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AN ACT CONCERNING WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT.

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

1 Section 1. Section 4-124w of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

3 (a) There shall be within the [Labor Department an Office of
4 Workforce Competitiveness] Department of Economic and Community
5 Development, for administrative purposes only, an Office of Workforce
6 Strategy.

7 (b) The Office of Workforce Strategy shall be under the direction of
8 the Chief Workforce Officer, who shall report directly to the Governor.
9 The Governor, with the approval of the General Assembly, shall appoint
10 a person with knowledge of public sector workforce training programs
11 to the position of Chief Workforce Officer. Such person shall be qualified
12 by training and experience to perform the duties of the office as set forth
13 in this section. The [Labor Commissioner shall, with the assistance of the
14 Office of Workforce Competitiveness] Chief Workforce Officer shall:

15 (1) Be the [Governor's principal workforce development policy
16 advisor] principal advisor for workforce development policy, strategy
17 and coordination to the Governor;

18 (2) Be the lead state official for the development of employment and
19 training strategies and initiatives;

20 (3) Be the chairperson of the Workforce Cabinet, which shall consist
21 of agencies involved with employment and training, as identified by the
22 Governor pursuant to section 31-3m. The Workforce Cabinet shall meet
23 at the direction of the Governor or the Chief Workforce Officer;

24 [(2)] (4) Be the liaison between the Governor, the Governor's
25 Workforce Council, established pursuant to section 31-3h, as amended
26 by this act, and any local, regional, state or federal organizations and
27 entities with respect to workforce development [matters] policy,
28 strategy and coordination, including, but not limited to, implementation
29 of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014, P.L. 113-128,
30 as [from time to time] amended from time to time;

31 [(3) Coordinate the workforce development activities of all state
32 agencies;] (5) Develop, and update as necessary, a state workforce
33 strategy in consultation with the Governor's Workforce Council and the
34 Workforce Cabinet and subject to the approval of the Governor;

35 [(4)] (6) Coordinate and align [the state's implementation of the
36 federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014, P.L. 113-
37 128, as from time to time amended, and advise and assist the Governor
38 with matters related to said act] each workforce development activity
39 funded by the state through funds received pursuant to the Workforce
40 Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014, P.L. 113-128, as amended from
41 time to time, or state grant programs that are administered by or in
42 collaboration with any state agency for the purpose of furthering the
43 goals and outcomes of the state workforce strategy approved by the
44 Governor pursuant to subdivision (5) of this subsection and the
45 workforce development plan developed by the Governor's Workforce
46 Council pursuant to the provisions of section 31-11p, as amended by this
47 act;

48 (7) Collaborate with the regional workforce development boards to

49 adapt the best practices for workforce development established by such
50 boards for statewide implementation, if possible;

51 (8) Coordinate measurement and evaluation of outcomes across
52 education and workforce development programs, in conjunction with
53 state agencies, including, but not limited to, the Labor Department, the
54 Department of Education and the Office of Policy and Management;

55 (9) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, review any
56 state plan for each program set forth in section 103 (b) of the Workforce
57 Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014, P.L. 113-128, as amended from
58 time to time, before such plan is submitted to the Governor;

59 ~~[(5)]~~ (10) Establish methods and procedures to ensure the maximum
60 involvement of members of the public, the legislature and local officials
61 in workforce development [matters, including implementation of the
62 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014, P.L. 113-128, as
63 from time to time amended] policy, strategy and coordination;

64 ~~[(6)]~~ (11) [Enter] In conjunction with one or more state agencies enter
65 into such contractual agreements, in accordance with established
66 procedures and the approval of the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
67 Management, as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this
68 section;

69 (12) Market and communicate the state workforce strategy to ensure
70 maximum engagement with students, trainees, job seekers and
71 businesses while effectively elevating the state's workforce profile
72 nationally;

73 (13) For the purposes of subsection (a) of section 10-21c, as amended
74 by this act, identify subject areas, courses, curriculum, content and
75 programs that may be offered to students in elementary and high school
76 in order to improve student outcomes and meet the workforce needs of
77 the state;

78 (14) Identify high-demand industries for the purposes of inclusion of

79 such industries as career choices in student success plans required
80 pursuant to subsection (j) of section 10-221a, as amended by this act;

81 (15) Issue guidance to state agencies, the Governor's Workforce
82 Council and regional workforce development boards in furtherance of
83 the state workforce strategy. Such guidance shall be in compliance with
84 state and federal laws, approved by the Secretary of the Office of Policy
85 and Management and take effect not less than fourteen days from such
86 approval. The Chief Workforce Officer shall consult on the
87 implementation of any guidance with the agency, council or board
88 impacted by such guidance;

89 (16) Coordinate, in consultation with the Labor Department, with
90 regional workforce development boards and community action
91 agencies to ensure compliance with state and federal laws for the
92 purpose of furthering the service capabilities of programs offered
93 pursuant to the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, P.L. 113-
94 128, as amended from time to time, and the United States Department
95 of Labor's American Job Center system; and

96 ~~[(7)]~~ (17) Take any other action necessary to carry out the provisions
97 of this section. [~~;~~ and]

98 [(8) Not later than October 1, 2012, and annually thereafter, submit a
99 report, with the assistance of the Labor Department, to the Governor
100 and the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having
101 cognizance of matters relating to education, economic development,
102 labor and higher education and employment advancement specifying a
103 forecasted assessment by the Labor Department of workforce shortages
104 in occupations in this state for the succeeding two and five-year periods.
105 The report shall also include recommendations concerning (A) methods
106 to generate a sufficient number of workers to meet identified workforce
107 needs, including, but not limited to, scholarship, school-to-career and
108 internship programs, and (B) methods secondary and higher education
109 and private industry can use to address identified workforce needs.]

110 [(c) The Labor Department shall be the lead state agency for the
111 development of employment and training strategies and initiatives
112 required to support the state's position in the knowledge economy.]

113 (c) The [Labor Commissioner, with the assistance of the Office of
114 Workforce Competitiveness,] Chief Workforce Officer may call upon
115 any office, department, board, commission, public institution of higher
116 education or other agency of the state to supply such reports,
117 information, data and assistance as may be reasonable, necessary [or]
118 and appropriate in order to carry out [its] the Chief Workforce Officer's
119 or the Office of Workforce Strategy's duties and requirements. Each
120 officer or employee of such office, department, board, commission,
121 public institution of higher education or other agency of the state [is
122 authorized and directed to cooperate with the Labor Commissioner and
123 to] shall furnish such reports, information, data and assistance as
124 requested by the Chief Workforce Officer, to the extent permitted under
125 state and federal law. Any request for data from a participating agency
126 in CP20 WIN, established pursuant to section 10a-57g, shall be
127 submitted through CP20 WIN in accordance with the policies and
128 procedures established by CP20 WIN.

129 (d) The Office of Workforce Strategy shall provide staff to the
130 Governor's Workforce Council and such other resources as the Chief
131 Workforce Officer can make available, and shall coordinate all necessary
132 support that other state agencies make available, as needed by the
133 Governor's Workforce Council.

134 (e) The Chief Workforce Officer, on behalf of the Governor and the
135 Governor's Workforce Council and in consultation with the Labor
136 Commissioner, shall coordinate the state plan, budget and
137 implementation of the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity
138 Act, P.L. 113-128, as amended from time to time, and may issue
139 guidance to this effect. The Labor Commissioner shall offer such
140 resources as the commissioner can make available for such purpose.

141 (f) Not later than October 1, 2022, and annually thereafter, the Chief

142 Workforce Officer shall submit to the Governor and, in accordance with
143 the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint
144 standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of
145 matters relating to higher education and employment advancement,
146 education, commerce and labor and public employees, a report
147 regarding workforce development in the state. Such report shall include
148 but not be limited to, any programs undertaken by the Office of
149 Workforce Strategy, information on the number of individuals served
150 by such programs, demographic information about such individuals
151 and outcomes of such individuals after completion of a workforce
152 development program.

153 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2021*) (a) There is established an account
154 to be known as the "CareerConneCT account" which shall be a separate,
155 nonlapsing account within the General Fund. The account shall contain
156 any moneys required by law to be deposited in the account. Moneys in
157 the account shall be expended by Department of Economic and
158 Community Development for the purposes of funding workforce
159 training programs recommended by the Office of Workforce Strategy.
160 The Chief Workforce Officer, in coordination with the Labor
161 Commissioner and the regional workforce development boards, shall
162 ensure that, to the extent possible, participants in a workforce training
163 program funded through the CareerConneCT account also enroll in any
164 federally funded workforce development program.

165 (b) Not later than October 1, 2022, and annually thereafter until
166 October 1, 2024, the Chief Workforce Officer shall submit to the
167 Governor and, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the
168 general statutes, to the joint standing committees of the General
169 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to higher education
170 and employment advancement, education, commerce and labor and
171 public employees a report regarding the workforce training programs
172 funded through the CareerConneCT account. Such report shall include
173 but not be limited to, information on the number of individuals served,
174 demographic information about such individuals and outcomes of such

175 individuals after completion of a workforce training program.

176 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2021*) (a) As used in this section and
177 sections 4, 7, 30 and 31 of this act:

178 (1) "Credential" means a documented award issued by an authorized
179 body, including, but not limited to, a (A) degree or certificate awarded
180 by an institution of higher education, private occupational school or
181 provider of an alternate route to certification program approved by the
182 State Board of Education for teachers, (B) certification awarded through
183 an examination process designed to demonstrate acquisition of
184 designated knowledge, skill and ability to perform a specific job, (C)
185 license issued by a governmental agency which permits an individual
186 to practice a specific occupation upon verification that such individual
187 meets a predetermined list of qualifications, and (D) documented
188 completion of an apprenticeship or job training program; and

189 (2) "Credential status type" means the official status of a credential
190 which is either active, deprecated, probationary or superseded.

