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Referred to Committee on Higher Education and Employment
Advancement

Introduced by:
(HED)

**AN ACT CREATING A SKILLED WORKFORCE FOR CONNECTICUT'S
FILM INDUSTRY.**

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2008*) (a) The Office of Workforce
2 Competitiveness, in consultation with the Labor Department, the
3 Departments of Education, Higher Education and Economic and
4 Community Development, and the Connecticut Commission on
5 Culture and Tourism, shall establish a program to support the
6 education and training of a skilled professional workforce for the film
7 and digital media industries in this state. Such program shall target
8 individuals who are (1) professionals trained in the feature film
9 industry; (2) professionals trained in film and video-related media, but
10 not experienced in feature film production; (3) interested in entry into
11 the film industry; and (4) students in middle and high school and
12 students in institutions of higher education.

13 (b) The program established pursuant to subsection (a) of this
14 section shall: (1) Include resources and information available online;
15 (2) be designed to develop workforce relationships between film

16 producers and labor organizations; (3) train state film production
17 professionals in order to increase the presence of Connecticut film
18 industry professionals in major feature film productions in the state;
19 (4) include a seminar course taught by professionals in the feature film
20 industry to provide (A) information regarding work on feature film
21 productions, including information regarding the labor organization
22 application process, and (B) on-set internship opportunities with
23 industry professionals; (5) provide three-phase training for feature,
24 infomercial and commercial productions, located in various regions of
25 the state; (6) provide access to film studio resources; and (7) include
26 digital media, animation and post-production education and training
27 for middle and high school students and students at public institutions
28 of higher education.

29 (c) The Departments of Education and Higher Education shall
30 jointly develop the curriculum of such program after consultation with
31 the state's public and independent institutions of higher education and
32 digital media companies in the state. The program shall include digital
33 media internships for students participating in the program and
34 externships for teachers.

35 (d) The Office of Workforce Competitiveness shall report, in
36 accordance with section 11-4a of the general statutes, on the
37 development of such program to the joint standing committees of the
38 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to commerce
39 and higher education and employment advancement on or before
40 October 1, 2008. The report shall include: (1) An evaluation of the
41 needs and available programs and curricula in place at public
42 institutions of higher education; (2) a list of existing film production
43 companies in the state; (3) a list of existing film industry labor
44 organizations in the state; (4) available paid and unpaid internships;
45 and (5) available film studio resources.

46 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2008*) There is established a film
47 industry equipment reserve fund which shall be a separate, nonlapsing

48 account within the General Fund. The account shall contain moneys
49 appropriated for purposes of the account and any donations received
50 for deposit in the account. The Treasurer shall administer the account.
51 The Office of Workforce Competitiveness shall use moneys in the
52 account to provide equipment for the training program established
53 pursuant to section 1 of this act.

54 Sec. 3. (*Effective July 1, 2008*) The sum of ____ dollars is appropriated
55 to the Office of Workforce Competitiveness, from the General Fund,
56 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, for the purposes of section 1 of
57 this act.

58 Sec. 4. (*Effective July 1, 2008*) The sum of ____ dollars is appropriated
59 to the Office of Workforce Competitiveness, from the General Fund,
60 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, for purposes of the account
61 established pursuant to section 2 of this act.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	New section
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To establish a program of education and training in Connecticut for students and professionals who are at various stages along a career in the film and digital media industries.

[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.]