On and after the effective date of this section, the
100 Connecticut Employment and Training Commission shall submit any
101 proposed modifications to the single Connecticut workforce
102 development plan developed pursuant to this section to the General
103 Assembly for review. No reconfiguration of the local workforce
104 investment areas in the state in existence on July 1, 2000, shall be
105 implemented unless the proposed reconfiguration has been approved
106 by the General Assembly or the chief elected official of each
107 municipality that includes the workforce investment areas involved in

108 the reconfiguration."