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**AN ACT TRANSFERRING THE LABOR DEPARTMENT'S  
APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC  
AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 31-22m of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 When used in sections 31-22m to 31-22q, inclusive, "apprentice"  
4 means a person employed under a written agreement to work at and  
5 learn a specific trade; "apprentice agreement" means a written  
6 agreement entered into by an apprentice, or on his behalf by his parent  
7 or guardian, with an employer, or with an association of employers  
8 and an organization of employees acting as a joint apprenticeship  
9 committee, which agreement provides for not less than two thousand  
10 hours of work experience in approved trade training consistent with  
11 recognized requirements established by industry or joint labor-  
12 industry practice and for the number of hours of related and

13 supplemental instructions prescribed by the Connecticut State  
14 Apprenticeship Council or which agreement meets requirements of the  
15 federal government for on-the-job training schedules which are  
16 essential, in the opinion of the [Labor] Commissioner of Economic and  
17 Community Development, for the development of manpower in  
18 Connecticut industries; "council" means the Connecticut State  
19 Apprenticeship Council.

20 Sec. 2. Section 31-22n of the general statutes is repealed and the  
21 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

22 The Governor shall appoint twelve members to the Connecticut  
23 State Apprenticeship Council, each of whom shall have some  
24 association with apprentice training. Four shall be representative of  
25 Connecticut industry, with one representative each from the  
26 manufacturing, building, mechanical and service industries, provided  
27 at least one such member represents a business that operates without a  
28 collective bargaining agreement; four shall be Connecticut members of  
29 national labor organizations with apprentice training programs; four  
30 shall represent the public, one of whom shall be the [Labor]  
31 Commissioner of Economic and Community Development. Members  
32 shall each serve a term which is coterminous with the term of the  
33 Governor, each member to hold office until a successor is appointed.  
34 Any vacancy in the membership of the council shall be filled by the  
35 Governor for the unexpired term. It shall meet on the call of the  
36 chairman, who shall be the [Labor] Commissioner of Economic and  
37 Community Development. On or before August first of each year, the  
38 council shall prepare a report describing the activities of the council,  
39 this report to be included in the [Labor Commissioner's] Commissioner  
40 of Economic and Community Development's report to the Governor.  
41 The members of the council shall not be compensated for their  
42 services, but the members, except the [Labor] Commissioner of  
43 Economic and Community Development and any state employee, shall  
44 be reimbursed for necessary expenses incurred in the performance of  
45 their duties.

46 Sec. 3. Section 31-22p of the general statutes is repealed and the  
47 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

48 The [Labor] Commissioner of Economic and Community  
49 Development, with the advice and guidance of the council, shall  
50 formulate work training standards which will ensure necessary  
51 safeguards for the welfare of apprentices and a full craft experience in  
52 any skill, in order to provide equal opportunities to all, without regard  
53 to their race, color, religion, sex, age or national origin, and to provide  
54 training, employment and upgrading opportunities for disadvantaged  
55 workers to acquire a comprehensive skilled work experience and to  
56 extend the application of such standards of skill training by inclusion  
57 thereof in apprenticeship agreements, and shall bring together  
58 representatives of management and labor for the development of  
59 training programs and terms of apprenticeship incidental thereto and  
60 cooperate with state and federal agencies similarly interested in  
61 furtherance of training requirements in keeping with established and  
62 new processes of Connecticut industries. The [Labor] Commissioner of  
63 Economic and Community Development shall publish information  
64 relating to existing and proposed work standards of apprenticeship,  
65 hold area conferences throughout the state for the purpose of  
66 promoting interest in skilled trades training and appoint such advisory  
67 committees as may be deemed necessary to evaluate the skilled  
68 manpower requirements of Connecticut in order to cope with any new  
69 technological changes in industry.

