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LCO No. 4358



Referred to Committee on HIGHER EDUCATION AND
EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT

Introduced by:
(HED)

AN ACT CONCERNING AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS.

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) The University of Connecticut
2 shall study the feasibility of establishing or expanding programs of
3 study and community outreach programs related to food and
4 agricultural literacy by increasing opportunities for interactions with
5 farms in rural, suburban and urban communities. Such study shall
6 include, but need not be limited to, an examination of the feasibility of
7 (1) developing certificate, degree or extension programs or programs for
8 independent study related to best management practices for
9 agricultural or aquaculture sustainability, ecosystem health concerning
10 plants and animals, urban farming and gardening and food product
11 development and marketing, (2) developing community outreach
12 programs for students in grades kindergarten to twelve, inclusive,
13 through agriculture and aquaculture science programs or through
14 participation with organizations such as Future Farmers of America, a
15 local 4-H organization or an independent farm that provides
16 agricultural education programs, (3) developing community outreach

17 programs to support state residents in identifying means of accessing
18 fresh food products, exploring healthy eating and interacting with local
19 farms, and (4) using grants or other funding opportunities to establish
20 such programs or support existing programs.

21 (b) Not later than January 1, 2022, The University of Connecticut shall
22 submit a report on the findings of the feasibility study, in accordance
23 with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint
24 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
25 matters relating to higher education.

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

Statement of Purpose:

To require The University of Connecticut to study the feasibility of establishing food and agricultural education programs.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]