AN ACT ESTABLISHING A GREEN JOBS CAREER LADDER.

SUMMARY

This bill requires the Office of Workforce Competitiveness (OWC), in consultation with certain other entities, to establish a career ladder for jobs in the green technology industry. OWC must do so by January 1, 2020, and within available appropriations. Under the bill, the green jobs career ladder must include, among other things, a listing of green technology education programs and jobs available in the state. OWC must update such ladder as needed.

The bill makes a corresponding change by requiring the Office of Higher Education (OHE) and the Department of Labor (DOL) to publish the green jobs career ladder on their respective websites, instead of requiring OHE in consultation with the State Department of Education (SDE), to annually publish green jobs courses and degree and certificate programs offered by technical education and career schools and public higher education institutions on OHE’s website.

The bill also requires OHE and DOL to each publish an inventory of green jobs related equipment used by technical education and career schools and higher education institutions on their respective websites by July 1, 2020. Current law requires just OHE, in consultation with SDE, to publish such inventory on its website.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2019

GREEN JOBS CAREER LADDER

Under the bill, OWC must establish a green jobs career ladder in consultation with OHE, SDE, DOL, the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, regional workforce development boards, and employers. The bill defines “career ladder” as a description of the
progression from an entry level position to higher levels of pay, skill, responsibility, or authority.

The bill requires the career ladder to include a listing of:

1. careers at each level of the green technology industry, and the required level of education and salary offered for each career;

2. all green jobs course, certificate, and degree programs offered by technical education and career schools within the Technical Education and Career System and state higher education institutions; and

3. jobs available in the green technology industry in the state.

BACKGROUND

Green Technology

The law defines “green technology” as technology that (1) promotes clean energy, renewable energy, or energy efficiency, (2) reduces greenhouse gases or carbon emissions, or (3) involves the invention, design, and application of chemical products and processes to eliminate the use and generation of hazardous substances (CGS § 10a-55d(1)).

Green Jobs

“Green jobs” are jobs that employ green technology, and may include the occupation codes identified as green jobs by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, and any codes identified as green jobs by DOL and the Department of Economic and Community Development (CGS § 10a-55d(2)).

COMMITTEE ACTION

Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea  22  Nay  0  (03/12/2019)