

**Proposed Substitute
Bill No. 5111**

LCO No. 2594

**AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY WORK-BASED
LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES IN INDUSTRIES WITH A HIRING NEED
IN THE STATE.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force
2 to study the feasibility of developing a public-private partnership that
3 provides work-based learning opportunities for high school and college
4 students in industries with a hiring need in the state. The task force shall
5 (1) identify industries with a hiring need in the state; (2) identify the
6 education and skill level requirements for jobs in such industries; (3)
7 analyze whether educational achievement and attainment trends of
8 students in the state sufficiently satisfy the requirements of such jobs;
9 (4) identify state-wide demographic trends in the workforce; (5) identify
10 and review (A) any work-based learning programs in the state, whether
11 established pursuant to statute, regulation or policy, and (B) national
12 best practices in work-based learning programs administered in the
13 state and in other states for the purpose of determining if such programs
14 can be replicated; (6) make recommendations regarding work-based
15 learning programs in the state that are not utilized or that are deemed
16 to be ineffective; (7) analyze the feasibility of creating public-private
17 partnerships in the state that provide work-based learning
18 opportunities for jobs in industries with a hiring need in the state; (8)
19 examine whether the program of apprentice training maintained by the
20 Labor Department pursuant to section 31-22q of the general statutes can
21 be utilized or expanded to develop such public-private partnerships;

22 and (9) identify any potential institutional or legal obstacles associated
23 with the creation and implementation of such public-private
24 partnerships and work-based learning opportunities.

25 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

26 (1) One appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,
27 who shall be a representative of a trade organization;

28 (2) One appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, who
29 shall be an executive officer from one of the top ten largest employers
30 in the state, as determined by the total number of employees in the
31 state, or the executive officer's designee;

32 (3) Two representatives from community foundations in the state,
33 one of whom shall be appointed by the majority leader of the House of
34 Representatives and one of whom shall be appointed by the minority
35 leader of the House of Representatives;

36 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate who shall be
37 a representative from an education advocacy organization;

38 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, who shall be
39 the owner of a small business, as defined in section 10a-125b of the
40 general statutes, in the state, or the owner's designee;

41 (6) The president of the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities,
42 or the president's designee;

43 (7) The president of The University of Connecticut, or the
44 president's designee;

45 (8) The Commissioner of Education, or the commissioner's designee;

46 (9) The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development,
47 or the commissioner's designee;

48 (10) The Labor Commissioner, or the commissioner's designee;

49 (11) The superintendent of the technical high school system, or the
50 superintendent's designee;

51 (12) The president of the board of directors of the Connecticut
52 Association of Public School Superintendents, or the president's
53 designee;

54 (13) The executive director of the Connecticut Association of Boards
55 of Education, or the executive director's designee;

56 (14) The executive director of the Connecticut Association for
57 Community Action, or the executive director's designee;

58 (15) Two representatives from multinational corporations with a
59 physical presence in the state, appointed by the Governor; and

60 (16) Two representatives from an employee labor organization, one
61 of whom shall be a member of the Connecticut State Building Trades
62 Council, appointed by the Governor.

63 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subsection (b) of
64 this section may be a member of the General Assembly.

65 (d) All appointments to the task force shall be made not later than
66 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be
67 filled by the appointing authority. Any vacancy remaining after the first
68 scheduled meeting of the task force shall be appointed by the
69 chairpersons of the task force.

70 (e) The chairpersons of the task force shall be elected from among the
71 members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall schedule the first
72 meeting of the task force, which shall be held not later than sixty days
73 after the effective date of this section.

74 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
75 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to higher
76 education and employment advancement shall serve as administrative

77 staff of the task force.

78 (g) Not later than January 1, 2021, and annually thereafter until
79 January 1, 2024, the task force shall submit a report on its findings and
80 recommendations to the joint standing committees of the General
81 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education, higher
82 education and employment advancement, and labor and public
83 employees, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the
84 general statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date that it
85 submits its fourth annual report or January 1, 2024, whichever is later.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section