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Substitute Senate Bill No. 1283

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The Committee on Education reported through SEN. GAFFEY of the 13th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

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:

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 Section 10-95h of the general statutes is repealed and the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

3 There is established a state-wide advisory committee, which shall
4 meet at least semiannually, to recommend to the State Board of
5 Education (1) how the regional vocational-technical schools may best
6 meet the skill needs of employers; (2) how the role of [school craft] the
7 trade technology advisory committees can be strengthened and
8 employer participation increased; (3) how alternative technical training
9 models for eleventh and twelfth grade students, such as tech-prep,
10 shared time, trade academies and preapprenticeship can be expanded;
11 [, particularly in manufacturing; and] (4) new trade technology
12 programs for such schools; and (5) how best to consolidate the reports
13 that are required to be submitted to the General Assembly that concern
14 the regional-vocational technical schools. The committee shall consist

15 of [twelve] nineteen members [appointed] as follows: [The Governor
16 shall appoint one person representing the business community and
17 one person representing the labor community, both of whom shall be
18 members of regional vocational-technical school advisory committees;
19 the president pro tempore of the Senate and the speaker of the House
20 of Representatives shall each appoint one person representing the
21 business community and one person representing the public; the
22 minority leader of the House of Representatives shall appoint one
23 person representing the labor community and one person representing
24 the public; the minority leader of the Senate shall appoint one person
25 who shall be a member of a local or regional board of education and
26 one person representing the public; the majority leader of the House of
27 Representatives shall appoint one person who shall be a member of a
28 local or regional board of education; and the majority leader of the
29 Senate shall appoint one person representing the labor community] (A)
30 Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives, who
31 shall be representatives of business, holding the title of chief executive
32 officer, president, chief operating officer or the equivalents thereof,
33 drawn from key industry, service and manufacturing firms of large
34 capitalization; (B) two appointed by the president pro tempore of the
35 Senate, who shall be representatives of business, holding the title of
36 chief executive officer, president, chief operating officer or the
37 equivalents thereof, drawn from key industry, service and
38 manufacturing firms of large capitalization; (C) one appointed by the
39 majority leader of the House of Representatives who shall be
40 representatives of business, holding the title of chief executive officer,
41 president, chief operating officer or the equivalents thereof, drawn
42 from key industry, service and manufacturing firms of medium
43 capitalization; (D) one appointed by the majority leader of the Senate
44 who shall be representatives of business, holding the title of chief
45 executive officer, president, chief operating officer or the equivalents
46 thereof, drawn from key industry, service and manufacturing firms of
47 medium capitalization; (E) one appointed by the minority leader of the
48 House of Representatives who shall be representatives of business,
49 holding the title of chief executive officer, president, chief operating

50 officer or the equivalents thereof, drawn from key industry, service
 51 and manufacturing firms of medium capitalization; (F) one appointed
 52 by the minority leader of the Senate who shall be representatives of
 53 business, holding the title of chief executive officer, president, chief
 54 operating officer or the equivalents thereof, drawn from key industry,
 55 service and manufacturing firms of small capitalization; (G) two
 56 persons appointed by the Governor who shall be representatives of
 57 business, holding the title of chief executive officer, president, chief
 58 operating officer or the equivalents thereof, drawn from key industry,
 59 service and manufacturing firms of small capitalization; (H) the
 60 Commissioner of Education, or the commissioner's designee; (I) the
 61 Labor Commissioner, or the commissioner's designee; (J) the
 62 Commissioner of Economic and Community Development, or the
 63 commissioner's designee; (K) a representative from the Office of
 64 Workforce Competitiveness; (L) the chairperson of the State Board of
 65 Education, or the chairperson's designee; and (M) the cochairpersons
 66 and ranking members of the joint standing committee of the General
 67 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education. The
 68 committee membership shall reflect the state's geographic, racial and
 69 ethnic diversity.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	July 1, 2007	10-95h
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Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

Changed total number of committee members to reflect changes made to the membership of the committee.

ED *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 chamber thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 08 \$	FY 09 \$
Education, Dept.	GF - None	None	None

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

There is no fiscal impact associated with the membership changes to the Advisory Committee on Connecticut's Technical High Schools.

OLR Bill Analysis**sSB 1283*****AN ACT CONCERNING THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON CONNECTICUT'S TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOLS.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill expands the membership of, and changes the types of entities that must be represented on, the state-wide advisory committee for the regional vocational-technical (V-T) high schools. It expands the committee's duties and makes minor changes to them to reflect a focus on technology. Finally, it requires the committee to meet at least semiannually. There are no meeting requirements under current law.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2007

ADVISORY COMMITTEE DUTIES

The bill requires the advisory committee to report to the State Board of Education (SBE) on the best way to consolidate the reports on V-T schools that must be submitted to the General Assembly. The law requires SBE to (1) submit a biennial report to the Education Committee concerning the regional vocational-technical school system (RVTSS); (2) adopt a long-range plan of RVTSS priorities and goals every five years and submit it to the Appropriations, Education, and Finance, Revenue and Bonding committees; and (3) annually file a rolling five-year capital improvement and capital equipment plan with these committees.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

The bill decreases the number of legislative appointments from 12 to 10 by allowing the House and Senate minority leaders to appoint one member each, rather than two. As under existing law, the bill allows the governor, House Speaker, and Senate president pro tempore to

appoint two members each and the House and Senate majority leaders to appoint one member each.

The bill requires all of the appointees to be representatives of business, holding the title of chief executive, president, chief operating officer, or the equivalents, drawn from key industry, service, and manufacturing firms. The four representatives appointed by the House speaker and Senate president pro tempore must be from firms of large capitalization; the three appointed by the House majority and minority leaders and the Senate majority leader must be from firms of medium capitalization; and the three appointed by the Senate minority leader and the governor must be from firms of small capitalization. Under current law, the appointees must include four members of the public, two board of education members, three representatives of the business community, and three representatives of the labor community.

The bill also expands the membership of the board from 12 to 19 members to include (1) the education, labor, and economic development commissioners or their designees; (2) the SBE chairperson or his designee; (3) an Office of Workforce Competitiveness representative; and (4) the Education Committee chairmen and ranking members. As under existing law, the committee membership must reflect the state's geographic, racial, and ethnic diversity.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Education Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 28 Nay 0 (03/19/2007)