Bill No.: SB-356
Title: AN ACT REQUIRING A STUDY CONCERNING APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS.
Vote Date: 3/14/2019
Vote Action: Joint Favorable Substitute
PH Date: 2/14/2019
File No.: 

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SPONSORS OF BILL:
Labor and Public Employees Committee.

REASONS FOR BILL:
This bill examines alternative apprenticeship models to help train more qualified employees for manufacturing careers. It will change the current law regarding the committee to coordinate education regarding manufacturing careers for public school students. It will broaden the scope of the committee to include manufacturing and the following fields: Insurance, health care, financial technology, biotechnology, STEM, construction trades, hospitality industries and any other appropriate industry. LCO 6061 replaces the raised bill, which would have required the labor commissioner to establish a committee to coordinate and modernize apprenticeship programs in the state.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:
None submitted.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:
Lawrence Covino, President, CT Association for Adult and Continuing Education: This bill would improve career pathways for targeted education and training to sustain occupations in high-demand job sectors. This program would turn out qualified workers. Recruitment and training of people willing to get the necessary education and training is becoming more difficult.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:
None submitted.

Reported by: Marie Knudsen

Date: March 22, 2019