191 (b) Not later than January 1, 2023, the executive director of the Office
192 of Higher Education, in consultation with the advisory council
193 established pursuant to subsection (c) of this section, shall create a
194 database of credentials offered in the state for the purpose of explaining
195 the skills and competencies earned through a credential in uniform
196 terms and plain language. In creating the database, the executive
197 director shall utilize the minimum data policy of the New England
198 Board of Higher Education's High Value Credentials for New England
199 initiative, the uniform terms and descriptions of Credentials Engine's
200 Credential Transparency Description Language and the uniform
201 standards for comparing and linking credentials in Credential Engine's
202 Credential Transparency Description Language-Achievement
203 Standards Network. At a minimum, the database shall include the
204 following data for each credential: (1) Credential status type, (2) the
205 entity that owns or offers the credential, (3) the type of credential being
206 offered, (4) a short description of the credential, (5) the name of the

207 credential, (6) the Internet web site that provides information relating to
208 the credential, (7) the language in which the credential is offered, (8) the
209 estimated duration for completion, (9) the industry related to the
210 credential which may include its code under the North American
211 Industry Classification System, (10) the occupation related to the
212 credential which may include its code under the standard occupational
213 classification system of the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United
214 States Department of Labor or under The Occupational Information
215 Network, (11) the estimated cost for earning the credential, and (12) a
216 listing of online or physical locations where the credential is offered.

217 (c) There is established an advisory council for the purpose of
218 advising the executive director of the Office of Higher Education on the
219 implementation of the database created pursuant to subsection (b) of
220 this section. The advisory council shall consist of representatives from
221 the Office of Workforce Strategy established pursuant to section 4-124w
222 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, Office of Higher
223 Education, Office of Policy and Management, Labor Department,
224 Department of Education, Connecticut State Colleges and Universities,
225 The University of Connecticut and independent institutions of higher
226 education and shall include the Chief Data Officer. The Chief Workforce
227 Officer, the Chief Data Officer and the executive director of the Office of
228 Higher Education, or their designees, shall be cochairpersons of the
229 advisory council and shall make any necessary appointments to the
230 advisory council and schedule the meetings of the advisory council.

231 (d) Not later than July 1, 2024, and annually thereafter, each
232 institution of higher education, private occupational school, provider of
233 an alternate route to certification program approved by the State Board
234 of Education and provider of a training program listed on the Labor
235 Department's Eligible Training Provider List shall submit information,
236 in the form and manner prescribed by the executive director of the
237 Office of Higher Education, about any credential offered by such
238 institution, school or provider for inclusion in the database created
239 pursuant to subsection (b) of this section. Such information shall

240 include, but need not be limited to, the data described in subdivisions
241 (1) to (12), inclusive, of subsection (b) of this section, except an
242 institution of higher education may omit the data required pursuant to
243 subdivisions (9) and (10) of subsection (b) of this section if such data is
244 not applicable to a credential offered by such institution.

245 (e) Nothing in this section shall be construed to require any state
246 agency or department to submit credential information to the database
247 created pursuant to subsection (b) of this section.

248 (f) The Labor Department may, in consultation with the advisory
249 council established pursuant to subsection (c) of this section, require any
250 program sponsor of a preapprenticeship or apprenticeship program
251 registered with the department to submit information about such
252 program to the Office of Higher Education for inclusion in such
253 database.

254 Sec. 4. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2021*) (a) The Office of Workforce
255 Strategy, established pursuant to section 4-124w of the general statutes,
256 as amended by this act, shall establish standards for designating certain
257 credentials as credentials of value. Such standards may include, but
258 need not be limited to, meeting the workforce needs of employers in the
259 state, enrollment rates, completion rates, net cost, whether the credential
260 transfers to or stacks onto another credential of value, duration until
261 completion, types of employment opportunities available upon
262 completion and earnings upon completion.

263 (b) The office shall compile, and annually update, a list of credentials
264 designated as credentials of value, and include such list in the database
265 established pursuant to section 3 of this act.

266 Sec. 5. Subsection (l) of section 10a-34 of the general statutes is
267 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
268 *2021*):

269 (l) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (b) to (j), inclusive,
270 of this section and subject to the authority of the State Board of

271 Education to regulate teacher education programs, up to twelve new
272 programs of higher learning in any academic year and any program
273 modifications proposed by an independent institution of higher
274 education, as defined in section 10a-173, shall not be subject to approval
275 by the Office of Higher Education, provided (1) the institution maintains
276 eligibility to participate in financial aid programs governed by Title IV,
277 Part B of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended from time to
278 time, (2) the United States Department of Education has not determined
279 that the institution has a financial responsibility score that is less than
280 1.5 for the most recent fiscal year for which the data necessary for
281 determining the score is available, and (3) the institution has been
282 located in the state and accredited as a degree-granting institution in
283 good standing for ten years or more by a regional accrediting association
284 recognized by the Secretary of the United States Department of
285 Education and maintains such accreditation status. Each institution that
286 is exempt from program approval by the Office of Higher Education
287 under this subsection shall file with the office (A) an application for
288 approval of any new program of higher learning in excess of twelve new
289 programs in any academic year, (B) a program actions form, as created
290 by the office, prior to students enrolling in any new program of higher
291 learning or any existing program subject to a program modification, and
292 (C) not later than July first, and annually thereafter, (i) until June 30,
293 2024, a list and brief description of any new programs of higher learning
294 introduced by the institution in the preceding academic year and any
295 existing programs of higher learning discontinued by the institution in
296 the preceding academic year, (ii) the institution's current program
297 approval process and all actions of the governing board concerning
298 approval of any new program of higher learning, and (iii) the
299 institution's financial responsibility composite score, as determined by
300 the United States Department of Education, for the most recent fiscal
301 year for which the data necessary for determining the score is available.
302 An institution that is exempt from program approval pursuant to this
303 subsection may apply to the Office of Workforce Strategy, established
304 pursuant to section 4-124w, as amended by this act, in the form and
305 manner prescribed by said office, for additional exemptions from

306 approval of a new program of higher learning over the twelve exempted
307 in any academic year pursuant to this subsection. Said office may waive
308 the requirement for program approval for any new program if it
309 determines that the new program aligns with and furthers the goals of
310 the state workforce strategy approved by the Governor pursuant to
311 subdivision (5) of subsection (b) of section 4-124w, as amended by this
312 act.

313 Sec. 6. Section 10a-35a of the general statutes is repealed and the
314 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

315 (a) Notwithstanding sections 10a-34 to 10a-35, inclusive, as amended
316 by this act, the Board of Regents for Higher Education shall have the
317 authority, in accordance with the provisions of said sections and the
318 standards set forth in any regulations promulgated thereunder, to (1)
319 review and approve recommendations for the establishment of new
320 academic programs for the universities within the Connecticut State
321 University System, the regional community-technical colleges and
322 Charter Oak State College, and (2) until June 30, 2024, report all new
323 programs and program changes to the Office of Higher Education.

324 (b) Notwithstanding sections 10a-34 to 10a-35, inclusive, as amended
325 by this act, the Board of Trustees for The University of Connecticut shall
326 (1) have the authority, in accordance with the provisions of said sections
327 and the standards set forth in any regulations promulgated thereunder,
328 to review and approve recommendations for the establishment of new
329 academic programs at the university, and (2) until June 30, 2024, report
330 all new programs and program changes to the Office of Higher
331 Education.

332 Sec. 7. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2021*) (a) Not later than January 1, 2023,
333 each private occupational school, as defined in section 10a-22a of the
334 general statutes, and each provider of an alternate route to certification
335 program approved by the State Board of Education shall submit, in a
336 form and manner prescribed by the executive director of the Office of
337 Higher Education, data for each student enrolled in such private

338 occupational school or alternate route to certification program,
339 including, but not limited to, course enrollment, course completion,
340 credential completion, fees and tuition charged, federal student loans
341 received, federal student loan balances, and for any student who has a
342 state-assigned student identifier pursuant to section 10-10a of the
343 general statutes, such student identifier.

344 (b) No identifiable student information provided to the Office of
345 Higher Education pursuant to subsection (a) of this section shall be
346 released to the public by the office. The Office of Higher Education shall
347 establish policies to protect any information provided pursuant to
348 subsection (a) of this section as if such information were protected
349 student data subject to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act
350 of 1974, 20 USC 1232g, as amended from time to time.

351 Sec. 8. Subsection (j) of section 31-225a of the general statutes is
352 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
353 *2021*):

354 (j) (1) (A) Each employer subject to this chapter shall submit
355 quarterly, on forms supplied by the administrator, a listing of wage
356 information, including the name of each employee receiving wages in
357 employment subject to this chapter, such employee's Social Security
358 account number and the amount of wages paid to such employee during
359 such calendar quarter.

360 (B) Commencing with the third calendar quarter of 2024, unless
361 waived pursuant to subdivision (5) of this subsection, any employer
362 subject to this chapter, with one hundred or more employees, shall
363 include in the quarterly filing submitted pursuant to subparagraph (A)
364 of this subdivision, the following data for each employee receiving
365 wages in employment subject to this chapter: Such employee's gender
366 identity, age, race, ethnicity, veteran status, disability status, highest
367 education completed, home address, address of primary work site,
368 occupational code under the standard occupational classification
369 system of the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department

370 of Labor, hours worked, days worked, salary or hourly wage,
371 employment start date in the current job title and, if applicable,
372 employment end date. The information required pursuant to this
373 subparagraph shall be included in the quarterly filings of employers
374 subject to this chapter with ninety-nine or fewer employees
375 commencing with the third calendar quarter of 2025, except employers
376 subject to this chapter with forty-nine or fewer employees without an
377 electronic payroll system shall include such information commencing
378 with the third calendar quarter of 2027. Nothing in this subparagraph
379 shall be construed to require an employee to provide information about
380 gender identity, age, race, ethnicity, veteran status or disability status if
381 not otherwise required by law. The administrator may issue guidance
382 defining each such data field.

383 (2) [Commencing with the first calendar quarter of 2014, each] Each
384 employer subject to this chapter who reports wages for employees
385 receiving wages in employment subject to this chapter, and each person
386 or organization that, as an agent, reports wages for employees receiving
387 wages in employment subject to this chapter on behalf of one or more
388 employers subject to this chapter shall submit quarterly the information
389 required by subdivision (1) of this subsection [on magnetic tape,
390 diskette, or other similar electronic means which the administrator may
391 prescribe] electronically, in a format and manner prescribed by the
392 administrator, unless such employer or agent receives a waiver
393 pursuant to subdivision (5) of this subsection.

