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**Committee Bill No. 5911**

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Referred to Committee on Commerce

Introduced by:  
(CE )

**AN ACT CONCERNING WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND  
APPRENTICE TRAINING.**

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

1       Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2005*) (a) The Office of Workforce  
2       Competitiveness shall administer a workforce training program, in  
3       cooperation with the Commissioners of Economic and Community  
4       Development, Higher Education, Education, the Labor Commissioner  
5       and the executive head of any other state agency or quasi-public  
6       agency that the Office of Workforce Competitiveness deems  
7       appropriate. Said workforce training program shall (1) meet the needs  
8       of small and medium sized manufacturers and other businesses to  
9       enable such manufacturers and businesses to remain competitive, (2)  
10      include training to increase the skills of employees, including, but not  
11      limited to, training in written and oral communication, mathematics or  
12      science or specific technologies and technological skills, and (3)  
13      encourage multibusiness collaborations to the extent possible and  
14      utilize collaborative training responses as appropriate. Said office shall,  
15      to the extent possible, arrange for the participation of the following in  
16      implementing the workforce training program: Regional community-

17 technical colleges, the Connecticut State University system, other  
18 institutions of higher education, other postsecondary institutions,  
19 adult education programs, opportunities industrialization centers and  
20 state regional vocational-technical schools. Said office may also  
21 arrange for other training providers to participate in the program.

22 (b) Upon receipt of a request from an employer for workforce  
23 training under the workforce training program, the Office of  
24 Workforce Competitiveness shall notify educational and economic  
25 development state agencies and quasi-public agencies, as appropriate,  
26 of the request. Said office shall determine if a training program already  
27 exists or can be designed at an educational institution to meet such  
28 training request. An employer may consider or choose other providers  
29 to meet the training needs of such employer under the workforce  
30 training, provided said office approves such employer's use of such  
31 other providers. As a condition of receiving training for its employees  
32 under the program, an employer shall provide a fifty per cent financial  
33 or in-kind match of the state's cost for such training.

34 Sec. 2. Section 10a-101 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
35 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2005*):

36 Whenever the term "state colleges" appears in sections 3-27a, 4-31a,  
37 5-177, 5-275, 10-109a to 10-109d, inclusive, 10-110, 10-113, 10-114, 10-  
38 115, 10-115b, 10-115c, 10-115d, 10-115e, 10-115g, 10-115h, 10-115i, 10-  
39 116, 10-149, 10-155, 10-325c, 10-326b [,] and 10-334, [and 31-3c,] it shall  
40 be deemed to mean the "Connecticut State University" system.

41 Sec. 3. (*Effective July 1, 2005*) The sum of two million dollars is  
42 appropriated to the Office of Workforce Competitiveness, from the  
43 General Fund, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006, for the purposes  
44 of section 1 of this act.

45 Sec. 4. (*Effective July 1, 2005*) The sum of two hundred fifty thousand  
46 dollars is appropriated to the Labor Department, from the General  
47 Fund, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006, for the apprentice

48 training program under part Ia of chapter 557 of the general statutes.

49 Sec. 5. Section 31-3c of the general statutes is repealed. (*Effective July*  
50 *1, 2005*)

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2005</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2005</i>	10a-101
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2005</i>	New section
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2005</i>	New section
Sec. 5	<i>July 1, 2005</i>	31-3c repealed

**CE**      *Joint Favorable*