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**Committee Bill No. 399**

LCO No. 2918

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Referred to Committee on Higher Education and Employment  
Advancement

Introduced by:  
(HED)

**AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY TO ESTABLISH THE NEED FOR  
SKILLED WELDERS.**

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) The Office of Workforce  
2 Competitiveness shall study the state's current and future need for  
3 welders and make recommendations for generating a sufficient  
4 number of welders to meet identified workforce needs. Such study  
5 shall analyze the costs and benefits to the state of (1) maintaining  
6 existing educational and training programs in welding offered by the  
7 regional vocational-technical school system, (2) expanding such  
8 programs into four-year vocational-technical programs, and (3)  
9 increasing the number of youth preapprentice and apprentice  
10 programs in welding through the regional vocational-technical school  
11 system. The Office of Workforce Competitiveness shall report its  
12 findings and recommendations, in accordance with the provisions of  
13 section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committee of  
14 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to higher  
15 education and employment advancement by January 1, 2006.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

**Statement of Purpose:**

To study the state's need for skilled welders and analyze the benefits of expanding training programs at the regional vocational-technical schools.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*

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