394 (3) Any employer that fails to submit the information required by
395 subparagraph (A) of subdivision (1) of this subsection in a timely
396 manner, as determined by the administrator, shall be liable to the
397 administrator for a late filing fee of twenty-five dollars. Any employer
398 that fails to submit the information required by subparagraph (A) of
399 subdivision (1) of this subsection under a proper state unemployment
400 compensation registration number shall be liable to the administrator
401 for a fee of twenty-five dollars. All fees collected by the administrator
402 under this subdivision shall be deposited in the Employment Security

403 Administration Fund.

404 (4) [Commencing with the first calendar quarter of 2014, each] Each
405 employer subject to this chapter who makes contributions or payments
406 in lieu of contributions for employees receiving wages in employment
407 subject to this chapter, and each person or organization that, as an agent,
408 makes contributions or payments in lieu of contributions for employees
409 receiving wages in employment subject to this chapter on behalf of one
410 or more employers subject to this chapter shall make such contributions
411 or payments in lieu of contributions electronically.

412 (5) Any employer or any person or organization that, as an agent,
413 [submits] is required to submit information pursuant to subdivision (2)
414 of this subsection, [or makes] make contributions or payments in lieu of
415 contributions pursuant to subdivision (4) of this subsection or submit
416 information pursuant to subparagraph (B) of subdivision (1) of this
417 subsection may request in writing, not later than thirty days prior to the
418 date a submission of information or a contribution or payment in lieu of
419 contribution is due, that the administrator waive [the] such
420 requirement. [that such submission or contribution or payment in lieu
421 of contribution be made electronically.] The administrator shall grant
422 such request if, on the basis of information provided by such employer
423 or person or organization and on a form prescribed by the
424 administrator, the administrator finds that there would be undue
425 hardship for such employer or person or organization. The
426 administrator shall promptly inform such employer or person or
427 organization of the granting or rejection of the requested waiver. The
428 decision of the administrator shall be final and not subject to further
429 review or appeal. Such waiver shall be effective for twelve months from
430 the date such waiver is granted.

431 (6) No identifiable information about an employer or an employee
432 provided to the administrator pursuant to subparagraph (B) of
433 subdivision (1) of this subsection may be released or disclosed to the
434 public by the administrator or the Labor Department. The administrator
435 or the department may share nonidentifiable information provided

436 pursuant to subparagraph (B) of subdivision (1) of this subsection with
437 another state agency, another state or territory, the federal government
438 or to support a data request submitted through CP20 WIN in accordance
439 with the policies and procedures of CP20 WIN, established pursuant
440 section 10a-57g, for the purposes of program administration, audit,
441 evaluation or research.

442 Sec. 9. Subsection (b) of section 12-15 of the general statutes is
443 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
444 *1, 2021*):

445 (b) The commissioner may disclose (1) returns or return information
446 to (A) an authorized representative of another state agency or office,
447 upon written request by the head of such agency or office, when
448 required in the course of duty or when there is reasonable cause to
449 believe that any state law is being violated, or (B) an authorized
450 representative of an agency or office of the United States, upon written
451 request by the head of such agency or office, when required in the course
452 of duty or when there is reasonable cause to believe that any federal law
453 is being violated, provided no such agency or office shall disclose such
454 returns or return information, other than in a judicial or administrative
455 proceeding to which such agency or office is a party pertaining to the
456 enforcement of state or federal law, as the case may be, in a form which
457 can be associated with, or otherwise identify, directly or indirectly, a
458 particular taxpayer except that the names and addresses of jurors or
459 potential jurors and the fact that the names were derived from the list of
460 taxpayers pursuant to chapter 884 may be disclosed by the Judicial
461 Branch; (2) returns or return information to the Auditors of Public
462 Accounts, when required in the course of duty under chapter 23; (3)
463 returns or return information to tax officers of another state or of a
464 Canadian province or of a political subdivision of such other state or
465 province or of the District of Columbia or to any officer of the United
466 States Treasury Department or the United States Department of Health
467 and Human Services, authorized for such purpose in accordance with
468 an agreement between this state and such other state, province, political

469 subdivision, the District of Columbia or department, respectively, when
470 required in the administration of taxes imposed under the laws of such
471 other state, province, political subdivision, the District of Columbia or
472 the United States, respectively, and when a reciprocal arrangement
473 exists; (4) returns or return information in any action, case or proceeding
474 in any court of competent jurisdiction, when the commissioner or any
475 other state department or agency is a party, and when such information
476 is directly involved in such action, case or proceeding; (5) returns or
477 return information to a taxpayer or its authorized representative, upon
478 written request for a return filed by or return information on such
479 taxpayer; (6) returns or return information to a successor, receiver,
480 trustee, executor, administrator, assignee, guardian or guarantor of a
481 taxpayer, when such person establishes, to the satisfaction of the
482 commissioner, that such person has a material interest which will be
483 affected by information contained in such returns or return information;
484 (7) information to the assessor or an authorized representative of the
485 chief executive officer of a Connecticut municipality, when the
486 information disclosed is limited to (A) a list of real or personal property
487 that is or may be subject to property taxes in such municipality, or (B) a
488 list containing the name of each person who is issued any license, permit
489 or certificate which is required, under the provisions of this title, to be
490 conspicuously displayed and whose address is in such municipality; (8)
491 real estate conveyance tax return information or controlling interest
492 transfer tax return information to the town clerk or an authorized
493 representative of the chief executive officer of a Connecticut
494 municipality to which the information relates; (9) estate tax returns and
495 estate tax return information to the Probate Court Administrator or to
496 the court of probate for the district within which a decedent resided at
497 the date of the decedent's death, or within which the commissioner
498 contends that a decedent resided at the date of the decedent's death or,
499 if a decedent died a nonresident of this state, in the court of probate for
500 the district within which real estate or tangible personal property of the
501 decedent is situated, or within which the commissioner contends that
502 real estate or tangible personal property of the decedent is situated; (10)
503 returns or return information to the (A) Secretary of the Office of Policy

504 and Management for purposes of subsection (b) of section 12-7a, and (B)
505 Office of Fiscal Analysis for purposes of, and subject to the provisions
506 of, subdivision (2) of subsection (f) of section 12-7b; (11) return
507 information to the Jury Administrator, when the information disclosed
508 is limited to the names, addresses, federal Social Security numbers and
509 dates of birth, if available, of residents of this state, as defined in
510 subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 12-701; (12) returns or return
511 information to any person to the extent necessary in connection with the
512 processing, storage, transmission or reproduction of such returns or
513 return information, and the programming, maintenance, repair, testing
514 or procurement of equipment, or the providing of other services, for
515 purposes of tax administration; (13) without written request and unless
516 the commissioner determines that disclosure would identify a
517 confidential informant or seriously impair a civil or criminal tax
518 investigation, returns and return information which may constitute
519 evidence of a violation of any civil or criminal law of this state or the
520 United States to the extent necessary to apprise the head of such agency
521 or office charged with the responsibility of enforcing such law, in which
522 event the head of such agency or office may disclose such return
523 information to officers and employees of such agency or office to the
524 extent necessary to enforce such law; (14) names and addresses of
525 operators, as defined in section 12-407, to tourism districts, as defined in
526 section 10-397; (15) names of each licensed dealer, as defined in section
527 12-285, and the location of the premises covered by the dealer's license;
528 (16) to a tobacco product manufacturer that places funds into escrow
529 pursuant to the provisions of subsection (a) of section 4-28i, return
530 information of a distributor licensed under the provisions of chapter 214
531 or chapter 214a, provided the information disclosed is limited to
532 information relating to such manufacturer's sales to consumers within
533 this state, whether directly or through a distributor, dealer or similar
534 intermediary or intermediaries, of cigarettes, as defined in section 4-28h,
535 and further provided there is reasonable cause to believe that such
536 manufacturer is not in compliance with section 4-28i; (17) returns, which
537 shall not include a copy of the return filed with the commissioner, or
538 return information for purposes of section 12-217z; (18) returns or return

539 information to the State Elections Enforcement Commission, upon
540 written request by said commission, when necessary to investigate
541 suspected violations of state election laws; [and] (19) returns or return
542 information for purposes of, and subject to the conditions of, subsection
543 (e) of section 5-240; and (20) return information to another state agency
544 or to support a data request submitted through CP20 WIN, established
545 in section 10a-57g, in accordance with the policies and procedures of
546 CP20 WIN for the purposes of evaluation or research, to the extent
547 allowable under federal law.

548 Sec. 10. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2021*) Not later than December 1, 2021,
549 and annually thereafter, each local and regional board of education that
550 participates in the National School Lunch Program, in which at least one
551 school under the jurisdiction of such board qualifies for the maximum
552 federal reimbursement for all school meals served under the federal
553 Community Eligibility Provision, but does not implement the
554 Community Eligibility Provision, shall report such board's reasons for
555 not implementing Community Eligibility Provision to the Department
556 of Education. The report shall include, but not be limited to, a
557 description of the specific impediments to implementing the
558 Community Eligibility Provision, actions required to remove those
559 impediments and a plan for successful implementation of the
560 Community Eligibility Provision for the following school year, if
561 possible, or within the next two school years. As used in this section,
562 "Community Eligibility Provision" means the federal meal
563 reimbursement program administered by the United States Department
564 of Agriculture, as set forth in 7 CFR 245.9, as amended from time to time.

565 Sec. 11. Subsection (j) of section 10-221a of the general statutes is
566 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
567 *2021*):

568 (j) (1) For the school year commencing July 1, [2012] 2021, and each
569 school year thereafter, each local and regional board of education, in
570 collaboration with each student and such student's parent or guardian,
571 shall create a student success plan for [each] such student [enrolled in a

572 public school,] beginning in grade six. Such student success plan shall
573 include a student's career and academic choices in grades six to twelve,
574 inclusive. Beginning in grade six, such student success plan shall
575 provide evidence of career exploration in each grade including, but not
576 limited to, careers in [manufacturing] high-demand industries as
577 identified by the Chief Workforce Officer pursuant to section 4-124w, as
578 amended by this act. The Department of Education shall revise and
579 issue to local and regional boards of education guidance regarding
580 changes to such student success plans. On and after July 1, 2020, in
581 creating such student success plans, consideration shall be given to
582 career and academic choices in computer science, science, technology,
583 engineering and mathematics.

584 (2) On and after July 1, 2022, a student success plan shall include an
585 academic plan that complies with the challenging curriculum policy,
586 adopted by a local or regional board pursuant to section 15 of this act,
587 provided such academic plan does not conflict with the career choices
588 determined by a student and such student's parent or guardian under
589 subdivision (1) of this subsection.

590 (3) On and after July 1, 2024, each local and regional board of
591 education shall maintain each student success plan in an electronic
592 database and submit such plan to the Department of Education. The
593 commissioner may grant an extension of one year to any local or
594 regional board of education that requests an extension of time to comply
595 with the provisions of this subparagraph.

