



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 224**

February Session, 2012

\* SB00224CE 032312 \*

**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 business located in Connecticut with  
3 fifty employees or less, and "medium business" means a business  
4 located in Connecticut with fifty-one to one hundred employees.

5 (b) The University of Connecticut at Storrs, or any campus thereof,  
6 in concert with the Connecticut Center for Advanced Technologies,  
7 shall establish a program to assist small and medium businesses that  
8 develop innovations in advanced manufacturing technologies. The  
9 university and the center shall collaborate with small and medium  
10 businesses participating in such program. Such program may include,  
11 but not be limited to, use of the university's or said center's facilities or  
12 equipment or access to university staff or students or staff of said  
13 center. The university and the center shall establish eligibility criteria  
14 for said program that shall include, but need not be limited to,  
15 minimum levels of contributions required from participating  
16 businesses.

17 (c) The sum of one million dollars is appropriated to The University  
18 of Connecticut, from the General Fund, for the fiscal year ending June  
19 30, 2013, for the program established in this section, which shall

20 include funding to the center, and to develop and support  
21 collaborations resulting from said program.

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

**Statement of Legislative Commissioners:**

In section 1(b) "and" was changed to "in concert with" for statutory consistency.

**CE**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*