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Substitute House Bill No. 5532

House of Representatives, April 20, 2006

The Committee on Appropriations reported through REP. MERRILL of the 54th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING YOUTH POLICY.

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) Not later than July 1, 2006, the
2 director of the Office of Workforce Competitiveness, in consultation
3 with the Connecticut Employment and Training Commission, shall
4 convene a youth futures committee. The youth futures committee shall
5 consist of six members of the General Assembly one each appointed by
6 the speaker of the House of Representatives, the president pro tempore
7 of the Senate, the majority leader of the House of Representatives, the
8 majority leader of the Senate, the minority leader of the House of
9 Representatives, and the minority leader of the Senate; the
10 Commissioners of Education, Children and Families, Public Health,
11 Social Services and Mental Health and Addiction Services or said
12 commissioners' designees; the Labor Commissioner or the
13 commissioner's designee; the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
14 Management or the secretary's designee; the director of the Office of
15 Workforce Competitiveness or the director's designee; the executive

16 director of the Commission on Children or the executive director's
17 designee; the executive director of the Court Support Services Division
18 of the judicial branch or the executive director's designee; and a
19 representative from the Connecticut Youth Services Association
20 designated by the president of the association.

21 (b) The youth futures committee shall: (1) Develop guidelines for
22 the delivery of services that incorporate best practices based on
23 defined, developmentally appropriate, positive outcomes for youth
24 relating to health, safety and education; (2) improve communication
25 among agencies that administer programs serving youth; (3) assess
26 existing funding resources, networks and returns on investments to
27 maximize the development of community level services that assist in
28 achieving state goals and objectives with respect to youth policy; and
29 (4) collaborate with public and private partnerships in order to
30 facilitate positive outcomes for youth. For purposes of this subsection,
31 positive outcomes include, but need not be limited to, improved school
32 attendance, improved academic and technical proficiencies,
33 improvement in the percentage of youth obtaining a high school
34 diploma or its equivalent, increases in the percentage of youth who
35 enroll in and complete postsecondary school educational and training
36 programs, employment programs that build skills, full employment
37 for youth not enrolled in educational programs, opportunities to be
38 engaged in public service, stable and safe housing, access to quality
39 mental and physical health providers, and opportunities to develop
40 leadership and mentoring skills.

41 (c) On or before January 1, 2008, the director of the Office of
42 Workforce Competitiveness shall report, in accordance with section 11-
43 4a of the general statutes, to the General Assembly on (1) the progress
44 made in achieving the positive outcomes for youth pursuant to
45 subsection (b) of this section, and the total state expenditures dedicated
46 to achieving such positive outcomes, and (2) state agency programs
47 that are serving youth not participating in educational activities. Such
48 report shall also include a delineation on the progress made by each
49 city or town in achieving such positive outcomes for youth.

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

APP *Joint Favorable Subst.*

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	Fund-Effect
Workforce Competitiveness, Off.	GF - See Below

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill makes the Office of Workforce Competitiveness (OWC) the lead agency for convening a youth futures committee. This committee shall develop guidelines for delivering services to youths; improve communication among agencies that administer programs serving youth; assess existing resources in delivering such services; and collaborate with public and private partnerships to facilitate positive outcomes for youth. OWC shall report on the state’s progress made toward achieving these positive outcomes and the amount of state expenditures dedicated to such effort by January 1, 2008. OWC can achieve the aforementioned responsibilities within existing agency resources.

The Out Years

Since the report is due on January 1, 2008, there will be no fiscal impact after FY 08.

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY:

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Human Services Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 14 Nay 2 (03/14/2006)

Appropriations Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 34 Nay 0 (04/10/2006)