



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 5025**

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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 on or after July 1, 2010,

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

27 (d) A Connecticut resident who graduated on or after July 1, 2010,  
 28 from an institution of higher education in this state with an associate  
 29 degree relating to green technology, life science or health information  
 30 technology and who has been employed in this state for at least two  
 31 years in a job relating to green technology, life science or health  
 32 information technology shall be eligible for reimbursement of federal  
 33 or state educational loans up to a maximum of two thousand five  
 34 hundred dollars per year or five per cent of the amount of such loans  
 35 per year, whichever is less, for up to two years.

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

40 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) The Board of Governors of  
 41 Higher Education may adopt regulations, in accordance with the  
 42 provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes, to carry out the  
 43 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>from passage</i>	New section

**HED**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*