



**Substitute House Bill No. 6485**

**Public Act No. 11-133**

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE ALIGNMENT OF POSTSECONDARY  
EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT.**

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

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 Section 10-8b of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2011*):

(a) The Commissioner of Education shall annually, by December first, determine subject and geographic areas in which a teacher shortage exists and shall certify such shortages to the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority for purposes of section 8-265pp. In determining teacher shortages, the commissioner shall consider the following: (1) The number of teacher vacancies in a particular subject or geographic area; (2) the number of new certificates in such areas issued by the Department of Education during the preceding year; and (3) the number and types of classes being taught by persons whose training is not specific to the field in which they are teaching.

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

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Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2011*) The Office of Workforce Competitiveness, in consultation with the Connecticut Employment and Training Commission, the Departments of Education, Higher Education and Economic and Community Development and the Labor Department, shall biennially submit to the Board of Governors of Higher Education a report identifying the sectors or subsectors in which workforce shortages exist, the types of workforce skills needed in such sectors or subsectors to address workforce shortages and which career pathways should be established.

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