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"AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN ADULT LITERACY BOARD."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2008*) As used in sections 1 to 7,
4 inclusive, of this act:

5 (1) "Board" means the Adult Literacy Leadership Board established
6 pursuant to section 2 of this act;

7 (2) "Commission" means the Connecticut Employment and Training
8 Commission;

9 (3) "Adult literacy programs" and "adult literacy services" means
10 services established pursuant to Title II of the federal Workforce
11 Investment Act of 1988, P.L. 105-220, as from time to time amended,
12 that are aimed at improving the ability of persons sixteen years of age
13 or over who are not enrolled in secondary school to read, write and
14 speak in English, compute and solve problems at levels of proficiency

15 necessary to function on the job, in the family of the individual and in
16 society;

17 (4) "Adult education" means a program established pursuant to
18 sections 10-67, 10-69 to 10-71a, inclusive, and 10-73a to 10-73c,
19 inclusive, of the general statutes;

20 (5) "Vision statement" means a written projected overview of the
21 state's adult literacy programs and services at a specified future date;
22 and

23 (6) "Mission statement" means a written declaration of the purpose
24 of the state's adult literacy programs and services, including elements
25 that address the goals of helping adults develop the reading, critical
26 thinking, problem solving skills and communication skills they need to
27 be self-sufficient, active citizens, effective parents and qualified,
28 competitive workers.

29 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2008*) (a) The Office of Workforce
30 Competitiveness shall establish the Adult Literacy Leadership Board
31 as a standing committee of the Connecticut Employment and Training
32 Commission to review and advise the commission on workforce
33 investment and adult literacy programs and services. The board shall
34 consist of ten voting members and nine ex-officio nonvoting members.

35 (1) The voting members shall be appointed as follows: (A) Four
36 appointed by the Governor, (i) one of whom is a director of a local
37 adult education program, (ii) one of whom is a director of a regional
38 adult education program, (iii) one of whom represents a public library,
39 and (iv) one of whom represents a business that has employees who
40 lack basic literacy skills or proficiency in the English language; (B) one
41 appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives who
42 represents a regional workforce development board; (C) one appointed
43 by the president pro tempore of the Senate who represents organized
44 labor; (D) one appointed by the majority leader of the House of
45 Representatives who represents a voluntary literacy organization; (E)
46 one appointed by the majority leader of the Senate who represents an

47 adult literacy advocacy group; (F) one appointed by the minority
48 leader of the House of Representatives who represents the interests of
49 persons receiving adult literacy services provided by the regional
50 community-technical colleges; and (G) one appointed by the minority
51 leader of the Senate who represents a community organization that
52 operates an adult literacy program.

53 (2) The ex-officio nonvoting members shall consist of the following
54 members, or their designees: The Commissioners of Correction,
55 Education, Higher Education, Economic and Community
56 Development and Social Services, the Labor Commissioner, the
57 director of the Office of Workforce Competitiveness, the Secretary of
58 the Office of Policy and Management and the chancellor of the regional
59 community-technical colleges.

60 (3) The voting members shall serve for a term of four years.

61 (b) The chairperson of the Connecticut Employment and Training
62 Commission shall appoint the chairperson of the board from among its
63 voting members. The chairperson of the board may create positions
64 that the board deems necessary and may fill such positions from
65 among its members. The powers of the board shall be vested in and
66 exercised by not less than five members of the board. Five members of
67 the board shall constitute a quorum.

68 (c) The Office of Workforce Competitiveness may solicit and receive
69 funds on behalf of the board and the commission from any public or
70 private sources to carry out its activities.

71 (d) The board shall terminate as a standing committee of the
72 commission on July 1, 2012.

73 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2008*) The Adult Literacy Leadership
74 Board shall:

75 (1) Create vision and mission statements by January 1, 2009;

76 (2) Develop and update a three-year strategic plan, in accordance

77 with section 4 of this act;

78 (3) Report recommendations annually through the commission to
79 the Governor and General Assembly, in accordance with section 6 of
80 this act, for sources and levels of funding to meet the goals and
81 objectives outlined in the strategic plan under section 4 of this act;

82 (4) Establish results-based accountability measures for the adult
83 literacy system and use them to track progress toward the goals and
84 objectives outlined in the strategic plan;

85 (5) With state-agency partners, develop and maintain an online
86 centralized inventory of all adult literacy programs and services
87 offered in the state that includes a description of the type of service,
88 the time and place it is offered and any eligibility requirements or fees;

89 (6) Establish standards for adult literacy service providers,
90 including requirements for waiting lists;

91 (7) Require each adult literacy service provider in the state to
92 maintain a waiting list and report the information to the board, in
93 accordance with standards the board establishes;

94 (8) Promote coordination and collaboration of delivery of adult
95 literacy programs and services through regionalized service delivery
96 and community partnerships; and

97 (9) Prepare information on the status of adult literacy in this state
98 for inclusion in the commission's annual report card, in accordance
99 with section 31-3bb of the general statutes and section 5 of this act.

