



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 218**

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House Bill No. 6398

*House of Representatives, March 27, 2017*

The Committee on Labor and Public Employees reported through REP. PORTER of the 94th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT CONCERNING OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING AND PERSONS WITH CRIMINAL HISTORIES.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 31-2 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2017*):

3 (a) The Labor Commissioner shall collect information upon the  
4 subject of labor, its relation to capital, the hours of labor, the earnings  
5 of laboring men and women and the means of promoting their  
6 material, social, intellectual and moral prosperity, and shall have  
7 power to summon and examine under oath such witnesses, and may  
8 direct the production of, and examine or cause to be produced and  
9 examined, such books, records, vouchers, memoranda, documents,  
10 letters, contracts or other papers in relation thereto as he deems  
11 necessary, and shall have the same powers in relation thereto as are  
12 vested in magistrates in taking depositions, but for this purpose  
13 persons shall not be required to leave the vicinity of their residences or  
14 places of business. Said commissioner shall collect and collate

15 population and employment data to project who is working, who is  
16 not working and who will be entering the job market and shall provide  
17 an analysis of data concerning present job requirements and potential  
18 needs of new industry. The commissioner shall include in his annual  
19 report to the Governor, as provided in section 4-60, all the aforesaid  
20 statistical details.

21 (b) The commissioner shall administer the coordination of all  
22 employment and training programs in the state and shall implement  
23 the plan of the Connecticut Employment and Training Commission as  
24 approved by the Governor. The commissioner shall develop and  
25 maintain a comprehensive inventory of all employment and training  
26 programs in the state, including a listing of all funding sources for each  
27 program, the characteristics of the persons served, a description of  
28 each program and its results and the identification of areas of program  
29 overlap and duplication.

30 (c) The commissioner shall provide staff to the Connecticut  
31 Employment and Training Commission and such other resources as  
32 the commissioner can make available.

33 (d) The commissioner may request the Attorney General to bring an  
34 action in Superior Court for injunctive relief requiring compliance with  
35 any statute, regulation, order or permit administered, adopted or  
36 issued by the commissioner.

37 (e) The commissioner shall assist state agencies, boards and  
38 commissions that issue occupational certificates or licenses in (1)  
39 determining when to recognize and accept military training and  
40 experience in lieu of all or part of the training and experience required  
41 for a specific professional or occupational license, and (2) reviewing  
42 and revising policies and procedures to ensure that relevant military  
43 education, skills and training are given appropriate recognition in the  
44 certification and licensing process.

45 (f) The commissioner shall encourage state agencies, boards and  
46 commissions that issue occupational certificates or licenses to assist

47 individuals with criminal histories in the certification and licensing  
48 process.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	31-2

**LAB**      *Joint Favorable*

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

The bill, which requires the Commissioner of Labor to encourage certain state entities with occupational licensing responsibilities to help individuals with criminal records, has no fiscal impact.

***The Out Years******State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None

**OLR Bill Analysis**

**HB 6398**

***AN ACT CONCERNING OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING AND PERSONS WITH CRIMINAL HISTORIES.***

**SUMMARY**

This bill requires the labor commissioner to encourage state agencies, boards, and commissions that issue occupational certificates or licenses to help people with criminal histories with the certification and licensing process.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2017

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Labor and Public Employees Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 12 Nay 0 (03/09/2017)