Bill No.: SB-360
Title: AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROCESSING OF WORK OPPORTUNITY TAX CREDIT APPLICATIONS.
Vote Date: 3/19/2019
Vote Action: Joint Favorable
PH Date: 2/14/2019

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SPONSORS OF BILL:
Sen. Formica, 20th District.

REASONS FOR BILL:
The bill will require the Department of Labor, (DOL) to reach certain annual goals for processing applications for the Work Opportunity Tax Credit,(WOTC). WOTC is a federal tax credit that DOL administers at the state level and that employers can claim for hiring certain individuals who have been on SNAP, TANF veterans or ex-felons.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:
None submitted.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

Dan Karp, Owner, Care at Home: When starting his business, he took advantage of federally funded program developed to help economically disadvantaged/unemployed people and veterans start businesses. It offered 100% federally funded tax incentives to employers. In just four years, the business has grown from 0 to 150 employees, with 50 of them qualified for the program. Each state must certify qualification, and despite the fact that this financial help is readily available, CT is behind this process by more than 3 years. This is more than any other state and it is frustrating and misleading to offer government programs that don’t fulfill their obligations in a timely manner.

David O’Toole, President/Founder, Labor Cost Control: CT has more than a 2-year delay in releasing tax credits to eligible people. If this bill passes, the state administrators will have to issue the tax credits promptly, and personnel consultants will flock to CT providing more competition. It will revitalize the program instantly as word spreads that CT is open for business. Congress has been fine tuned to make the program ‘user friendly’, and it is now
time for CT to move. Setting a deadline for releasing these credits will cause an influx of personnel consultants to promote the program in the private sector.

**NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:**

None submitted.

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