100 Sec. 4. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2008*) (a) On or before July 1, 2009, the
101 board shall develop a three-year strategic plan for an adult literacy
102 system in this state.

103 (b) The strategic plan shall: (1) Be consistent with and guided by the
104 planning requirements of Title I and Title II of the federal Workforce
105 Investment Act of 1988, P.L. 105-220, as from time to time amended; (2)

106 integrate adult education and literacy with workforce training,
107 establishing a comprehensive approach to adult workforce education
108 in this state; (3) include goals for an adult literacy system, including a
109 goal of reducing by a certain percentage each year over a specified
110 period of time the number of adults in this state who lack a high school
111 diploma or proficiency in the English language; (4) define the roles of
112 all adult literacy service providers in the state, examining in particular,
113 (A) governance responsibility for adult education, (B) discrepancies in
114 service delivery and ways to promote regionalized service delivery
115 and community partnerships, and (C) resources for system-wide
116 administration, management, research and coordination; (5) include
117 priorities for services that (A) improve the quality of instruction, (B)
118 improve access and retention, and (C) identify target populations for
119 services; (6) include an analysis of funding requirements of all adult
120 literacy services, identifying (A) estimated resources needed to
121 implement the plan's goals, (B) current sources of funding and
122 possibilities for reallocation, and (C) potential alternatives and new
123 sources of funding; and (7) outline funding policies that provide (A)
124 financial support and incentives to support collaborative delivery of
125 services, and (B) adequate resources for state-funded agencies with
126 adult literacy responsibilities, including public libraries, to carry out
127 data collection, analysis, evaluation and research related to program
128 effectiveness and best practices.

129 (c) The board shall designate regional planning workgroups under
130 the aegis of the regional workforce development boards consisting of
131 representatives of adult literacy service providers and persons
132 receiving adult literacy services to assist in developing and reviewing
133 the strategic plan for adult literacy. The board shall review annually
134 the implementation of the strategic plan and make any necessary
135 revisions. The board shall update the strategic plan every three years.

136 Sec. 5. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2008*) The Connecticut Employment
137 and Training Commission's annual report card, prepared pursuant to
138 section 31-3bb of the general statutes and subdivision (9) of section 3 of
139 this act, shall provide information on the status of adult literacy in the

140 state. The commission's annual report card shall identify each major
141 component of the adult literacy system, including, but not limited to,
142 adult education, family literacy and workplace literacy, and provide
143 for each component: (1) The number and demographics of persons
144 served, (2) a description of sources of funding, and (3) performance
145 measures for adult literacy services.

146 Sec. 6. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2008*) On or before January 1, 2009,
147 and annually thereafter, the Connecticut Employment and Training
148 Commission shall report, in accordance with section 11-4a of the
149 general statutes, to the Governor and to the joint standing committees
150 of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the
151 judiciary, education, higher education, economic and community
152 development, labor and human services on (1) the board's progress in
153 developing and implementing the strategic plan, (2) the board's
154 recommendations for sources and levels of funding to meet the goals
155 outlined in the strategic plan, and (3) the adult literacy section of the
156 commission's annual report card prepared pursuant to subdivision (9)
157 of section 3 of this act.

158 Sec. 7. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2008*) The Office of Workforce
159 Competitiveness, in accordance with subsection (c) of section 4-124w
160 of the general statutes, may request other state agencies, including, but
161 not limited to, the Departments of Education, Higher Education,
162 Economic and Community Development and Social Services, the
163 Labor Department, and the Board of Trustees of the Community-
164 Technical Colleges to provide information, reports and other assistance
165 to the board in carrying out its duties, pursuant to sections 2 to 4,
166 inclusive, of this act, and to the Connecticut Employment and Training
167 Commission in carrying out its duties pursuant to section 5 of this act.

168 Sec. 8. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2008*) (a) The sum of one hundred
169 seventy-six thousand seven hundred eighty-four dollars is
170 appropriated to the Office of Workforce Competitiveness, from the
171 General Fund, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, for planning
172 and programming support to the board.

173 (b) Any funds appropriated from the General Fund to the Office of
 174 Workforce Competitiveness in section 1 of public act 07-1 of the June
 175 special session that are not expended by June 30, 2008, shall not lapse
 176 but shall be available to the office for expenditure during the fiscal
 177 year ending June 30, 2009."

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
Sec. 5	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	New section
Sec. 6	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	New section
Sec. 7	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	New section
Sec. 8	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	New section