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Committee Bill No. 6398

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Referred to Committee on LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

Introduced by:
(LAB)

**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 Section 31-2 of the general statutes is repealed and the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	October 1, 2017	31-2

Statement of Purpose:

To create equity and opportunity for economic stability for individuals with criminal histories.

[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.]

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