70 Sec. 4. Section 31-22q of the general statutes is repealed and the  
71 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

72 To assist in the administration of sections 31-22m to 31-22q,  
73 inclusive, there shall [continue to] be maintained in the [Labor]  
74 Department of Economic and Community Development a program of  
75 apprentice training. The [Labor] Commissioner of Economic and  
76 Community Development is authorized to appoint, in accordance with  
77 the provisions of chapter 67, such personnel as may be necessary for

78 effective administration of said sections.

79 Sec. 5. Section 31-22r of the general statutes is repealed and the  
80 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

81 (a) (1) Each person who registered as an apprentice with the Labor  
82 Department before July 1, 2003, and has not completed an  
83 apprenticeship as of July 9, 2003, shall pay to the Labor Department a  
84 registration fee of twenty-five dollars on or before July 1, 2003, and a  
85 renewal registration fee of twenty-five dollars on or before July first of  
86 each subsequent year, except that any annual renewal registration fee  
87 due on or after the effective date of this section shall be paid to the  
88 Department of Economic and Community Development until (A) such  
89 registration is withdrawn, or (B) such person has completed an  
90 apprenticeship and possesses a valid journeyperson card of  
91 occupational license, if required.

92 (2) Each person who initially registers as an apprentice with the  
93 Labor Department on or after July 1, 2003, but prior to the effective  
94 date of this section shall pay to the Labor Department a registration fee  
95 of fifty dollars at the time of registration and an annual renewal  
96 registration fee of fifty dollars, except that any annual renewal  
97 registration fee due on or after the effective date of this section shall be  
98 paid to the Department of Economic and Community Development  
99 until (A) such registration is withdrawn, or (B) such person has  
100 completed an apprenticeship and possesses a valid journeyperson card  
101 of occupational license, if required.

102 (3) Each person who initially registers as an apprentice with the  
103 Department of Economic and Community Development on or after the  
104 effective date of this section shall pay to the Department of Economic  
105 and Community Development a registration fee of fifty dollars at the  
106 time of registration and an annual renewal registration fee of fifty  
107 dollars until (A) such registration is withdrawn, or (B) such person has  
108 completed an apprenticeship and possesses a valid journeyperson card  
109 of occupational license, if required.

110 (b) Each person sponsoring an apprenticeship program registered  
111 with the Labor Department as of July 1, 2003, shall pay to the Labor  
112 Department an annual registration fee of sixty dollars for each  
113 apprentice participating in such program, except that any annual  
114 registration fee due on or after the effective date of this section shall be  
115 paid to the Department of Economic and Community Development  
116 until the apprentice has completed the apprenticeship and possesses a  
117 valid journeyman card of occupational license, if required, or such  
118 program is cancelled by the sponsor or deregistered for cause by the  
119 Labor Department in accordance with regulations adopted pursuant to  
120 this chapter, whichever is earlier.

121 (c) Fifty per cent of any amount collected by the Labor Department  
122 prior to the effective date of this section and by the Department of  
123 Economic and Community Development on and after the effective  
124 date of this section pursuant to this section shall be deposited in the  
125 General Fund and fifty per cent of such amount shall be credited to a  
126 separate nonlapsing appropriation to the [Labor] Department of  
127 Economic and Community Development, for the purpose of  
128 administering the department's apprentice training program and  
129 sections 31-22m to 31-22p, inclusive.

130 Sec. 6. Section 10a-72d of the general statutes is repealed and the  
131 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

132 The Board of Trustees for the Community-Technical Colleges shall  
133 establish procedures for (1) the development of articulation  
134 agreements between the regional community-technical colleges and  
135 the regional vocational-technical schools in order to ensure a successful  
136 transition to higher education for students attending the regional  
137 vocational-technical schools, and (2) the awarding of appropriate  
138 college credit for persons enrolled in and registered under the terms of  
139 a qualified apprenticeship training program, certified in accordance  
140 with regulations adopted by the [Labor] Commissioner of Economic  
141 and Community Development and registered with the Connecticut

142 State Apprenticeship Council established under section 31-22n, as  
143 amended by this act.

144 Sec. 7. Section 12-217g of the general statutes is repealed and the  
145 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

