General Assembly **Substitute Bill No. 5126**

February Session, 2010 *____HB05126HED__040810___*

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CHEMICAL INNOVATIONS INSTITUTE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT.

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

Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a Chemical Innovations Institute within The University of Connecticut Health Center that shall (1) foster green job growth and safer workplaces through encouraging clean technology innovation and utilization of green chemistry, and (2) provide assistance to businesses, state agencies and nonprofit organizations that seek to utilize alternatives to chemicals that are harmful to public health and the environment.

(b) The institute shall be overseen by a board of directors. The board of directors shall consist of (1) a member appointed by The University of Connecticut Health Center who shall be an ex-officio member of the board and shall serve as the executive director of the institute, and (2) seven members appointed as follows: (A) One by the Governor, who represents a large Connecticut manufacturer that participates in an international marketplace and that has successfully implemented or is in the process of implementing green chemistry into its manufacturing process; (B) one by the president pro tempore of the Senate, who represents a small Connecticut manufacturer; (C) one by the speaker of the House of Representatives, who represents a state-wide

20 occupational health and safety organization or union health and safety
21 committee; (D) one by the majority leader of the Senate, who has
22 expertise working with businesses to implement sustainable business
23 practices; (E) one by the majority leader of the House of
24 Representatives, who represents a state-wide environmental health
25 nonprofit organization; (F) one by the minority leader of the Senate,
26 who is a health professional or scientist with expertise regarding the
27 health effects of prenatal exposure to chemicals of concern or
28 occupational environmental health; and (G) one by the minority leader
29 of the House of Representatives, who has green chemistry training and
30 expertise.

31 (c) Initial appointments to the board shall be made on or before
32 August 15, 2010. In the event that an appointing authority fails to
33 appoint an initial board member by August 31, 2010, the president pro
34 tempore of the Senate and the speaker of the House of Representatives
35 shall jointly appoint a board member who meets the applicable
36 qualifications for such appointment and such board member shall
37 serve a full term. The term for the initial board member appointed by
38 the Governor shall be two years. The term for the initial board
39 members appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate and
40 the speaker of the House of Representatives shall be three years. The
41 term for the initial board member appointed by the majority and the
42 minority leaders of the Senate and the House of Representatives shall
43 be four years. Any person appointed to the board after such initial
44 appointments shall serve a term of four years.

45 (d) The board shall appoint two members to serve as the
46 cochairpersons of the board. The board shall meet at the discretion of
47 the cochairpersons provided it shall meet not less than once per year.
48 A quorum of the members of the board shall be required to conduct
49 any business. Four members of the board shall constitute a quorum.

50 (e) The institute shall work with businesses, state agencies,
51 nonprofit organizations, workers, and community groups as a resource
52 for information about chemicals that are of concern to public health

53 and the environment, safe alternatives to such chemicals and emerging
54 state and federal chemical regulations. The institute shall: (1) Research
55 and identify chemicals that are important to the state economy, (2)
56 provide research and technical assistance concerning chemicals that
57 are of concern to the environment and public health, as well as
58 alternatives to such chemicals, (3) coordinate and share information
59 with institutes in other states and the interstate chemicals
60 clearinghouse, as described in section 22a-902 of the general statutes,
61 concerning alternative chemicals and the impact of such alternative
62 chemicals on public health and the environment, (4) offer trainings for
63 businesses regarding chemical regulations and such alternative
64 chemicals, and (5) assist businesses in identifying funding to be used
65 for the implementation of sustainable, chemical-related processes by
66 such businesses.

67 (f) The board shall review progress in meeting the duties described
68 in subsection (e) of this section. The board shall work to identify
69 potential funding sources that may be utilized to establish and
70 administer the institute.

71 (g) Not later than January fifteenth of each year and in accordance
72 with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, the board
73 shall submit a report to the joint standing committee of the General
74 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the environment on
75 the activities of the past year that were performed by the institute in
76 furtherance of the institute's duties. Such report shall include
77 recommendations on options to fund the institute.

78 (h) The board and The University of Connecticut Health Center
79 shall seek federal funds for the administration of the institute. In
80 addition, the board and The University of Connecticut Health Center
81 may seek funding for the institute from nongovernmental foundations,
82 including, but not limited to, nongovernmental health access
83 foundations, private citizens, corporations and other government
84 entities. In the event that the board determines that adequate funds
85 exist, the institute may establish technical assistance grants to

86 businesses and nonprofit organizations to assist such businesses and
87 nonprofit organizations in transitioning to the use of safer chemical
88 alternatives.

89 (i) The University of Connecticut Health Center shall not be
90 required to develop, implement and promote the institute described in
91 this section, if federal, state and private funds, as described in
92 subsection (h) of this section, in the aggregate, are insufficient to pay
93 for the initial and ongoing expenses of such institute.

94 (j) The Chemical Innovations Institute shall not engage in lobbying,
95 as defined in section 1-91 of the general statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	*from passage*	New section

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:
Subsections (h) to (j), inclusive, were rearranged and rewritten to clarify and consolidate the language of such subsections.

HED *Joint Favorable Subst.*