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LCO No. 947

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Referred to Committee on Commerce

Introduced by:

(CE)

AN ACT CONCERNING CONNSTEP FUNDING.

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

1 Section 1. Section 32-348 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2006*):

3 [(a)] There is hereby established within the Department of Economic
4 and Community Development a manufacturing extension service
5 program for the purpose of awarding a grant to the Connecticut
6 manufacturing extension partnership affiliate, which shall be known as
7 CONNSTEP, as designated by the United States Department of
8 Commerce National Institute of Standards and Technology.
9 Applications for a grant under this section shall be made and grants
10 shall be awarded in the manner and form prescribed by the
11 commissioner. The extension service's responsibilities shall include,
12 but not be limited to, providing training for small and medium-sized
13 businesses in high performance work practices.

14 [(b) For the purposes described in subsection (c) of this section, the
15 State Bond Commission shall have the power, from time to time to
16 authorize the issuance of bonds of the state in one or more series and

17 in principal amounts not exceeding in the aggregate four million
18 dollars.

19 (c) The proceeds of the sale of said bonds, to the extent of the
20 amount stated in subsection (c) of this section, shall be used by the
21 Commissioner of Economic and Community Development for the
22 purposes of subsection (a) of this section.

23 (d) All provisions of section 3-20, or the exercise of any right or
24 power granted thereby which are not inconsistent with the provisions
25 of this section are hereby adopted and shall apply to all bonds
26 authorized by the State Bond Commission pursuant to this section, and
27 temporary notes in anticipation of the money to be derived from the
28 sale of any such bonds so authorized may be issued in accordance with
29 said section 3-20 and from time to time renewed. Such bonds shall
30 mature at such time or times not exceeding twenty years from their
31 respective dates as may be provided in or pursuant to the resolution or
32 resolutions of the State Bond Commission authorizing such bonds.
33 None of said bonds shall be authorized except upon a finding by the
34 State Bond Commission that there has been filed with it a request for
35 such authorization, which is signed by or on behalf of the Secretary of
36 the Office of Policy and Management and states such terms and
37 conditions as said commission, in its discretion, may require. Said
38 bonds issued pursuant to this section shall be general obligations of the
39 state and the full faith and credit of the state of Connecticut are
40 pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds
41 as the same become due, and accordingly and as part of the contract of
42 the state with the holders of said bonds, appropriation of all amounts
43 necessary for punctual payment of such principal and interest is
44 hereby made, and the Treasurer shall pay such principal and interest
45 as the same become due.]

46 Sec. 2. (*Effective July 1, 2006*) The sum of four million dollars is
47 appropriated to the Department of Economic and Community
48 Development, from the General Fund, for the fiscal year ending June

49 30, 2007, for the purpose of carrying out the requirements of section 32-
50 348 of the general statutes, as amended by this act.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2006</i>	32-348
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2006</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To increase CONNSTEP'S funding.

[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.]