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To: House Bill No. 5434

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**"AN ACT REQUIRING A TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL AND
COMMUNITY-TECHNICAL COLLEGE COOPERATIVE."**

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2014*) (a) Not later than January 1, 2015,
4 the technical high school system, in collaboration with the Labor
5 Department, the state Department of Education, the Board of Regents
6 for Higher Education, and industry and business representatives, shall
7 develop a plan to utilize the manufacturing centers at the technical
8 high schools after regular school hours and on weekends for (1) career-
9 readiness programs for students of Connecticut high schools or
10 institutions of higher education or adults seeking to reenter the
11 workforce, and (2) offering instruction approved by the office within
12 the Labor Department that is responsible for apprenticeship training to
13 teach the skills necessary for a person to succeed in a manufacturing
14 apprenticeship program certified in accordance with regulations

15 adopted by the Labor Commissioner and registered with the
16 Connecticut State Apprenticeship Council established under section
17 31-22n of the general statutes.

18 (b) In developing such plan, the technical high school system, Labor
19 Department, state Department of Education and Board of Regents for
20 Higher Education shall consider, but not limit consideration to, the
21 following:

22 (1) The recommendations of the Connecticut early college task force,
23 convened by the president of the Board of Regents for Higher
24 Education and the Commissioner of Education, including, but not
25 limited to, expanding the manufacturing technology program at
26 Asnuntuck Community College to other locations;

27 (2) Preparing participants for the national career readiness
28 certificate examination or other nationally recognized credentials;

29 (3) Integrating a (A) program developed by the Board of Regents for
30 Higher Education to assist students who are deficient in mathematics
31 skills, and (B) curriculum that provides career readiness training;

32 (4) Incorporating on-line manufacturing training;

33 (5) Investigating whether there are any benefits to Connecticut
34 becoming a work ready community through a partnership with ACT;

35 (6) Utilizing the Labor Department's pre-apprenticeship program to
36 enable students to obtain work experience and complete the
37 educational requirements of an apprenticeship program certified in
38 accordance with regulations adopted by the Labor Commissioner and
39 registered with the Connecticut State Apprenticeship Council
40 established under section 31-22n of the general statutes;

41 (7) The emerging regional, state and national industries and related
42 technologies and the technical training needed to improve workforce
43 readiness for such industries;

44 (8) Examining methods of overcoming impediments to utilizing the
45 technical high schools, including, but not limited to, the requirement
46 that a nurse be present in the building and the availability of technical
47 high school teaching professionals;

48 (9) Identifying the necessary resources to fund and implement such
49 plan, including leveraging state and federal funding and grants from
50 private entities; and

51 (10) Affording students the ability to earn college credit where
52 applicable.

53 Not later than January 1, 2015, the Commissioner of Education shall
54 report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general
55 statutes, on such plan to the joint standing committees of the General
56 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education, labor
57 and higher education."

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