



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 224

LCO No. 1134

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Referred to Committee on Commerce

Introduced by:

(CE)

AN ACT INCREASING THE COMPETITIVENESS OF SMALL AND MEDIUM BUSINESSES THROUGH RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2012*) (a) For the purposes of this
2 section, "small business" means a Connecticut business with fifty
3 employees or less, and "medium business" means a Connecticut
4 business with fifty-one to one hundred employees.

5 (b) The University of Connecticut shall establish a program to assist
6 small and medium businesses that develop innovations in advanced
7 manufacturing technologies. The university shall collaborate with
8 small and medium businesses participating in said program. Such
9 collaboration may include, but not be limited to, use of university
10 facilities or equipment or access to university staff or students. The
11 university shall establish eligibility criteria for said program,
12 including, but not limited to, minimum levels of contributions
13 required from participating businesses.

14 (c) The sum of one million dollars is appropriated to The University
15 of Connecticut, from the General Fund, for the fiscal year ending June

16 30, 2013, for the program to assist small and medium businesses that
17 develop innovations in advanced manufacturing technologies
18 established pursuant to this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2012</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To require The University of Connecticut to establish a program to help state businesses develop innovations in manufacturing technologies.

[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.]