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Referred to Committee on Higher Education and Employment
Advancement

Introduced by:
(HED)

**AN ACT CONCERNING JOB TRAINING PROGRAMS AT THE
COMMUNITY-TECHNICAL COLLEGES AND ALIGNMENT OF
POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT.**

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2011*) Any state service agreement
2 requirements that prevent companies from contracting with the
3 regional community-technical colleges for purposes of offering
4 workforce development training programs at the regional community-
5 technical colleges or at the company's facility or a clinical site shall be
6 waived.

7 Sec. 2. Section 10-8b of the general statutes is repealed and the
8 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2011*):

9 (a) The Commissioner of Education shall annually, by December
10 first, determine subject and geographic areas in which a teacher
11 shortage exists and shall certify such shortages to the Connecticut
12 Housing Finance Authority for purposes of section 8-265pp. In
13 determining teacher shortages, the commissioner shall consider the

14 following: (1) The number of teacher vacancies in a particular subject
15 or geographic area; (2) the number of new certificates in such areas
16 issued by the Department of Education during the preceding year; and
17 (3) the number and types of classes being taught by persons whose
18 training is not specific to the field in which they are teaching.

19 (b) The Department of Education shall annually, by January first,
20 electronically distribute to every institution of higher education in this
21 state offering a teacher preparatory program information concerning
22 teacher shortage areas, determined pursuant to subsection (a) of this
23 section, for at least the prior five years.

24 Sec. 3. Section 10a-6a of the general statutes is amended by adding
25 subsection (c) as follows (*Effective July 1, 2011*):

26 (NEW) (c) On or before July 1, 2011, and every five years thereafter,
27 the council shall review the accountability measures developed
28 pursuant to subsection (b) of this section and determine their
29 continued validity or need for revision or elimination. The council
30 shall submit any proposed revisions or eliminations to the Board of
31 Governors of Higher Education for approval. Upon approval by the
32 Board of Governors of Higher Education, the Commissioner of Higher
33 Education shall notify the joint standing committees of the General
34 Assembly having cognizance of the subject matter of each such
35 revision or elimination and provide the committees with a brief
36 explanation of the reason for approval.

37 Sec. 4. Subsection (g) of section 10a-6b of the general statutes is
38 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
39 *October 1, 2011*):

40 (g) Each constituent unit of the state system of higher education
41 shall submit an accountability report to the Commissioner of Higher
42 Education annually, by January first. The report shall include
43 strategies to improve performance and achieve results on
44 accountability measures and unmet goals and funding estimates for

45 such strategies. The commissioner shall compile the reports and shall
46 submit, in accordance with section 11-4a, a consolidated accountability
47 report for the state system of higher education to the joint standing
48 [committee] committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of
49 matters relating to education, higher education, employment
50 advancement and commerce annually, by February first. The report
51 shall contain accountability measures for each constituent unit and
52 public institution of higher education pursuant to subsections (a) and
53 (b) of this section. The report shall include updated baseline and peer
54 comparison data, performance improvement targets for each measure,
55 the constituent units' strategies to improve performance and achieve
56 results on accountability measures and unmet goals, funding estimates
57 for such strategies, and other information as determined by the
58 commissioner.

59 Sec. 5. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2011*) The Office of Workforce
60 Competitiveness, in consultation with the Connecticut Employment
61 and Training Commission, the Departments of Education, Higher
62 Education and Economic and Community Development and the Labor
63 Department, shall biennially submit to the Board of Governors of
64 Higher Education a report identifying the sectors or subsectors in
65 which workforce shortages exist, the types of workforce skills needed
66 in such sectors or subsectors to address workforce shortages and
67 which career pathways should be established.

68 Sec. 6. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2011*) On or before January 1, 2013,
69 and annually thereafter, each constituent unit of the state system of
70 higher education shall submit a report to the Commissioner of Higher
71 Education on the manner in which existing and proposed academic
72 programs, including career pathways, address the workforce shortages
73 identified by the Office of Workforce Competitiveness pursuant to
74 section 5 of this act. The Commissioner of Higher Education shall
75 assess such reports to identify any gaps in alignment between
76 workforce needs and public postsecondary education, and submit such
77 commissioner's assessment, including information from the

78 constituent units on the resources needed to address those gaps, not
79 later than February 15, 2013, and annually thereafter, to the joint
80 standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of
81 matters relating to education, higher education, employment
82 advancement, commerce and labor in accordance with section 11-4a of
83 the general statutes.

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>	10-8b
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2011</i>	10a-6a
Sec. 4	<i>October 1, 2011</i>	10a-6b(g)
Sec. 5	<i>October 1, 2011</i>	New section
Sec. 6	<i>October 1, 2011</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To ensure the continuation of job training program contracts with the community-technical colleges and to better align postsecondary education with employment.

[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.]