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**Raised Bill No. 5624**

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Referred to Committee on Labor and Public Employees

Introduced by:  
(LAB)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONNECTICUT IDA INITIATIVE.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 31-51xx of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2008*):

3 (a) There is [hereby] established the "Connecticut IDA Initiative".  
4 The initiative shall be administered by the [department] Labor  
5 Department. The initiative shall provide an eligible [individuals]  
6 individual as provided in section 31-51yy with an opportunity,  
7 through a certified state IDA program, to establish an individual  
8 development account from which funds may be used by the account  
9 holder for one of the following purposes as specified in the approved  
10 plan: (1) The costs of education or job training; (2) the purchase of a  
11 home as a primary residence; (3) the participation in or development  
12 of a new or existing entrepreneurial activity; (4) the purchase of an  
13 automobile for the purpose of obtaining or maintaining employment;  
14 [or] (5) the making of a lease deposit on a primary residence; or (6) the  
15 costs of education or job training for a dependent child of the account  
16 holder.

17 (b) To implement the Connecticut IDA Initiative, the department  
18 shall, in accordance with regulations adopted pursuant to section 31-  
19 51ddd: (1) Establish an Individual Development Account Reserve  
20 Fund in accordance with section 31-51aaa; (2) establish and operate,  
21 directly or by contract with another entity, the clearinghouse; (3)  
22 solicit, review, accept or reject proposals from community-based  
23 organizations seeking to operate certified state IDA programs on a not-  
24 for-profit basis; and (4) perform such monitoring, evaluation and  
25 oversight functions as are appropriate for the administration of the  
26 Connecticut IDA Initiative.

27 (c) The department shall determine the maximum per cent of all  
28 funds received from the Individual Development Account Reserve  
29 Fund that may be used by a community-based organization operating  
30 a certified state IDA program in providing training, counseling, case  
31 management and for administrative purposes.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2008</i>	31-51xx

**LAB**      *Joint Favorable*