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Referred to Committee on Commerce

Introduced by:
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AN ACT ESTABLISHING A LEARN HERE, LIVE HERE PROGRAM.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2011*) (a) The Commissioner of
2 Economic and Community Development, in consultation with the
3 Commissioner of Revenue Services, shall establish the Learn Here,
4 Live Here program. Such program shall provide incentive for
5 graduates of a public or independent institution of higher education in
6 this state or from a regional vocational-technical school to buy their
7 first homes in the state by allowing persons who graduate on or after
8 January 1, 2013, from such institutions or schools to have a portion of
9 their income tax liability segregated into the Connecticut First-Time
10 Homebuyers Fund established pursuant to section 2 of this act. After a
11 period not exceeding ten years after graduation, any amounts so
12 segregated by a graduate may be withdrawn for the purchase of a first
13 home in the state. The Commissioner of Economic and Community
14 Development shall make payments in accordance with this section
15 from said fund to graduate.

16 (b) On or before January 1, 2012, the Commissioner of Economic and
17 Community Development, in consultation with the Commissioner of

18 Revenue Services, shall adopt regulations, in accordance with chapter
19 54 of the general statutes, to carry out the provisions of this section.
20 Said regulations shall include, but not be limited to, (1) a cap on
21 segregated funds for the first year of participation of five per cent of a
22 participating graduates' income tax liability, (2) a cap on segregated
23 funds that increases during years two through ten of such
24 participation, and (3) criteria for such increase.

25 (c) On or before December 1, 2012, the Commissioner of Economic
26 and Community Development shall develop, within available
27 appropriations, a comprehensive public education program to educate
28 recent graduates of a public or independent institution of higher
29 education in the state or of a regional vocational-technical high school
30 about the program established under this section for first-time home
31 buyers. The public education program shall include, but not be limited
32 to, information concerning life-time savings plans and information on
33 the purchase of a house. The department shall begin to implement the
34 outreach program not later than January 1, 2013.

35 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2011*) There is established a
36 Connecticut First-Time Homebuyers Fund which shall be a separate,
37 nonlapsing account within the General Fund. Funds segregated by the
38 Commissioner of Revenue Services, pursuant to section 1 of this act,
39 shall be deposited in the account. Amounts deposited in the account
40 shall be available to the Commissioner of Economic and Community
41 Development for payments to participants in the program established
42 pursuant to section 1 of this act. The State Treasurer shall invest the
43 proceeds of the account, and investment earnings shall be credited to
44 and become part of the account. On or before September 1, 2013, and
45 annually thereafter, the State Treasurer shall notify the Commissioner
46 of Economic and Community Development of the total amount in the
47 account. Any funds segregated for a participant in the program
48 established pursuant to section 1 of this act that are not used for the
49 purchase of a first home shall be transferred to the General Fund. Any
50 costs incurred by the State Treasurer in administering the fund shall be

51 paid from investment interest accrued by the principal contributions to
 52 the fund.

53 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2011*) As part of the Live Here, Learn
 54 Here program established pursuant to section 1 of this act, the
 55 Commissioner of Revenue Services shall segregate a portion of the
 56 income taxes paid by a person who graduated from a public or
 57 independent institution of higher education in this state or from a
 58 regional vocational-technical school during each of the ten taxable
 59 years following the year of graduation. Upon the request of such
 60 person, the commissioner shall segregate an annual amount
 61 determined in accordance with subsection (b) of section 1 of this act.
 62 Taxes may be segregated pursuant to this section for taxable years
 63 commencing on or after January 1, 2013. The commissioner shall
 64 deposit amounts segregated from income tax payments pursuant to
 65 this section in the Connecticut First-Time Homebuyers Fund
 66 established pursuant to section 2 of this act.

67 Sec. 4. Subsection (a) of section 32-1m of the general statutes is
 68 amended by adding subdivision (23) as follows (*Effective January 1,*
 69 *2013*):

70 (NEW) (23) With regard to the Learn Here, Live Here program
 71 established pursuant to section 1 of this act, a summary of the
 72 program, including, but not limited to, participation, account totals
 73 and disbursements, and recommendations for program changes or
 74 legislative changes.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2011</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2011</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2011</i>	New section
Sec. 4	<i>January 1, 2013</i>	32-1m(a)

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