



Senate

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Senate Bill No. 445

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The Committee on Labor and Public Employees reported through SEN. GOMES of the 23rd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING A PLAN FOR THE CONNECTICORPS PROGRAM.

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

- 1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Labor Department, in
2 collaboration with the Department of Economic and Community
3 Development, the Board of Regents for Higher Education and The
4 University of Connecticut, shall develop a plan to establish the
5 Connecticorps program to capitalize on the skills of students enrolled
6 in the state system of higher education to improve the quality of life for
7 Connecticut residents. Such plan shall include, but not be limited to:
8 (1) An assessment of the feasibility of establishing the Connecticorps
9 program not later than September 1, 2017, (2) the identification of
10 existing or potential job sites for students participating in such
11 program; (3) comprehensive research regarding the availability of
12 stipends, housing and health care options for students participating in
13 such program; and (4) a programmatic design for the coordination and
14 state oversight of the Connecticorps program.

15 (b) Not later than January 1, 2017, the Labor Department shall
 16 submit a report, in accordance with section 11-4a of the general
 17 statutes, to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly
 18 having cognizance of matters relating to labor, commerce and higher
 19 education. Such report shall address the status of the plan as well as
 20 any recommendations for administrative or legislative action
 21 necessary to establish the Connecticorps program not later than
 22 September 1, 2017.

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

LAB *Joint Favorable*

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OFA Fiscal Note**State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None**Explanation**

The bill requires the Labor Department, in consultation with the Department of Economic and Community Development, the Board of Regents for Higher Education, and the University of Connecticut, to develop a plan to establish a program to capitalize on the skills of college students in the state to improve Connecticut's quality of life. It is anticipated that these agencies could work collaboratively to establish such a plan within the normal course of duties and therefore this does not result in any fiscal impact to the state or municipalities.

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OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY:

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Labor and Public Employees Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 13 Nay 0 (03/12/2015)