146 (a) There shall be allowed a credit for any taxpayer against the tax  
147 imposed under this chapter for any income year with respect to each  
148 apprenticeship in the manufacturing trades commenced by such  
149 taxpayer in such year under a qualified apprenticeship training  
150 program as described in this section, certified in accordance with  
151 regulations adopted by the Labor Commissioner and transferred,  
152 pursuant to section 4-38d, to the Commissioner of Economic and  
153 Community Development and registered with the Connecticut State  
154 Apprenticeship Council established under section 31-22n, as amended  
155 by this act, in an amount equal to four dollars per hour multiplied by  
156 the total number of hours worked during the income year by  
157 apprentices in the first half of a two-year term of apprenticeship and  
158 the first three-quarters of a four-year term of apprenticeship, provided  
159 the amount of credit allowed for any income year with respect to each  
160 such apprenticeship may not exceed four thousand eight hundred  
161 dollars or fifty per cent of actual wages paid in such income year to an  
162 apprentice in the first half of a two-year term of apprenticeship or in  
163 the first three-quarters of a four-year term of apprenticeship,  
164 whichever is less.

165 (b) There shall be allowed a credit for any taxpayer against the tax  
166 imposed under this chapter for any income year with respect to each  
167 apprenticeship in plastics and plastics-related trades commenced by  
168 such taxpayer in such year under a qualified apprenticeship training  
169 program as described in this section, certified in accordance with  
170 regulations adopted by the Labor Commissioner and transferred,  
171 pursuant to section 4-38d, to the Commissioner of Economic and  
172 Community Development and registered with the Connecticut State  
173 Apprenticeship Council established under section 31-22n, as amended

174 by this act, which apprenticeship exceeds the average number of such  
175 apprenticeships begun by such taxpayer during the five income years  
176 immediately preceding the income year with respect to which such  
177 credit is allowed, in an amount equal to four dollars per hour  
178 multiplied by the total number of hours worked during the income  
179 year by apprentices in the first half of a two-year term of  
180 apprenticeship and the first three-quarters of a four-year term of  
181 apprenticeship, provided the amount of credit allowed for any income  
182 year with respect to each such apprenticeship may not exceed four  
183 thousand eight hundred dollars or fifty per cent of actual wages paid  
184 in such income year to an apprentice in the first half of a two-year term  
185 of apprenticeship or in the first three-quarters of a four-year term of  
186 apprenticeship, whichever is less.

187 (c) There shall be allowed a credit for any taxpayer against the tax  
188 imposed under this chapter for any income year with respect to wages  
189 paid to apprentices in the construction trades by such taxpayer in such  
190 year that the apprentice and taxpayer participate in a qualified  
191 apprenticeship training program, as described in this section, which (1)  
192 is at least four years in duration, (2) is certified in accordance with  
193 regulations adopted by the Labor Commissioner and transferred,  
194 pursuant to section 4-38d, to the Commissioner of Economic and  
195 Community Development, and (3) is registered with the Connecticut  
196 State Apprenticeship Council established under section 31-22n, as  
197 amended by this act. The tax credit shall be (A) in an amount equal to  
198 two dollars per hour multiplied by the total number of hours  
199 completed by each apprentice toward completion of such program,  
200 and (B) awarded upon completion and notification of completion of  
201 such program in the income year in which such completion and  
202 notification occur, provided the amount of credit allowed for such  
203 income year with respect to each such apprentice may not exceed four  
204 thousand dollars or fifty per cent of actual wages paid over the first  
205 four income years for such apprenticeship, whichever is less.

206 (d) For purposes of this section, a qualified apprenticeship training

207 program shall require at least four thousand but not more than eight  
208 thousand hours of apprenticeship training for certification of such  
209 apprenticeship by the Connecticut State Apprenticeship Council. The  
210 amount of credit allowed any taxpayer under this section for any  
211 income year may not exceed the amount of tax due from such taxpayer  
212 under this chapter with respect to such income year.

