



**Substitute Senate Bill No. 1283**

**Public Act No. 07-40**

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON CONNECTICUT'S TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOLS.**

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

Section 1. Section 10-95h of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2007*):

There is established a state-wide advisory committee, which shall meet at least semiannually, to [recommend to the State Board of Education (1) how the regional vocational-technical schools may best meet the skill needs of employers; (2) how the role of school craft committees can be strengthened and employer participation increased; (3) how alternative technical training models for eleventh and twelfth grade students, such as tech-prep, shared time, trade academies and preapprenticeship can be expanded, particularly in manufacturing; and (4) new trade programs for such schools] (1) identify emerging state and national workforce needs and trade technology programs for the regional vocational-technical school system to meet such needs; (2) identify the workforce skills that will be needed for the next thirty years and ensure that the curriculum of the regional vocational-technical school system is incorporating such skills into the regional vocational-technical schools; (3) ensure that all students who graduate from the regional vocational-technical school system have

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communication, leadership, teamwork and problem-solving skills, in addition to expertise in a trade technology; (4) assess the adequacy of the resources available to the regional vocational-technical school system as the system develops and refines programs to meet existing and emerging workforce needs; and (5) advise and make recommendations to the State Board of Education to carry out the provisions of subdivisions (1) to (4), inclusive, of this section. The committee shall consist of [twelve] nineteen members [appointed] as follows: [The Governor shall appoint one person representing the business community and one person representing the labor community, both of whom shall be members of regional vocational-technical school advisory committees; the president pro tempore of the Senate and the speaker of the House of Representatives shall each appoint one person representing the business community and one person representing the public; the minority leader of the House of Representatives shall appoint one person representing the labor community and one person representing the public; the minority leader of the Senate shall appoint one person who shall be a member of a local or regional board of education and one person representing the public; the majority leader of the House of Representatives shall appoint one person who shall be a member of a local or regional board of education; and the majority leader of the Senate shall appoint one person representing the labor community] (A) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives, who shall be representatives of business, holding the title of chief executive officer, president, chief operating officer or the equivalents thereof, drawn from key industry, service and manufacturing firms with more than one thousand full-time employees; (B) two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, who shall be representatives of business, holding the title of chief executive officer, president, chief operating officer or the equivalents thereof, drawn from key industry, service and manufacturing firms with more than one thousand full-time employees; (C) one appointed by the majority leader of the House of

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Representatives who shall be a representative of business, holding the title of chief executive officer, president, chief operating officer or the equivalents thereof, drawn from key industry, service and manufacturing firms with five hundred or more full-time employees, but not more than one thousand full-time employees; (D) one appointed by the majority leader of the Senate who shall be a representative of business, holding the title of chief executive officer, president, chief operating officer or the equivalents thereof, drawn from key industry, service and manufacturing firms with five hundred or more full-time employees, but not more than one thousand full-time employees; (E) one appointed by the minority leader of the House of Representatives who shall be a representative of business, holding the title of chief executive officer, president, chief operating officer or the equivalents thereof, drawn from key industry, service and manufacturing firms with five hundred or more full-time employees, but not more than one thousand full-time employees; (F) one appointed by the minority leader of the Senate who shall be a representative of business, holding the title of chief executive officer, president, chief operating officer or the equivalents thereof, drawn from key industry, service and manufacturing firms with fewer than five hundred full-time employees; (G) two persons appointed by the Governor who shall be representatives of business, holding the title of chief executive officer, president, chief operating officer or the equivalents thereof, drawn from key industry, service and manufacturing firms with fewer than five hundred full-time employees; (H) the Commissioner of Education, or the commissioner's designee; (I) the Labor Commissioner, or the commissioner's designee; (J) the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development, or the commissioner's designee; (K) a representative from the Office of Workforce Competitiveness; (L) the chairperson of the State Board of Education, or the chairperson's designee; and (M) the cochairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education. The

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committee membership shall reflect the state's geographic, racial and ethnic diversity.

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