



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 291**

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**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 to (1) support the youth employment system established  
20 under subsection (a) of this section, (2) expand private sector

