AN ACT CONCERNING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS.

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

Section 1. (Effective July 1, 2013) The Labor Department shall conduct a study to explore allowing teachers who are currently eligible to receive unemployment compensation to pursue certain certifications, credentials, endorsements or specialized training without risk of losing their unemployment benefits. On or before October 1, 2014, the department shall submit, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, the findings of such study to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to labor and public employees.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

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**Statement of Purpose:**
To study the effects of allowing teachers to pursue professional development during periods in which the teachers are receiving unemployment compensation.

[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.]

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