OLR Bill Analysis
sHB 7240

AN ACT MAKING MINOR AND TECHNICAL CHANGES TO LABOR DEPARTMENT STATUTES.

SUMMARY

This bill makes numerous changes to the laws relating to the Labor Department. It:

1. requires the labor commissioner to report information identifying emerging regional, state, and national workforce needs over the next 10, rather than 30, years when it reports to the Education, Higher Education and Workforce Advancement, and Labor committees in advance of an annual meeting about the technical education and career high school system (§ 1);

2. conforms to federal law by using the current term, the “Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act” (WIOA) instead of the outdated, “Job Training Partnership Act” (§§ 3-5 & 8);

3. removes from law the specific qualifications and background of regional workforce development board members and keeps the provision that board membership must satisfy the requirements of the federal WIOA (§ 6);

4. allows, rather than requires, the labor commissioner to adopt regulations related to the governing of regional workforce development boards (§ 7); and

5. requires preapprentices to register with the Labor Department (§ 9) and adds a definition of preapprentice to another apprenticeship statute (§ 10), thus conforming those provisions with the law regarding the employment of minors (CGS § 31-23);
6. includes the Reemployment Services and Eligibility Assessment System as a type of reemployment service in which an individual may participate under the unemployment compensation law (§ 11);

7. repeals authorization for the Department of Economic and Community Development to use manufacturing assistance act bond proceeds of up to $5.25 million for employee training grants to help employers become ISO 9000 compliant and repeals the law authorizing the training assistance (§§ 12 & 13); and

8. repeals various outdated or obsolete statutes, including the commissioner’s duty to appoint a job training coordinator, an assistance to displaced homemakers program, an adult education pilot for incumbent workers, and a feasibility report on online apprenticeship registration (§§ 2 & 13).

The bill also makes other minor, technical, and conforming changes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

COMMITTEE ACTION
Labor and Public Employees Committee

Joint Favorable
Yea 14  Nay 0  (03/14/2019)