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Referred to Committee on HUMAN SERVICES

Introduced by:
(HS)

***AN ACT CONCERNING A PILOT PROJECT TO IMPROVE
TRANSITIONAL SERVICES FOR EMPLOYABLE YOUNG ADULTS
WITH AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER.***

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2015*) (a) For purposes of this section, (1)
2 "young adult" means a person not younger than twenty-five years of
3 age and not older than thirty-one years of age, and (2) "employable"
4 means capable of working not less than twenty hours per week.

5 (b) The Commissioner of Rehabilitation Services, in consultation
6 with the Commissioner of Developmental Services, shall establish a
7 two-year pilot program in Hartford and New Haven counties to
8 provide not more than one hundred employable young adults with
9 autism spectrum disorder with vocational training and information
10 designed to improve employment opportunities. The pilot program
11 shall include (1) an informational campaign designed to increase
12 awareness about available vocational services and eligibility for such
13 services, (2) outreach to potential employers, (3) identification of
14 barriers to access to vocational services through the Department of

15 Rehabilitation, (4) a strategy to break down such barriers, (5) an
16 informational campaign designed to raise awareness about the impact,
17 or lack thereof, of paid employment on public assistance benefits, and
18 (6) family counseling to ensure participants in the pilot program can
19 work scheduled hours.

20 (c) Not later than July 1, 2016, the Commissioner of Rehabilitation
21 Services, in consultation with the Commissioner of Developmental
22 Services, shall report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-
23 4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committees of the
24 General Assembly having cognizance of matters concerning public
25 health and human services regarding (1) the percentage of participants
26 in the pilot program who are employed not less than twenty hours per
27 week compared to the percentage of employable young adults with
28 autism spectrum disorder in Hartford and New Haven counties who
29 are not participants in the pilot program and who are employed not
30 less than twenty hours per week, (2) the cost of the pilot program, and
31 (3) recommendations to expand the pilot program.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2015</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To establish a pilot program designed to increase transitional services for employable young adults with autism spectrum disorder.

[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.]