



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 5470***

LCO No. 2026



Referred to Committee on EDUCATION

Introduced by:  
(ED)

***AN ACT CONCERNING A PILOT PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS IN HIGH SCHOOL INTERESTED IN PURSUING A COLLEGE DEGREE IN EDUCATION.***

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2016*) (a) For the school year commencing  
2 July 1, 2016, the Department of Education, in consultation with the  
3 Board of Regents for Higher Education, shall establish and administer  
4 a teacher pathways pilot program to encourage and recruit minority  
5 students to pursue a career in education. Under the pilot program,  
6 minority students enrolled in a high school located in a participating  
7 school district listed in subsection (b) of this section shall enroll in  
8 courses in the teacher preparation program offered at the partnering  
9 state universities listed in subsection (b) of this section, for college  
10 credit. The Department of Education and the Board of Regents for  
11 Higher Education shall coordinate such teacher preparation courses  
12 between the participating school districts and state universities and  
13 provide minority students with access to postsecondary education in  
14 such teacher preparation programs, including financial assistant  
15 awarded under the Governor's Scholarship program, pursuant to

16 section 10a-173 of the general statutes.

17 (b) The following school districts and state universities shall be  
18 partners in the pilot program: (1) The board of education for the New  
19 Haven school district and Southern Connecticut State University, (2)  
20 the board of education for the New Britain school district and Central  
21 Connecticut State University, and (3) the board of education for the  
22 Windham school district and Eastern Connecticut State University.

23 (c) The participating state universities shall expend funds  
24 appropriated to such state universities for minority student  
25 recruitment for purposes of implementing the pilot program.

26 (d) For purposes of this section, "minority students" means those  
27 students whose race is defined as other than white, or whose ethnicity  
28 is defined as Hispanic or Latino by the federal Office of Management  
29 and Budget for use by the Bureau of Census of the United States  
30 Department of Commerce.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2016	New section

**Statement of Purpose:**

To establish a teacher pathways pilot program to encourage and recruit minority students to pursue a career in education.

*[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.]*