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LCO No. 2250



Referred to Committee on HIGHER EDUCATION AND
EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT

Introduced by:
(HED)

**AN ACT IMPLEMENTING AN I-BEST PROGRAM THROUGHOUT THE
CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM.**

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, "integrated basic education and skills training programming"
3 means a program based on the Integrated Basic Education and Skills
4 Training Program, I-BEST, that fosters students' literacy and work
5 skills by pairing two instructors in the classroom, one to teach
6 professional and technical content and the other to teach basic skills in
7 reading, math, writing or English language, to enable students to move
8 through school and into living wage jobs faster by learning basic skills
9 in real-world scenarios offered by the job-training portion of the
10 curriculum and earning the necessary credentials for such jobs.

11 (b) Not later than July 1, 2015, the state Department of Education, in
12 collaboration with the Department of Social Services, Labor
13 Department and regional workforce development boards established
14 pursuant to section 31-3k of the general statutes, shall expand the

15 integrated basic education and skills training programming
16 implemented at Eastern Connecticut State University pursuant to
17 section 17b-112k of the general statutes, on a regional basis to other
18 areas of this state with a high population density of persons who are
19 receiving benefits under the temporary family assistance program and
20 participating in the Jobs First employment services program.

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

Statement of Purpose:

To expand the integrated basic education and skills training programming implemented at Eastern Connecticut State University to Central Connecticut State University, Southern Connecticut State University and Western Connecticut State University.

[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.]