



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 5510

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**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 (1)
8 professionals trained in the feature film industry; (2) professionals
9 trained in film and video-related media, but not experienced in feature
10 film production; (3) individuals interested in entry into the film
11 industry; and (4) students in middle and high school and students in
12 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.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2008	New section

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