596 (4) The department shall share, upon the written consent of a student,
597 or such student's parent or guardian if the student is seventeen years of
598 age or younger, the student success plan with an academic or career
599 counselor from an institution of higher education in the state in which
600 such student is enrolled.

601 Sec. 12. Subsection (c) of section 10-221a of the general statutes is
602 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
603 *2021*):

604 (c) Commencing with classes graduating in 2023, and for each
605 graduating class thereafter, no local or regional board of education shall
606 permit any student to graduate from high school or grant a diploma to
607 any student who has not satisfactorily completed a minimum of twenty-
608 five credits, including not fewer than: (1) Nine credits in the humanities,
609 including civics and the arts; (2) nine credits in science, technology,
610 engineering and mathematics, which may include computer science; (3)
611 one credit in physical education and wellness; (4) one credit in health
612 and safety education, as described in section 10-16b; (5) one credit in
613 world languages, subject to the provisions of subsection (g) of this
614 section; and (6) a one credit mastery-based diploma assessment.

615 Sec. 13. Section 10-221a of the general statutes is amended by adding
616 subsection (l) as follows (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

617 (NEW) (l) (1) No local or regional board of education may restrict or
618 deny a student access to career and technical education, work-based
619 learning, service learning, dual enrollment, dual credit, early college,
620 advanced placement, International Baccalaureate or any other honors,
621 advanced or accelerated course or program based solely or
622 predominantly on such student's prior academic performance.

623 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (1) of this
624 subsection, a board may (A) establish prerequisites for any course or
625 program set forth in subdivision (1) of this subsection, provided, if such
626 course or program is developed, regulated, overseen or sponsored by
627 an independent organization, such prerequisites shall align with the
628 prerequisites required by such organization, (B) seek to minimize
629 prerequisites and ensure that any prerequisites are evidence-based
630 indicators of student performance, and (C) use academic performance
631 or other measures to determine the eligibility of students to enroll in any
632 course or program that is oversubscribed.

633 (3) Each board shall seek to improve access to and diversity in the
634 courses and programs set forth in subdivision (1) of this subsection,
635 promote a challenging curriculum for all students and encourage all

636 students to pursue high-quality postsecondary education, including
637 both degree and nondegree programs.

638 (4) Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to require a local or
639 regional board of education to offer new programs or courses or to offer
640 additional sections of courses than are currently offered.

641 Sec. 14. (*Effective July 1, 2021*) (a) The University of Connecticut shall
642 conduct a three-year pilot program for the school years commencing
643 July 1, 2022, to July 1, 2024, inclusive. Under such pilot program said
644 university shall remove the prerequisites from at least four different
645 University of Connecticut Early College Experience courses that are
646 offered in at least five different public high schools in the state. Said
647 university shall designate the public high schools, with the approval of
648 the local or regional board of education for such high schools, to
649 participate in the pilot program, provided such high schools are
650 geographically dispersed across the state and include at least one high
651 school in an alliance district, as defined in section 10-262u of the general
652 statutes.

653 (b) Not later than October 1, 2025, The University of Connecticut shall
654 submit, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general
655 statutes, to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly
656 having cognizance of matters relating to higher education and
657 education a report comparing the performance of students who enrolled
658 in University of Connecticut Early College Experience courses without
659 prerequisites and the performance of students who enrolled in such
660 courses with prerequisites during the three-year pilot program. Such
661 comparison shall include, but not be limited to, information about
662 course enrollment, performance on exams, final grades and the rate of
663 matriculation at said university by such students.

664 Sec. 15. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2021*) (a) Not later than July 1, 2022,
665 each local or regional board of education shall adopt a challenging
666 curriculum policy. Under a challenging curriculum policy, a local or
667 regional board of education shall, in accordance with the provisions of

668 subsections (b) and (c) of this section, create an academic plan for a
669 student or enroll a student in the next most rigorous level of a course or
670 program offered by a high school under the jurisdiction of such board
671 based on such student's performance on a mastery examination,
672 administered pursuant to section 10-14n of the general statutes, but not
673 including any alternate assessments administered pursuant to 34 CFR
674 200.1(d) or 34 CFR 300.160(c), as amended from time to time, or such
675 student meeting or exceeding any other criteria established by the
676 board, provided such academic plan or enrollment in an advanced
677 course or program aligns with (1) the courses or programs offered at a
678 student's high school (2) a student's success plan created pursuant to
679 section 10-221a of the general statutes, as amended by this act, (3) the
680 high school graduation requirements set forth in subsection (c) of
681 section 10-221a of the general statutes, as amended by this act, and (4)
682 the objectives and requirements of the program or school in which a
683 student is enrolled, including, but not limited to, technical education
684 and career schools and regional agricultural science and technology
685 education centers.

686 (b) Each local and regional board of education shall create an
687 academic plan that (1) results in a student completing one or more dual
688 credit, dual enrollment, early college, advanced placement or
689 International Baccalaureate course by the end of grade eleven for any
690 student in (A) grade eight who meets or exceeds the state level three
691 standard for the English language arts, mathematics or science
692 components of a mastery examination, or (B) grade eight or nine who
693 meets or exceeds any other criteria established by the board, or (2)
694 results in a student completing as many courses as possible that earn
695 college credit, including, but not limited to, dual credit, dual enrollment,
696 early college, advanced placement or International Baccalaureate course
697 by the end of grade twelve for any student in grade eleven who meets
698 or exceeds (A) the state level three standard for each of the English
699 language arts, mathematics and science components of a mastery
700 examination, or (B) any other criteria established by the board.

701 (c) Each local or regional board of education shall enroll a student in
702 grade eight or eleven in the next most rigorous level of a course or
703 program offered by the student's high school for any subject area in
704 which such student meets or exceeds (1) the state level three standard
705 for the English language arts, mathematics or science components of a
706 mastery examination, or (2) any other criteria established by the board.
707 A student who successfully completes an advanced course after
708 enrollment in accordance with this subsection, shall be enrolled in a
709 course that is at the same level or the next most rigorous level in the
710 same subject area with the objective that such student will eventually be
711 enrolled in a dual credit, early college, advanced placement or
712 International Baccalaureate course or program.

713 (d) The parent or guardian of a student, or such student if such
714 student is a legally emancipated minor or eighteen years of age or older,
715 may decline to implement the academic plan created for such student
716 pursuant to subsection (b) of this section or enroll such student in an
717 advanced course or program pursuant to subsection (c) of this section.
718 A teacher or school counselor may, in his or her discretion, recommend
719 a parent or a student to decline such academic plan or enrollment in an
720 advanced course or program.

721 (e) Nothing in this section shall be construed to require a local or
722 regional board of education to offer new programs or courses or to offer
723 additional sections of courses than are currently offered.

724 (f) The Department of Education may require local and regional
725 boards of education to report to the department information about
726 student performance and enrollment under the challenging curriculum
727 policy adopted by such board.

728 Sec. 16. Section 10-221a of the general statutes is amended by adding
729 subsection (m) as follows (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

730 (NEW) (m) Commencing with the classes graduating in 2024, and for
731 each graduating class thereafter, no local or regional board of education

732 shall permit any student to graduate from high school or grant a
733 diploma to any student who has not (1) during such student's last year
734 of high school, completed a Free Application for Federal Student Aid,
735 or (2) completed a waiver, on a form prescribed by the Commissioner of
736 Education pursuant to section 17 of this act, signed by such minor
737 student's parent or legal guardian or such student if such student is a
738 legally emancipated minor or eighteen years of age or older, which
739 signed waiver shall not require the parent, legal guardian or student to
740 state any reasons for choosing not to complete a Free Application for
741 Federal Student Aid. Not earlier than April fifteenth in any school year,
742 a local or regional board of education shall exempt a student from the
743 requirements of this subsection if such student (A) is unable to complete
744 a Free Application for Federal Student Aid or a signed waiver, (B) has
745 or will complete a credential that allows such student, in the
746 determination of such board, to engage in an occupation, (C) has
747 enlisted in the armed forces of the United States, or (D) has placed into
748 a registered apprenticeship program.

749 Sec. 17. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2021*) (a) Not later than July 1, 2022,
750 the Commissioner of Education shall create and distribute to each local
751 and regional board of education any forms necessary to implement the
752 provisions of subsection (m) of section 10-221a of the general statutes,
753 as amended by this act, and subsection (b) of section 10-69 of the general
754 statutes, as amended by this act.

755 (b) Not later than July 1, 2024, and annually thereafter, the
756 Department of Education shall post on its Internet web site the rate of
757 completion of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid for the
758 classes graduating in each year.

759 Sec. 18. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2021*) Each local and regional board of
760 education shall allow each student in grade twelve up to three hours of
761 time during the school year to attend an event or to receive assistance
762 for the completion of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid or an
763 application for institutional financial aid for students without legal
764 immigration status established pursuant to section 10a-161d of the

765 general statutes. Time spent attending an event or receiving assistance
766 under this section shall not be considered an excused absence or an
767 unexcused absence for a student. No board shall require a student to
768 attend such event or receive such assistance.

769 Sec. 19. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2021*) No officer, employee, or agent
770 of a department, board, commission, public institution of higher
771 education or any other agency of the state, or any officer, employee or
772 agent of a local or regional board of education, shall share, disclose, or
773 make accessible in any manner records or information obtained by such
774 officer, employee or agent from an application for institutional financial
775 aid for students without legal immigration status established pursuant
776 to section 10a-161d of the general statutes or signed waivers completed
777 pursuant to subsection (m) of section 10-221a of the general statutes, as
778 amended by this act, or subsection (b) of section 10-69 of the general
779 statutes, as amended by this act, to any federal immigration authority,
780 as defined in section 54-192h of the general statutes.

