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Raised Bill No. 711

LCO No. 456

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Referred to Committee on Labor and Public Employees

Introduced by:
(LAB)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE ELIMINATION OF STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR COMPANIES THAT REDUCE RETIREMENT BENEFITS.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2009*) On and after October 1,
2 2009, if the state or any agency of the state, including the Department
3 of Economic and Community Development, the Connecticut
4 Development Authority or Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated,
5 provides financial assistance to any business organization, the state or
6 such providing agency shall require, as a condition to receiving
7 financial assistance, that the business organization not eliminate or
8 reduce, for the period during which the business organization receives
9 such financial assistance, any retirement benefit being provided to
10 retirees as of the date such financial assistance is approved by the state
11 or providing agency. If a business organization eliminates or reduces
12 any retirement benefit in violation of this section, the full amount of
13 any financial assistance received and a penalty of five per cent of such
14 amount shall be repaid to the state or providing agency. For purposes
15 of this section, "financial assistance" includes, but is not limited to, all
16 forms of loans, grants, guarantees and tax abatements.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2009	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To eliminate state financial assistance to businesses that reduce employee retirement benefits.

[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.]