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**"AN ACT CONCERNING CONNECTICUT'S MANUFACTURING
AND TECHNOLOGY WORKFORCE."**

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

3 "Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) For purposes of this
4 section, "advanced industry sector certificates program" means a
5 program pursuant to which a postsecondary student may take courses
6 toward a certificate in an emerging sector, including, but not limited
7 to, an industry-recognized credential in green energy, healthcare,
8 transportation or construction, at a regional community-technical
9 college for two days per week while simultaneously learning such
10 industry's trade from an employer, as either an employee or an
11 apprentice, as defined in section 31-22m of the general statutes, in a
12 related occupational field for the remaining three days per week.

13 (b) Not later than July 1, 2015, the Board of Regents for Higher
14 Education, in consultation with the Office of Higher Education, shall

15 develop a plan for establishing and implementing advanced industry
16 sector certificates programs to serve adult learners who are pursuing a
17 career in an industry related to an emerging sector. Students shall
18 complete such program in not more than five consecutive semesters
19 and earn an industry-recognized credential upon such completion.

20 (c) The Board of Regents for Higher Education shall (1) establish
21 eligibility requirements for students of an advanced industry sector
22 certificates program implemented pursuant to subsection (b) of this
23 section, and (2) ensure that all educators utilizing such programming
24 have the necessary professional certification or comparable teaching
25 experience, as determined by said board.

26 (d) A student who successfully completes an advanced industry
27 sector certificates program implemented pursuant to subsection (b) of
28 this section shall earn an industry-recognized credential, as
29 determined by the Board of Regents for Higher Education, in the
30 relevant emerging sector of the local labor market.

31 (e) Not later than January 1, 2016, and annually thereafter, the Board
32 of Regents for Higher Education shall report, in accordance with the
33 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing
34 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
35 relating to higher education and employment advancement on the
36 collection of data capturing student performance outcomes, including,
37 but not limited to:

38 (1) The number of students who are enrolled in such advanced
39 industry sector certificates program, the number of students who
40 completed such program, the number of students who dropped out of
41 such program and aggregate data concerning the students' age, race,
42 gender, town of residence and number of dependents living in the
43 household at the time of enrollment, provided the disclosure of such
44 data does not result in the disclosure of personally identifiable
45 information about a student without such student's consent;

46 (2) Each employer who is teaching a student enrolled in such
47 program a trade that is related to the certificate such student is
48 pursuing;

49 (3) The occupational field of each employer identified pursuant to
50 subdivision (2) of this subsection; and

51 (4) The number of students who obtain a job upon completion of
52 such program in the subject area of the certificate such students earned
53 through participation in such program."

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