781 Sec. 20. Subsection (b) of section 10-69 of the general statutes is
782 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
783 *2023*):

784 (b) (1) [Prior to July 1, 2004, no providing school district shall grant
785 an adult education diploma to any adult education program participant
786 who has not satisfactorily completed a minimum of twenty adult
787 education credits, of which not fewer than four shall be in English; not
788 fewer than three in mathematics; not fewer than three in social studies,
789 including one in American history; not fewer than two in science; and
790 not fewer than one in the arts or vocational education. On and after July
791 1, 2004, no] No providing school district shall grant an adult education
792 diploma to any adult education program participant who has not
793 satisfactorily completed a minimum of [twenty] twenty-five adult
794 education credits, of which not fewer than [four] nine shall be in
795 [English] the humanities, including civics; not fewer than [three] nine in
796 science, technology, engineering and mathematics, which may include
797 computer science; [not fewer than three in social studies, including one

798 in American history and at least a one-half credit course in civics and
799 American government; not fewer than two in science;] and not fewer
800 than one in the arts or vocational education. (2) Each providing school
801 district shall determine the minimum number of weeks per semester an
802 adult education program shall operate and shall provide certified
803 counseling staff to assist adult education program students with
804 educational and career counseling. (3) No providing school district shall
805 grant an adult education diploma to any adult education program
806 participant who enrolls in such program on and after August 1, 2023,
807 and has not satisfactorily (A) completed a Free Application for Federal
808 Student Aid, or (B) completed a waiver, on a form prescribed by the
809 Commissioner of Education pursuant to section 17 of this act, signed by
810 such program participant, which signed waiver shall not require the
811 program participant to state any reasons for choosing not to complete a
812 Free Application for Federal Student Aid. A providing school district
813 shall exempt any program participant from the requirements of this
814 subdivision upon such district's determination that such program
815 participant is unable to complete a Free Application for Federal Student
816 Aid or a signed waiver.

817 Sec. 21. Section 10-184 of the general statutes is repealed and the
818 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

819 All parents and those who have the care of children shall bring them
820 up in some lawful and honest employment and instruct them or cause
821 them to be instructed in reading, writing, spelling, English grammar,
822 geography, arithmetic and United States history and in citizenship,
823 including a study of the town, state and federal governments. Subject to
824 the provisions of this section and section 10-15c, each parent or other
825 person having control of a child five years of age and over and under
826 eighteen years of age shall cause such child to attend a public school
827 regularly during the hours and terms the public school in the district in
828 which such child resides is in session, unless such child is a high school
829 graduate or the parent or person having control of such child is able to
830 show that the child is elsewhere receiving equivalent instruction in the

831 studies taught in the public schools. For the school year commencing
832 July 1, [2011] 2023, and each school year thereafter, [the parent or person
833 having control of a child seventeen years of age may consent, as
834 provided in this section, to such child's withdrawal from school. Such
835 parent or person] a student who is eighteen years of age or older, or a
836 legally emancipated minor, may withdraw from school. Such student
837 shall personally appear at the school district office and sign a
838 withdrawal form. Such withdrawal form shall include an attestation
839 from a guidance counselor, school counselor or school administrator of
840 the school that such school district has provided such [parent or person]
841 student with information on the educational options available in the
842 school system and in the community. The parent or person having
843 control of a child five years of age shall have the option of not sending
844 the child to school until the child is six years of age and the parent or
845 person having control of a child six years of age shall have the option of
846 not sending the child to school until the child is seven years of age. The
847 parent or person shall exercise such option by personally appearing at
848 the school district office and signing an option form. The school district
849 shall provide the parent or person with information on the educational
850 opportunities available in the school system.

851 Sec. 22. Subsection (a) of section 10-5 of the general statutes is
852 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
853 *2023*):

854 (a) The Commissioner of Education shall, in accordance with this
855 section, issue a state high school diploma to any person (1) who
856 successfully completes an examination approved by the commissioner,
857 or (2) who (A) [is seventeen years of age and has been officially
858 withdrawn from school in accordance with the provisions of section 10-
859 184 or] is eighteen years of age or older, or is a legally emancipated
860 minor, and (B) presents to the commissioner evidence demonstrating
861 educational qualifications which the commissioner deems equivalent to
862 those required for graduation from a public high school. Application for
863 such a diploma shall be made in the manner and form prescribed by the

864 commissioner provided, at the time of application to take the
865 examination described in subdivision (1) of this subsection, the
866 applicant [is seventeen years of age or older,] has been officially
867 withdrawn from school, in accordance with section 10-184, as amended
868 by this act, for at least six months and has been advised, in such manner
869 as may be prescribed by the commissioner, of the other options for high
870 school completion and other available educational programs. For good
871 cause shown, the commissioner may allow a person who is [sixteen]
872 seventeen years of age to apply to take the examination. [, provided the
873 commissioner may not issue a state high school diploma to such person
874 until the person has attained seventeen years of age.]

875 Sec. 23. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2021*) Not later than January 1, 2022,
876 the Commissioner of Education, in consultation with the Office of
877 Workforce Strategy, established pursuant to section 4-124w of the
878 general statutes, as amended by this act, and with the approval of the
879 State Board of Education, may make recommendations to the State
880 Board of Education, the Office of Policy and Management and, in
881 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes,
882 to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having
883 cognizance of matters relating to higher education and education on: (1)
884 Strategies and supports necessary to increase the number of students in
885 alliance districts and adult education programs that complete the Free
886 Application for Federal Student Aid; (2) educating students and their
887 families about the net cost of college, the use of federal Pell grants to
888 make college more affordable and the varying income potential of
889 different college and certificate programs; (3) strategies to remove
890 barriers and simplify access to high-quality postsecondary education
891 and training options, including, but not limited to, nondegree programs;
892 (4) the feasibility of establishing an early graduation program in which
893 a student who graduates from high school in three years or fewer
894 receives a scholarship from the local or regional board of education
895 responsible for educating such student to attend an undergraduate, in-
896 person program at a non-profit institution of higher education in the
897 state; and (5) the feasibility of developing a standardized exit survey for

898 all students in grade twelve in the state. The commissioner shall consult
899 with parents, teachers and school administrators before making any
900 such recommendations and may establish a task force to help create
901 such recommendations.

902 Sec. 24. Section 10-220g of the general statutes is repealed and the
903 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

904 Each local and regional board of education shall establish, and
905 update as necessary, a written policy concerning [weighted] grading
906 [for honors and advanced placement classes] and calculation of a grade
907 point average, including whether such grade point average is weighted
908 or unweighted. The policy shall provide that parents and students are
909 advised whether a grade in an honors, [class or an] advanced placement,
910 International Baccalaureate, Cambridge International, service learning,
911 dual enrollment, dual credit, early college or career and technical class
912 is or is not given added weight for purposes of calculating grade point
913 average and determining class rank. Each local and regional board of
914 education shall consider the impact of a weighted grading policy on the
915 grade point average and class rank of students who complete
916 coursework in career and technical education before establishing or
917 updating such policy.

918 Sec. 25. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2021*) (a) As used in this section and
919 section 26 of this act, "participating institution" means (1) an institution
920 of higher education within the Connecticut State University System, or
921 (2) any other institution of higher education in the state that enters into
922 a memorandum of understanding with the Board of Regents for Higher
923 Education in accordance with subsection (d) of this section.

924 (b) Not later than April 1, 2022, the Board of Regents for Higher
925 Education, in consultation with institutions of higher education that are
926 eligible to be participating institutions, shall (1) establish the
927 Connecticut Automatic Admissions Program, and (2) adopt rules,
928 procedures and forms necessary to implement such program. The
929 Connecticut Automatic Admissions Program shall require participating

930 institutions to admit any applicant as a full-time, first-year student to an
931 in-state, in-person bachelor's degree program if such applicant (A)
932 meets or exceeds the academic threshold established pursuant to
933 subsection (e) of this section, (B) would qualify as an in-state student
934 pursuant to section 10a-29 of the general statutes, (C) is in his or her last
935 school year before graduation and enrolled at a public high school in the
936 state or a nonpublic high school in the state, approved pursuant to
937 subsection (g) of this section, and (D) if required by a participating
938 institution, earns a high school diploma. A participating institution may
939 conduct a comprehensive review of any application from an applicant
940 who applies through the Connecticut Automatic Admissions Program,
941 which may entail requesting additional application materials from such
942 applicant or result in denying admission to such applicant. Each
943 participating institution shall, to the greatest extent possible, minimize
944 the number of students subjected to a comprehensive review if such
945 student meets the requirements of subparagraphs (A) to (D), inclusive,
946 of this subsection. Applicants admitted to a participating institution
947 under the Connecticut Automatic Admissions Program are not
948 guaranteed admission into any specific bachelor's degree program at
949 such institution.

950 (c) The Board of Regents for Higher Education shall create a simple
951 online application form for students to apply to participating
952 institutions under the Connecticut Automatic Admissions Program.
953 Such application shall require a student to verify that such student
954 meets the qualifications specified in subsection (b) of this section. Such
955 application shall not require (1) an application fee, or (2) the submission
956 of an essay or recommendation letters.

957 (d) Any institution of higher education in the state that (1) is not
958 within the Connecticut State University System, (2) is a nonprofit
959 institution of higher education, (3) has graduated one hundred or more
960 students with a bachelor's degree each year for the preceding four years,
961 (4) maintains eligibility to participate in financial aid programs
962 governed by Title IV, Part B of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as

963 amended from time to time, (5) has not been determined by the United
964 States Department of Education to have a financial responsibility score
965 that is less than 1.5 for the most recent fiscal year for which the data
966 necessary for determining the score is available, and (6) is accredited as
967 a degree-granting institution in good standing for ten years or more by
968 a regional accrediting association recognized by the Secretary of the
969 United States Department of Education, and maintains such
970 accreditation status, may enter into a memorandum of agreement with
971 the Board of Regents for Higher Education to participate in the
972 Connecticut Automatic Admissions Program. Each participating
973 institution shall accept the online application form created pursuant to
974 subsection (c) of this section and comply with the provisions of
975 subsection (e) of this section. The Board of Regents for Higher Education
976 may charge a reasonable fee to any participating institution that is not a
977 constituent unit of the state system of higher education for inclusion in
978 the program. Such fee shall not exceed the board's cost for including
979 such participating institution in the program or twenty-five thousand
980 dollars, whichever is less.

981 (e) (1) The Board of Regents for Higher Education shall establish (A)
982 a minimum class rank percentile for applicants to qualify for admission
983 through the Connecticut Automatic Admissions Program to each
984 participating institution, and (B) a standardized method for calculating
985 grade point average that shall be used to determine class rank
986 percentile.

987 (2) Any participating institution may establish an academic threshold
988 for admission to such institution through the Connecticut Automatic
989 Admissions Program, in addition to the minimum class rank percentile
990 established by the Board of Regents for Higher Education. Such
991 academic threshold shall be based on a minimum grade point average
992 calculated in accordance with the standardized method established by
993 the board. If a state university within the Connecticut State University
994 System establishes an academic threshold, such university shall admit
995 applicants through said program if such applicant meets or exceeds

996 either the minimum class rank percentile established by the board or the
997 minimum grade point average established by such university. If any
998 other participating institution establishes an academic threshold, such
999 institution shall admit applicants through said program if such
1000 applicant meets or exceeds the minimum class rank percentile
1001 established by the board, the minimum grade point average established
1002 by such institution or both.

