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Referred to Committee on Higher Education and Employment
Advancement

Introduced by:
(HED)

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE CENTRALIZATION AND DEVELOPMENT
OF A JUNIOR WORKER ENTERPRISES PROGRAM.**

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2008*) (a) On or before January 1, 2009, the
2 Department of Higher Education, in consultation with the Office of
3 Workforce Competitiveness, shall establish and administer, within
4 available appropriations, a work-study program for students that
5 provides practical off-campus education and job experience through
6 internships, cooperatives and on-the-job training at state and federal
7 agencies, nonprofit organizations and small and medium-sized for-
8 profit companies located in the state. To be eligible for such program, a
9 student shall: (1) Be enrolled as a full-time student in his or her junior
10 year at an institution of higher education (A) in this state, or (B) in
11 another state, provided the student enrolled in an institution in
12 another state is a resident of this state; and (2) be eligible for a federal
13 work-study grant.

14 (b) Students participating in the program shall work no more than
15 twenty hours per week, and the program shall be administered in

16 accordance with federal work-study standards pursuant to applicable
17 federal law and regulations. Students who complete three hundred
18 sixteen hours of such program shall receive special recognition.
19 Students shall be able to convert work-study hours to course credit
20 hours if the institution of higher education permits such conversion.

21 (c) The department shall establish a headquarters for the program in
22 Hartford. Students in the program shall interview with participating
23 hiring agencies, organizations and companies at such headquarters.

24 (d) For purposes of the program, the department may solicit
25 donations or charge a nominal fee to for-profit companies for any
26 expenses incurred by such program.

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

Statement of Purpose:

To facilitate and elevate off-campus education and work opportunities for college students.

[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.]