



Senate

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 291

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The Committee on Appropriations reported through SEN. HARP of the 10th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SYSTEM.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2012*) (a) The Labor Department, in
2 consultation with the Department of Education and the Office of
3 Financial and Academic Affairs for Higher Education, shall develop a
4 comprehensive youth employment system to coordinate and enhance
5 public and private resources for purposes of (1) creating summer and
6 year-round employment opportunities for youth, as defined in 10-19m
7 of the general statutes, and (2) supporting career pathways that will
8 provide youth and young adults with the skills and access necessary to
9 secure good jobs and successful careers.

10 (b) The youth employment system shall provide (1) a range of
11 training and employment options, (2) in-depth support services, and
12 (3) the flexibility to connect youth and young adults to the most
13 appropriate set of services, which shall include integrated education,
14 skill training and access to work experience leading to secondary or
15 occupational credentials, postsecondary educational training

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 13 \$	FY 14 \$
Labor Dept.	GF - Potential Cost	See Below	See Below

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill has a potential cost the Department of Labor (DOL) associated with developing a youth employment system, and to establish a public-private partnership to support the system. It is unknown whether these activities would be carried out within the existing CT Youth Employment Program, or if additional resources would be required. sHB5014, the revised FY 13 budget bill, as favorably reported by the Appropriations Committee, appropriated \$4.5 million for the CT Youth Employment Program.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.

OLR Bill Analysis**sSB 291*****AN ACT ESTABLISHING A YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SYSTEM.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill requires the Labor Department (DOL), in consultation with the State Department of Education and Office of Financial and Academic Affairs for Higher Education, to develop a comprehensive youth employment system (see BACKGROUND). The system must coordinate and enhance public and private resources to (1) create summer and year-round work opportunities for youth and (2) support career pathways to provide youth and young adults with the skills and access needed for good jobs and successful careers.

Under the bill, the system must provide (1) a range of training and employment options, (2) in-depth support services, and (3) the flexibility to connect youth and young adults to the most appropriate set of services. These services must include (1) integrated education; (2) skill training and access to work experience leading to secondary or occupational credentials; (3) postsecondary educational training opportunities; and (4) skills such as teamwork, leadership, communications, and ethical responsibility.

DOL must establish a public-private partnership to support the system. The partnership must (1) expand private sector involvement in summer and year-round youth employment opportunities and (2) consider a tax credit program for qualified employers who hire youth and young adults.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2012

BACKGROUND***Youth Employment Programs***

Connecticut's five workforce investment boards currently administer youth employment programs that focus on summer employment. The programs are funded by a combination of state, federal, municipal, and private funds.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute Change of Reference

Yea 20 Nay 0 (03/20/2012)

Appropriations Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 54 Nay 0 (04/03/2012)