1003 (3) No governing board of a participating institution shall establish
1004 policies or procedures that require any academic qualifications in
1005 addition to the qualifications specified in subsection (b) of this section
1006 and the academic threshold established pursuant to this subsection.

1007 (f) No participating institution shall consider the admission of a
1008 student through the Connecticut Automatic Admissions Program in
1009 determining such student's eligibility for need-based or merit-based
1010 financial aid.

1011 (g) The supervisory agent of a nonpublic high school in the state may
1012 submit an application to the Board of Regents for Higher Education, in
1013 the form and manner prescribed by the board, to participate in the
1014 Connecticut Automatic Admissions Program. The board shall approve
1015 any such application provided such nonpublic high school (1) is
1016 accredited by a generally recognized accrediting organization or is
1017 operated by the United States Department of Defense, and (2) complies
1018 with the provisions of section 26 of this act.

1019 Sec. 26. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2021*) (a) Not later than August 1, 2022,
1020 and each school year thereafter, for the purpose of qualifying a student
1021 for the Connecticut Automatic Admissions Program established
1022 pursuant to section 25 of this act, each local and regional board of
1023 education shall (1) calculate a grade point average using the
1024 standardized method established by the Board of Regents for Higher
1025 Education, pursuant to subsection (e) of section 25 of this act, for each
1026 student who completes eleventh grade, and (2) determine whether such
1027 student's class rank percentile is above or below the minimum

1028 established by the Board of Regents for Higher Education pursuant to
1029 subsection (e) of section 25 of this act. Each local or regional board of
1030 education shall share a student's grade point average and whether such
1031 student is above or below the minimum class rank percentile with (A)
1032 the student, (B) the student's parent or guardian if such student is
1033 seventeen years of age or younger, (C) the Department of Education, in
1034 the form and manner prescribed by the department, and (D) upon the
1035 student's request, a participating institution for the purposes of the
1036 Connecticut Automatic Admission Program.

1037 (b) Nothing in this section shall be construed to require a local or
1038 regional board of education to publish or provide a class ranking for any
1039 student or to publish on a student's transcript the grade point average
1040 calculated pursuant to subsection (a) of this section or whether such
1041 student is above or below the minimum class rank percentile established
1042 by the Board of Regents for Higher Education pursuant to subsection (e)
1043 of section 25 of this act.

1044 (c) Not later than August 1, 2022, and each school year thereafter,
1045 each local and regional board education shall notify each student
1046 enrolled his or her final year of high school, and the parent or guardian
1047 of such student, whether such student may be admitted to at least one
1048 participating institution under the Connecticut Automatic Admissions
1049 Program based on the academic threshold established by such
1050 institution pursuant to subsection (e) of section 25 of this act.

1051 Sec. 27. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2021*) (a) As used in this section:

1052 (1) "Eligible organization" means any provider of a training program,
1053 provider of an alternate route to certification program approved by the
1054 State Board of Education, institution of higher education, private
1055 occupational school, employer, state or municipal agency and public or
1056 nonprofit social service provider in the state; and

1057 (2) "Approved class" means a set of employees, clients, students or
1058 customers of an eligible organization.

1059 (b) Not later than January 1, 2022, the Commissioner of
1060 Transportation shall establish CTpass program to allow individuals in
1061 an approved class for an eligible organization to use certain public
1062 transit services without cost or at a reduced cost. The commissioner shall
1063 post information regarding the CTpass program and application
1064 process for such program on the Department of Transportation's
1065 Internet web site in a manner that, in the commissioner's discretion, will
1066 maximize awareness and participation by the greatest number of
1067 eligible organizations.

1068 (c) Upon receipt of an application from an eligible organization to
1069 participate in the CTpass program, the commissioner may negotiate the
1070 terms and conditions and enter into a contract with such eligible
1071 organization. The commissioner may treat several eligible organizations
1072 as a single eligible organization for the purposes of a contract under the
1073 CTpass program. Such terms and conditions shall include, but not be
1074 limited to, the amount of compensation or reimbursement required
1075 from the eligible organization, the definition of approved class specific
1076 to the eligible organization and any limitations on times of use or types
1077 of public transit services available to the approved class. The
1078 compensation or reimbursement negotiated in the contract shall be in
1079 an amount as the commissioner deems necessary or advisable, provided
1080 the amount is sufficient to ensure that transit service expenditures
1081 incurred by the department do not increase as a result of the CTpass
1082 program and to cover any administrative costs incurred by the
1083 department in the operation of the CTpass program. A contract under
1084 the CTpass program shall be valid upon the approval of the Office of
1085 Policy and Management for a term of not more than two years, except
1086 the first contract with an eligible organization shall not exceed twelve
1087 months. Prior to any renewal of a contract with an eligible organization
1088 under the CTpass program, the commissioner shall consider prior pass
1089 utilization information and any transit service expenditure increases
1090 incurred by the department for the purpose of re-evaluating the amount
1091 of compensation or reimbursement required from such eligible
1092 organization.

1093 (d) Not later than January 1, 2023, and annually thereafter, the
1094 Commissioner of Transportation shall submit a report to the Secretary
1095 of the Office of Policy and Management on the financial data and pass
1096 utilization information for each contract under the CTpass program.

1097 Sec. 28. Section 10a-223 of the general statutes is repealed and the
1098 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2022*):

1099 In this chapter, the following words and terms shall have the
1100 following meanings unless the context indicates another or different
1101 meaning or intent:

1102 (1) "Authority" means the Connecticut Higher Education
1103 Supplemental Loan Authority constituted as a subsidiary of the
1104 Connecticut Health and Educational Facilities Authority as provided in
1105 section 10a-179a;

1106 (2) "Authorized officer" means an employee of the Connecticut
1107 Health and Educational Facilities Authority or of the authority who is
1108 authorized by the board of directors of the authority to execute and
1109 deliver documents and papers and to act in the name of and on behalf
1110 of the authority;

1111 (3) "Authority loans" means education loans by the authority, or loans
1112 by the authority from the proceeds of bonds for the purpose of funding
1113 education loans;

1114 (4) "Board" means the board of directors of the authority;

1115 (5) "Bonds" or "revenue bonds" means revenue bonds or notes of the
1116 authority issued under the provisions of this chapter, including revenue
1117 refunding bonds or notes;

1118 (6) "Bond resolution" means the resolution or resolutions of the
1119 authority and the trust agreement, if any, authorizing the issuance of
1120 and providing for the terms and conditions applicable to bonds;

1121 (7) "Borrower" means (A) an individual who has an outstanding loan
1122 from the authority, (B) an individual who attends a Connecticut
1123 institution for higher education, enrolls in a Connecticut high-value
1124 certificate program or currently resides in the state, and has received or
1125 agreed to pay an education loan, or (C) any parent who has received or
1126 agreed to pay an education loan on behalf of an individual who attends
1127 a Connecticut institution for higher education or currently resides in the
1128 state;

1129 (8) "Connecticut Health and Educational Facilities Authority" means
1130 the quasi-public authority established pursuant to section 10a-179;

1131 (9) "Connecticut institution for higher education" means an
1132 institution for higher education within the state;

1133 (10) "Default insurance" means insurance insuring education loans,
1134 authority loans or bonds against default;

1135 (11) "Default reserve fund" means a fund established pursuant to a
1136 bond resolution for the purpose of securing education loans, authority
1137 loans or bonds;

1138 (12) "Education loan" means a loan which is made to a student in or
1139 from the state or a parent of such student to finance attendance at an
1140 institution for higher education or enrollment in a high-value certificate
1141 program, or to a borrower to refinance one or more eligible loans;

1142 (13) "Loan funding deposit" means moneys or other property
1143 deposited by a Connecticut institution for higher education with the
1144 authority, a guarantor or a trustee for the purpose of (A) providing
1145 security for bonds, (B) funding a default reserve fund, (C) acquiring
1146 default insurance, or (D) defraying costs of the authority, such moneys
1147 or properties to be in such amounts as deemed necessary by the
1148 authority or guarantor as a condition for such institution's participation
1149 in the authority's programs;

1150 (14) "Institution for higher education" means a degree-granting

1151 educational institution within the United States authorized by
1152 applicable law to provide a program of education beyond the high
1153 school level and (A) described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal
1154 Revenue Code of 1986, or any subsequent corresponding internal
1155 revenue code of the United States, as from time to time amended, and
1156 exempt from taxation under Section 501(a) of said code with respect to
1157 a trade or business carried on by such institution which is not an
1158 unrelated trade or business, determined by applying Section 513(a) of
1159 said code to such organization or a foundation established for its benefit,
1160 or (B) exempt from taxation under said code as a governmental unit;

1161 (15) "Participating institution for higher education" means a
1162 Connecticut institution for higher education which, pursuant to the
1163 provisions of this chapter, undertakes the financing directly or
1164 indirectly of education loans as provided in this chapter;

1165 (16) "Parent" means any parent, legal guardian or sponsor of a
1166 student at an institution for higher education or enrolled in a high-value
1167 certificate program;

1168 (17) "Education loan series portfolio" means all education loans made
1169 by the authority or by or on behalf of a specific participating institution
1170 for higher education which are funded from the proceeds of a related
1171 specific bond issue of the authority;

1172 (18) "Education assistance program" means a program to assist in
1173 financing the costs of education through education loans or education
1174 grants, or both;

1175 (19) "Education grant" means a grant, scholarship, fellowship or other
1176 nonrepayable assistance awarded by the authority to a student currently
1177 residing in the state to finance the attendance of the student at a
1178 Connecticut institution for higher education or enrollment in a
1179 Connecticut high-value certificate program, or a grant, scholarship,
1180 fellowship or other nonrepayable assistance awarded by or on behalf of
1181 a Connecticut institution for higher education from the proceeds of

1182 funds provided by the authority to a student from the state to finance
1183 the student's attendance at such institution; [and]

1184 (20) "Eligible loan" means any loan that is in repayment that was (A)
1185 made by the authority, or (B) made to a borrower by any other private
1186 or governmental lender to finance attendance at an institution for higher
1187 education [.] or enrollment in a high-value certificate program;

1188 (21) "High-value certificate program" means a noncredit sub-
1189 baccalaureate certificate program offered by an institution of higher
1190 education or a private occupational school that the Office of Workforce
1191 Strategy designates to be a credential of value pursuant to section 4 of
1192 this act; and

1193 (22) "Connecticut high-value certificate program" means a high-value
1194 certificate program offered by an institution of higher education or a
1195 private occupational school in the state.