213 Sec. 8. Section 17b-733 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
214 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

215 The Department of Social Services shall be the lead agency for child  
216 day care services in Connecticut. The department shall: (1) Identify,  
217 annually, existing child day care services and maintain an inventory of  
218 all available services; (2) provide technical assistance to corporations  
219 and private agencies in the development and expansion of child day  
220 care services for families at all income levels, including families of their  
221 employees and clients; (3) study and identify funding sources available  
222 for child day care including federal funds and tax benefits; (4) study  
223 the cost and availability of liability insurance for child day care  
224 providers; (5) provide, in conjunction with the Departments of  
225 Education and Higher Education, ongoing training for child day care  
226 providers including preparing videotaped workshops and distributing  
227 them to cable stations for broadcast on public access stations, and seek  
228 private donations to fund such training; (6) encourage child day care  
229 services to obtain accreditation; (7) develop a range of financing  
230 options for child care services, including the use of a tax-exempt bond  
231 program, a loan guarantee program and establishing a direct revolving  
232 loan program; (8) promote the colocation of child day care and school  
233 readiness programs pursuant to section 4b-31; (9) establish a  
234 performance-based evaluation system; (10) develop for  
235 recommendation to the Governor and the General Assembly measures  
236 to provide incentives for the private sector to develop and support  
237 expanded child day care services; (11) provide, within available funds  
238 and in conjunction with the temporary family assistance program as  
239 defined in section 17b-680, child day care to public assistance

240 recipients; (12) develop and implement, with the assistance of the  
241 Child Day Care Council and the Departments of Public Health, Social  
242 Services, Education, Higher Education, Children and Families,  
243 Economic and Community Development and Consumer Protection, a  
244 state-wide coordinated child day care and early childhood education  
245 training system (A) for child day care centers, group day care homes  
246 and family day care homes that provide child day care services, and  
247 (B) that makes available to such providers and their staff, within  
248 available appropriations, scholarship assistance, career counseling and  
249 training, advancement in career ladders, as defined in section 4-124bb,  
250 through seamless articulation of levels of training, program  
251 accreditation support and other initiatives recommended by the  
252 Departments of Social Services, Education and Higher Education; (13)  
253 plan and implement a unit cost reimbursement system for state-  
254 funded child day care services such that, on and after January 1, 2008,  
255 any increase in reimbursement shall be based on a requirement that  
256 such centers meet the staff qualifications, as defined in subsection (b)  
257 of section 10-16p; (14) develop, within available funds, initiatives to  
258 increase compensation paid to child day care providers for educational  
259 opportunities, including, but not limited to, (A) incentives for  
260 educational advancement paid to persons employed by child day care  
261 centers receiving state or federal funds, and (B) support for the  
262 establishment and implementation by the [Labor] Commissioner of  
263 Economic and Community Development of apprenticeship programs  
264 for child day care workers pursuant to sections 31-22m to 31-22q,  
265 inclusive, as amended by this act, which programs shall be jointly  
266 administered by labor and management trustees; (15) evaluate the  
267 effectiveness of any initiatives developed pursuant to subdivision (14)  
268 of this section in improving staff retention rates and the quality of  
269 education and care provided to children; and (16) report annually to  
270 the Governor and the General Assembly on the status of child day care  
271 in Connecticut. Such report shall include (A) an itemization of the  
272 allocation of state and federal funds for child care programs; (B) the  
273 number of children served under each program so funded; (C) the

274 number and type of such programs, providers and support personnel;  
275 (D) state activities to encourage partnership between the public and  
276 private sectors; (E) average payments issued by the state for both part-  
277 time and full-time child care; (F) range of family income and  
278 percentages served within each range by such programs; and (G) age  
279 range of children served.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	31-22m
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	31-22n
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	31-22p
Sec. 4	<i>from passage</i>	31-22q
Sec. 5	<i>from passage</i>	31-22r
Sec. 6	<i>from passage</i>	10a-72d
Sec. 7	<i>from passage</i>	12-217g
Sec. 8	<i>from passage</i>	17b-733

**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.]*