



General Assembly

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LCO No. 4246

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Referred to Committee on Commerce

Introduced by:

(CE)

AN ACT CONCERNING QUALIFIED PRIVATE INVESTMENTS FOR CONNECTICUT INNOVATIONS, INCORPORATED'S PRESEED PROGRAM.

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

1 Section 1. Section 32-41x of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 (a) There is established an account to be known as the "preseed
4 financing account" which shall be a separate, nonlapsing account
5 within the General Fund. The account shall contain any moneys
6 required by law to be deposited in the account. Moneys in the account
7 shall be expended by Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated, for the
8 purposes of providing preseed financing pursuant to the program
9 established in subsection (b) of this section.

10 (b) Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated, shall establish a program
11 to provide preseed financing for Connecticut businesses, which shall
12 include, but not be limited to, financial assistance for the development
13 of proof of concepts and support services. Financial assistance shall not
14 exceed one hundred fifty thousand dollars per eligible business. An

15 eligible business shall (1) be principally located in Connecticut, (2)
16 have not less than seventy-five per cent of its employees working in
17 Connecticut, and (3) demonstrate private investment dollars of not less
18 than fifty cents for every dollar of financial assistance sought from the
19 program established pursuant to this section. For the purposes of this
20 subsection, "private investment dollars" shall include funds from a
21 public institution of higher education, except those funds derived from
22 state appropriations or student tuition and fees, that are used to assist
23 in the commercialization of technology owned by a public university.

24 (c) The corporation may enter into an agreement, pursuant to
25 chapter 55a, with a nonprofit corporation providing services and
26 resources to entrepreneurs and businesses to operate such program.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	32-41x

Statement of Purpose:

To place public university start-up companies on a level playing field with other businesses seeking preseed funding from Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated.

[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.]