1196 Sec. 29. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2021*) The Connecticut Higher
1197 Education Supplemental Loan Authority shall establish an account to be
1198 known as the Certificate Loan Loss Reserve and Funding account, which
1199 shall be a separate, nonlapsing account. The account shall contain any
1200 moneys required by law to be deposited in the account, including, but
1201 not limited to, state appropriations or proceeds from the sale of bonds.
1202 Moneys in the account shall be expended by the authority to (1) fund
1203 authority loans issued to a borrower to finance enrollment in a
1204 Connecticut high-value certificate program, as defined in section 10a-
1205 223 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, (2) to cover any losses
1206 incurred by the authority from issuing such authority loans, (3) for
1207 reasonable and necessary expenses for the administration of such
1208 authority loans, and (4) any initial implementation expenses prior to the
1209 origination of such authority loans.

1210 Sec. 30. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2021*) Not later than September 1, 2022,
1211 and every two years thereafter until September 1, 2028, the Chief
1212 Workforce Officer shall submit to the Board of Regents for Higher

1213 Education and the Governor a report on credentials, as defined in
1214 section 3 of this act, and skills that are in demand in the labor market
1215 and that lead to quality jobs.

1216 Sec. 31. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2021*) Not later than February 1, 2023,
1217 the Chief Workforce Officer, jointly with the Commissioners of
1218 Correction and Labor and the Undersecretary for Criminal Justice at the
1219 Office of Policy and Management, shall submit to the Governor, the
1220 Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, and, in accordance
1221 with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint
1222 standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of
1223 matters relating to the judiciary, higher education and employment
1224 advancement, labor, and commerce, recommendations to improve
1225 workforce training and attainment of credentials, as defined in section 3
1226 of this act, for individuals incarcerated by the Department of Correction,
1227 including but not limited to (1) whether credential attainment shall be a
1228 factor for early release, and (2) credentials and skills that are in demand
1229 in the labor market and that lead to quality jobs, including any barriers
1230 to equitable access to such quality jobs.

1231 Sec. 32. Subsection (b) of section 1-210 of the general statutes is
1232 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
1233 *2021*):

1234 (b) Nothing in the Freedom of Information Act shall be construed to
1235 require disclosure of:

1236 (1) Preliminary drafts or notes provided the public agency has
1237 determined that the public interest in withholding such documents
1238 clearly outweighs the public interest in disclosure;

1239 (2) Personnel or medical files and similar files the disclosure of which
1240 would constitute an invasion of personal privacy;

1241 (3) Records of law enforcement agencies not otherwise available to
1242 the public which records were compiled in connection with the
1243 detection or investigation of crime, if the disclosure of such records

1244 would not be in the public interest because it would result in the
1245 disclosure of (A) the identity of informants not otherwise known or the
1246 identity of witnesses not otherwise known whose safety would be
1247 endangered or who would be subject to threat or intimidation if their
1248 identity was made known, (B) the identity of minor witnesses, (C)
1249 signed statements of witnesses, (D) information to be used in a
1250 prospective law enforcement action if prejudicial to such action, (E)
1251 investigatory techniques not otherwise known to the general public, (F)
1252 arrest records of a juvenile, which shall also include any investigatory
1253 files, concerning the arrest of such juvenile, compiled for law
1254 enforcement purposes, (G) the name and address of the victim of a
1255 sexual assault under section 53a-70, 53a-70a, 53a-71, 53a-72a, 53a-72b or
1256 53a-73a, voyeurism under section 53a-189a, injury or risk of injury, or
1257 impairing of morals under section 53-21 or family violence, as defined
1258 in section 46b-38a, or of an attempt thereof, or (H) uncorroborated
1259 allegations subject to destruction pursuant to section 1-216;

1260 (4) Records pertaining to strategy and negotiations with respect to
1261 pending claims or pending litigation to which the public agency is a
1262 party until such litigation or claim has been finally adjudicated or
1263 otherwise settled;

1264 (5) (A) Trade secrets, which for purposes of the Freedom of
1265 Information Act, are defined as information, including formulas,
1266 patterns, compilations, programs, devices, methods, techniques,
1267 processes, drawings, cost data, customer lists, film or television scripts
1268 or detailed production budgets that (i) derive independent economic
1269 value, actual or potential, from not being generally known to, and not
1270 being readily ascertainable by proper means by, other persons who can
1271 obtain economic value from their disclosure or use, and (ii) are the
1272 subject of efforts that are reasonable under the circumstances to
1273 maintain secrecy; and

1274 (B) Commercial or financial information given in confidence, not
1275 required by statute;

1276 (6) Test questions, scoring keys and other examination data used to
1277 administer a licensing examination, examination for employment or
1278 academic examinations;

1279 (7) The contents of real estate appraisals, engineering or feasibility
1280 estimates and evaluations made for or by an agency relative to the
1281 acquisition of property or to prospective public supply and construction
1282 contracts, until such time as all of the property has been acquired or all
1283 proceedings or transactions have been terminated or abandoned,
1284 provided the law of eminent domain shall not be affected by this
1285 provision;

1286 (8) Statements of personal worth or personal financial data required
1287 by a licensing agency and filed by an applicant with such licensing
1288 agency to establish the applicant's personal qualification for the license,
1289 certificate or permit applied for;

1290 (9) Records, reports and statements of strategy or negotiations with
1291 respect to collective bargaining;

1292 (10) Records, tax returns, reports and statements exempted by federal
1293 law or the general statutes or communications privileged by the
1294 attorney-client relationship, marital relationship, clergy-penitent
1295 relationship, doctor-patient relationship, therapist-patient relationship
1296 or any other privilege established by the common law or the general
1297 statutes, including any such records, tax returns, reports or
1298 communications that were created or made prior to the establishment
1299 of the applicable privilege under the common law or the general
1300 statutes;

1301 (11) Names or addresses of students enrolled in any public school or
1302 college without the consent of each student whose name or address is to
1303 be disclosed who is eighteen years of age or older and a parent or
1304 guardian of each such student who is younger than eighteen years of
1305 age, provided this subdivision shall not be construed as prohibiting the
1306 disclosure of the names or addresses of students enrolled in any public

1307 school in a regional school district to the board of selectmen or town
1308 board of finance, as the case may be, of the town wherein the student
1309 resides for the purpose of verifying tuition payments made to such
1310 school;

1311 (12) Any information obtained by the use of illegal means;

1312 (13) Records of an investigation or the name of an employee
1313 providing information under the provisions of section 4-61dd or
1314 sections 4-276 to 4-280, inclusive;

1315 (14) Adoption records and information provided for in sections 45a-
1316 746, 45a-750 and 45a-751;

1317 (15) Any page of a primary petition, nominating petition, referendum
1318 petition or petition for a town meeting submitted under any provision
1319 of the general statutes or of any special act, municipal charter or
1320 ordinance, until the required processing and certification of such page
1321 has been completed by the official or officials charged with such duty
1322 after which time disclosure of such page shall be required;

1323 (16) Records of complaints, including information compiled in the
1324 investigation thereof, brought to a municipal health authority pursuant
1325 to chapter 368e or a district department of health pursuant to chapter
1326 368f, until such time as the investigation is concluded or thirty days
1327 from the date of receipt of the complaint, whichever occurs first;

1328 (17) Educational records which are not subject to disclosure under the
1329 Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, 20 USC 1232g;

1330 (18) Records, the disclosure of which the Commissioner of
1331 Correction, or as it applies to Whiting Forensic Hospital, the
1332 Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction Services, has reasonable
1333 grounds to believe may result in a safety risk, including the risk of harm
1334 to any person or the risk of an escape from, or a disorder in, a
1335 correctional institution or facility under the supervision of the
1336 Department of Correction or Whiting Forensic Hospital. Such records

1337 shall include, but are not limited to:

1338 (A) Security manuals, including emergency plans contained or
1339 referred to in such security manuals;

1340 (B) Engineering and architectural drawings of correctional
1341 institutions or facilities or Whiting Forensic Hospital facilities;

1342 (C) Operational specifications of security systems utilized by the
1343 Department of Correction at any correctional institution or facility or
1344 Whiting Forensic Hospital facilities, except that a general description of
1345 any such security system and the cost and quality of such system may
1346 be disclosed;

1347 (D) Training manuals prepared for correctional institutions and
1348 facilities or Whiting Forensic Hospital facilities that describe, in any
1349 manner, security procedures, emergency plans or security equipment;

1350 (E) Internal security audits of correctional institutions and facilities or
1351 Whiting Forensic Hospital facilities;

1352 (F) Minutes or recordings of staff meetings of the Department of
1353 Correction or Whiting Forensic Hospital facilities, or portions of such
1354 minutes or recordings, that contain or reveal information relating to
1355 security or other records otherwise exempt from disclosure under this
1356 subdivision;

1357 (G) Logs or other documents that contain information on the
1358 movement or assignment of inmates or staff at correctional institutions
1359 or facilities; and

1360 (H) Records that contain information on contacts between inmates, as
1361 defined in section 18-84, and law enforcement officers;

1362 (19) Records when there are reasonable grounds to believe disclosure
1363 may result in a safety risk, including the risk of harm to any person, any
1364 government-owned or leased institution or facility or any fixture or

1365 appurtenance and equipment attached to, or contained in, such
1366 institution or facility, except that such records shall be disclosed to a law
1367 enforcement agency upon the request of the law enforcement agency.
1368 Such reasonable grounds shall be determined (A) (i) by the
1369 Commissioner of Administrative Services, after consultation with the
1370 chief executive officer of an executive branch state agency, with respect
1371 to records concerning such agency; and (ii) by the Commissioner of
1372 Emergency Services and Public Protection, after consultation with the
1373 chief executive officer of a municipal, district or regional agency, with
1374 respect to records concerning such agency; (B) by the Chief Court
1375 Administrator with respect to records concerning the Judicial
1376 Department; and (C) by the executive director of the Joint Committee on
1377 Legislative Management, with respect to records concerning the
1378 Legislative Department. As used in this section, "government-owned or
1379 leased institution or facility" includes, but is not limited to, an institution
1380 or facility owned or leased by a public service company, as defined in
1381 section 16-1, other than a water company, as defined in section 25-32a, a
1382 certified telecommunications provider, as defined in section 16-1, or a
1383 municipal utility that furnishes electric or gas service, but does not
1384 include an institution or facility owned or leased by the federal
1385 government, and "chief executive officer" includes, but is not limited to,
1386 an agency head, department head, executive director or chief executive
1387 officer. Such records include, but are not limited to:

