



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 5493

LCO No. 2170



Referred to Committee on HIGHER EDUCATION AND
EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT

Introduced by:
(HED)

**AN ACT REQUIRING A STATE-WIDE PLAN TO PROVIDE
EDUCATION, TRAINING AND JOB PLACEMENT IN EMERGING
INDUSTRIES.**

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2014*) (a) For purposes of this
2 section:

3 (1) "Contextualized learning" means education in a learning
4 environment chosen or designed by educators to incorporate as many
5 different forms of experience as possible, including social, cultural,
6 physical and psychological experiences, to achieve the desired learning
7 outcomes;

8 (2) "Early college high school" means a school in which persons who
9 are underrepresented in higher education, including, but not limited
10 to, low-income youth, first-generation college students, English
11 language learners and minority students, may simultaneously earn,
12 tuition free, a high school diploma and an associate degree or up to
13 two years of credit toward a bachelor degree; and

14 (3) "Middle college program" means a collaboration between a
15 school district's high schools and a regional-community technical
16 college pursuant to which a student who desires a more independent
17 learning environment may (A) take a combination of core high school
18 courses and courses for which college or university-level credit may be
19 given, and (B) attribute all such credits earned toward a program of
20 higher learning at an institution of higher education in which such
21 student enrolls upon graduation from the middle college program.

22 (b) The Connecticut Employment and Training Commission shall
23 develop, in collaboration with the regional work force development
24 boards established pursuant to section 31-3j of the general statutes, a
25 state-wide plan for implementing, expanding or improving upon
26 contextualized learning programs, career certificate programs
27 established under section 10-20a of the general statutes, middle college
28 programs and early college high school programs to provide
29 education, training and placement in jobs available in the
30 manufacturing, health care, construction and green industries and
31 other emerging sectors of the state's economy. Such plan shall include
32 a proposal to fund such programs.

33 (c) Not later than January 1, 2015, the Connecticut Employment and
34 Training Commission shall report, in accordance with the provisions of
35 section 11-4a of the general statutes, on the plan developed under
36 subsection (b) of this section, to the joint standing committee of the
37 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to higher
38 education and employment advancement. Not later than September 1,
39 2015, and annually thereafter, said commission shall report, in
40 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes,
41 on the status of such programs to the joint standing committee of the
42 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to higher
43 education and employment advancement.

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| <p>This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:</p> |
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| Section 1 | <i>July 1, 2014</i> | New section |
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HED *Joint Favorable*