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Referred to Committee on Higher Education and Employment
Advancement

Introduced by:

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***AN ACT CONCERNING A GREEN TECHNOLOGY, LIFE SCIENCE AND
HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY JOBS LOAN FORGIVENESS
PROGRAM.***

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

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2010*) (a) As used in this section:
- 2 (1) "Green technology" means the application of technology in
3 manufacturing or product research in an effort to produce systems,
4 equipment, services or products that conserve or reduce damage to or
5 consumption of natural resources. "Green technology" includes, but is
6 not limited to, green nanotechnology, the development of alternative
7 fuels, modes or efficiencies of energy generation and the invention,
8 design and application of chemical products and processes to
9 eliminate the use and generation of hazardous substances;
- 10 (2) "Life science" means the study of genes, cells, tissues and
11 chemical and physical structures of living organisms; and

12 (3) "Health information technology" means the creation, execution
13 or implementation of electronic data systems that record or transmit
14 medical or health information.

15 (b) There is established a Connecticut green technology, life science
16 and health information technology loan forgiveness program to be
17 administered by the Department of Higher Education.

18 (c) A Connecticut resident who graduated from an institution of
19 higher education in this state with a bachelor degree in a field relating
20 to green technology, life science or health information technology and
21 who has been employed in this state for at least two years in a job
22 relating to green technology, life science or health information
23 technology shall be eligible for reimbursement of federal or state
24 educational loans up to a maximum of two thousand five hundred
25 dollars per year or five per cent of the amount of such loans per year,
26 whichever is less, for up to four years, provided the total cumulative
27 reimbursement.

28 (d) A Connecticut resident who graduated from an institution of
29 higher education in this state with an associate degree relating to green
30 technology, life science or health information technology and who has
31 been employed in this state for at least two years in a job relating to
32 green technology, life science or health information technology shall be
33 eligible for reimbursement of federal or state educational loans up to a
34 maximum of two thousand five hundred dollars per year or five per
35 cent of the amount of such loans per year, whichever is less, for up to
36 two years.

37 (e) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (c) and (d) of this
38 section, the total combined dollar value of loan reimbursements
39 available under this and any other provision of the general statutes
40 shall not exceed ten thousand dollars per recipient.

41 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2012*) (a) Notwithstanding the
42 provisions of section 16-245m of the general statutes, the sum of three

43 million dollars from the revenue attributable to the charge imposed
 44 under said section shall be used to carry out the provisions of section 1
 45 of this act.

46 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10a-179 of the general
 47 statutes, the sum of three million dollars shall be transferred from the
 48 State of Connecticut Health and Educational Facilities Authority to the
 49 General Fund and used to carry out the provisions of section 1 of this
 50 act.

51 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) The Board of Governors of
 52 Higher Education may adopt regulations, in accordance with the
 53 provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes, to carry out the
 54 provisions of section 1 of this act.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2010</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>January 1, 2012</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

[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.]