



Senate

General Assembly

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 1320

Senate, March 13, 2007

The Committee on Higher Education and Employment Advancement reported through SEN. HARTLEY of the 15th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING BIOTECH WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT.

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2007*) (a) Within available appropriations,
2 the Office of Workforce Competitiveness, in consultation with the
3 Department of Higher Education and the boards of trustees of the
4 constituent units of the state system of higher education and the
5 Connecticut Conference of Independent Colleges, and a representative
6 of an economic cluster, as defined in section 32-4e of the general
7 statutes relating to the bioscience industry, shall establish a pilot
8 program to provide bioscience-related externship and cooperative
9 work-study opportunities to students attending institutions of higher
10 education in Connecticut.

11 (b) Not later than October 1, 2007, the Office of Workforce
12 Competitiveness, in consultation with the Commissioner of Higher
13 Education and the boards of trustees of the constituent units of the
14 state system of higher education and the Connecticut Conference of

15 Independent Colleges, shall establish written participation guidelines
16 for the pilot program pursuant to this section.

17 (c) Not later than January 1, 2008, the Office of Workforce
18 Competitiveness shall submit a status report, in accordance with the
19 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, on the establishment
20 and on any operation of the pilot program pursuant to this section to
21 the Connecticut Employment and Training Commission and the joint
22 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
23 matters relating to higher education and employment advancement.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2007	New section

HED *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 \$
Workforce Competitiveness, Off.	GF - Potential	330,000- 450,000	330,000- 450,000

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill could result in a cost to the Office of Workforce Competitiveness associated with establishing the biotech workforce development pilot. Between \$80,000 and \$100,000 is estimated to fund a full time project manager. Operational support to establish the pilot could cost between \$250,000 and \$350,000.

However, since the bill specifies that the pilot must be established within available appropriations, resources may have to be diverted from other programs in order to implement the pilot.

The Out Years

The bill does not specify the scope or end date of the pilot. The costs associated with full operation of the program will be determined by the results of the pilot.

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY:

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 18 Nay 0 (03/01/2007)