



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 291**

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Referred to Committee on Higher Education and Employment  
Advancement

Introduced by:  
(HED)

**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  
16 opportunities and skills such as teamwork, leadership ability, oral and

17 written communication proficiency and ethical responsibility.

18 (c) The Labor Department shall establish a public-private  
19 partnership, as defined in section 4-255 of the general statutes, to (1)  
20 support the youth employment system established under subsection  
21 (a) of this section, (2) expand private sector involvement in summer  
22 and year-round employment opportunities for youth, and (3) consider  
23 a tax credit program to provide tax incentives to qualified employers  
24 for employing youth and young adults in part-time and full-time  
25 positions.

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 further develop, enhance and expand employment opportunities for youth, support career pathways to provide youth and young adults with education, skills and access to good jobs and successful careers, and establish a public-private partnership to encourage the employment of talented and experienced youth and young adults.

*[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.]*