



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 488**

LCO No. 2179

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Referred to Committee on Labor and Public Employees

Introduced by:  
(LAB)

**AN ACT CONCERNING A PILOT PROGRAM TO IMPROVE  
EMPLOYMENT-FOCUSED LITERACY IN NEW HAVEN.**

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2008*) (a) The Labor Department  
2 shall establish, within available appropriations, a pilot program to  
3 improve employment-focused literacy levels of individuals employed  
4 or residing in New Haven.

5 (b) For purposes of the pilot program, the Labor Commissioner (1)  
6 may enter into such contracts as may be necessary to implement the  
7 pilot program, (2) shall work with charitable foundations, such as the  
8 Annie E. Casey Foundation, (3) may employ such teachers certified  
9 pursuant to section 10-145b of the general statutes as may be necessary  
10 to implement the pilot program, and (4) may accept the assistance of  
11 local literacy volunteers.

12 (c) Any individual employed or residing in New Haven may  
13 participate in the program established pursuant to this section.

14 Sec. 2. (*Effective July 1, 2008*) The sum of one hundred fifty thousand

15 dollars is appropriated to the Labor Department, from the General  
16 Fund, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, for the pilot program  
17 established pursuant to section 1 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

***Statement of Purpose:***

To create a pilot program in New Haven for improvement of employment-focused literacy levels.

*[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.]*