1388 (i) Security manuals or reports;

1389 (ii) Engineering and architectural drawings of government-owned or
1390 leased institutions or facilities;

1391 (iii) Operational specifications of security systems utilized at any
1392 government-owned or leased institution or facility, except that a general
1393 description of any such security system and the cost and quality of such
1394 system may be disclosed;

1395 (iv) Training manuals prepared for government-owned or leased
1396 institutions or facilities that describe, in any manner, security

1397 procedures, emergency plans or security equipment;

1398 (v) Internal security audits of government-owned or leased
1399 institutions or facilities;

1400 (vi) Minutes or records of meetings, or portions of such minutes or
1401 records, that contain or reveal information relating to security or other
1402 records otherwise exempt from disclosure under this subdivision;

1403 (vii) Logs or other documents that contain information on the
1404 movement or assignment of security personnel; and

1405 (viii) Emergency plans and emergency preparedness, response,
1406 recovery and mitigation plans, including plans provided by a person to
1407 a state agency or a local emergency management agency or official;

1408 (20) Records of standards, procedures, processes, software and codes,
1409 not otherwise available to the public, the disclosure of which would
1410 compromise the security or integrity of an information technology
1411 system;

1412 (21) The residential, work or school address of any participant in the
1413 address confidentiality program established pursuant to sections 54-240
1414 to 54-240o, inclusive;

1415 (22) The electronic mail address of any person that is obtained by the
1416 Department of Transportation in connection with the implementation
1417 or administration of any plan to inform individuals about significant
1418 highway or railway incidents;

1419 (23) The name or address of any minor enrolled in any parks and
1420 recreation program administered or sponsored by any public agency;

1421 (24) Responses to any request for proposals or bid solicitation issued
1422 by a public agency, responses by a public agency to any request for
1423 proposals or bid solicitation issued by a private entity or any record or
1424 file made by a public agency in connection with the contract award

1425 process, until such contract is executed or negotiations for the award of
1426 such contract have ended, whichever occurs earlier, provided the chief
1427 executive officer of such public agency certifies that the public interest
1428 in the disclosure of such responses, record or file is outweighed by the
1429 public interest in the confidentiality of such responses, record or file;

1430 (25) The name, address, telephone number or electronic mail address
1431 of any person enrolled in any senior center program or any member of
1432 a senior center administered or sponsored by any public agency;

1433 (26) All records obtained during the course of inspection,
1434 investigation, examination and audit activities of an institution, as
1435 defined in section 19a-490, that are confidential pursuant to a contract
1436 between the Department of Public Health and the United States
1437 Department of Health and Human Services relating to the Medicare and
1438 Medicaid programs;

1439 (27) Any record created by a law enforcement agency or other federal,
1440 state, or municipal governmental agency consisting of a photograph,
1441 film, video or digital or other visual image depicting the victim of a
1442 homicide, to the extent that such record could reasonably be expected
1443 to constitute an unwarranted invasion of the personal privacy of the
1444 victim or the victim's surviving family members;

1445 (28) Any documentation provided to or obtained by an executive
1446 branch agency, including documentation provided or obtained prior to
1447 May 25, 2016, relating to claims of faulty or failing concrete foundations
1448 in residential buildings by the owners of such residential buildings, and
1449 documents prepared by an executive branch agency relating to such
1450 documentation, for seven years after the date of receipt of the
1451 documentation or seven years after May 25, 2016, whichever is later; [.]

1452 (29) Any information reported to an executive branch agency by an
1453 institution of higher education, private occupational school or any other
1454 provider of training or certificate programs concerning applicants for
1455 admission to or students enrolled in such institutions, schools or

1456 programs, including, but not limited to, information regarding
1457 enrollment, program completion and student loans or other financial
1458 aid;

1459 (30) Any employee information provided to the Labor Commissioner
1460 by an employer pursuant to subparagraph (B) of subdivision (1) of
1461 subsection (j) of section 31-225a, as amended by this act;

1462 (31) Records of or information from the Free Application for Federal
1463 Student Aid, institutional financial aid for students without legal
1464 immigration status established pursuant to section 10a-161d, waiver
1465 completed pursuant to subsection (m) of section 10-221a, as amended
1466 by this act, or subsection (b) of section 10-69, as amended by this act, and
1467 applications for admission to institutions of higher education, including
1468 applications made pursuant to the Connecticut Automatic Admissions
1469 Program established in Section 25 of this act, held by any department,
1470 board, commission, public institution of higher education or any other
1471 agency of the state, or any local or regional board of education,
1472 including such materials not otherwise protected under the Family
1473 Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, 20 USC 1232g, as amended
1474 from time to time.

1475 Sec. 33. Subsection (a) of section 10-21j of the general statutes is
1476 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
1477 *2021*):

1478 (a) The Commissioner of Education, in collaboration with the Board
1479 of Regents for Higher Education, shall establish the Connecticut
1480 Apprenticeship and Education Committee to coordinate and identify (1)
1481 potential preapprenticeship and apprenticeship training program
1482 integration, and (2) leveraged funding identification of career technical
1483 education programs within high schools and programs within higher
1484 education institutions for careers in various industries. Such committee
1485 shall include, but not be limited to, (A) representatives from the
1486 Department of Economic and Community Development, the Labor
1487 Department, the Connecticut Center for Advanced Technology, the

1488 Connecticut Manufacturers Collaborative, the Technical Education and
1489 Career System, the advanced manufacturing centers at the regional
1490 community-technical colleges, independent institutions of higher
1491 education in the state that offer training in the field of manufacturing,
1492 the [Connecticut Employment and Training Commission] Governor's
1493 Workforce Council, companies and employee organizations that
1494 represent manufacturing workers, and (B) teachers, guidance
1495 counselors, school counselors, principals and superintendents.

1496 Sec. 34. Subsection (a) of section 10-95s of the general statutes is
1497 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
1498 *2021*):

1499 (a) The Technical Education and Career System shall be advised by a
1500 Technical Education and Career System board. The board shall consist
1501 of eleven members and shall include at least the following, (1) two
1502 members with experience in manufacturing or a trade offered by the
1503 Technical Education and Career System, or who are alumni of the
1504 system, (2) two members who are executives of Connecticut-based
1505 employers and who shall be nominated by the [Connecticut
1506 Employment and Training Commission] Governor's Workforce
1507 Council, established pursuant to section 31-3h. The Commissioners of
1508 Education and Economic and Community Development and the Labor
1509 Commissioner, or their respective designees, shall serve as ex-officio
1510 members of the board. Members of the board shall be appointed by the
1511 Governor with the advice and consent of the General Assembly, in
1512 accordance with the provisions of section 4-7. Any vacancy shall be
1513 filled in the manner provided in section 4-19. The Governor shall
1514 appoint the chairperson.

1515 Sec. 35. Subsection (b) of section 17b-688h of the general statutes is
1516 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
1517 *2021*):

1518 (b) Effective July 1, 1998, the Labor Department shall be responsible
1519 for the negotiation, establishment, modification, extension, suspension

1520 or termination of contracts for employment services. The Labor
1521 Department may provide administration and services directly or
1522 through the [Connecticut Employment and Training Commission]
1523 Governor's Workforce Council or regional workforce development
1524 boards.

1525 Sec. 36. Subsection (c) of section 17b-688i of the general statutes is
1526 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
1527 *2021*):

1528 (c) Not later than January 1, 1999, and annually thereafter, the Labor
1529 Department shall submit a report to the Governor, the joint standing
1530 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
1531 relating to appropriations, human services and labor and public
1532 employees and the [Connecticut Employment and Training
1533 Commission] Governor's Workforce Council. Each report shall contain
1534 an evaluation of the operation of the employment services administered
1535 by the Labor Department pursuant to this section, including the number
1536 of persons who receive employment services, their gender and
1537 outcomes. Each such report shall also provide specific information
1538 regarding the cost-effectiveness of the employment services.

1539 Sec. 37. Subsections (b) and (c) of section 31-2 of the general statutes
1540 are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
1541 *1, 2021*):

1542 (b) The commissioner shall administer the coordination of all
1543 employment and training programs in the state and shall implement the
1544 plan of the [Connecticut Employment and Training Commission]
1545 Governor's Workforce Council as approved by the Governor. The
1546 commissioner shall develop and maintain a comprehensive inventory
1547 of all employment and training programs in the state, including a listing
1548 of all funding sources for each program, the characteristics of the
1549 persons served, a description of each program and its results and the
1550 identification of areas of program overlap and duplication.

1551 (c) The commissioner shall provide staff to the [Connecticut
1552 Employment and Training Commission] Governor's Workforce Council
1553 and such other resources as the commissioner can make available.

1554 Sec. 38. Section 31-3h of the general statutes is repealed and the
1555 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

1556 (a) There is created, within the Labor Department, the [Connecticut
1557 Employment and Training Commission] Governor's Workforce
1558 Council.

1559 (b) The duties and responsibilities of the [commission] council shall
1560 include:

1561 (1) Carrying out the duties and responsibilities of a state job training
1562 coordinating council pursuant to the federal Job Training Partnership
1563 Act, 29 USC 1532, as amended from time to time, a state human resource
1564 investment council pursuant to 29 USC 1501 et seq., as amended from
1565 time to time, and such other related entities as the Governor may direct;

1566 (2) Reviewing all employment and training programs in the state to
1567 determine their success in leading to and obtaining the goal of economic
1568 self-sufficiency and to determine if such programs are serving the needs
1569 of Connecticut's workers, employers and economy;

1570 (3) Reviewing and commenting on all employment and training
1571 programs enacted by the General Assembly;

1572 (4) Implementing the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity
1573 Act of 2014, P.L. 113-128, as amended from time to time. Such
1574 implementation shall include (A) developing, in consultation with the
1575 regional workforce development boards, a single Connecticut
1576 workforce development plan that (i) complies with the provisions of
1577 said act and section 31-11p, and (ii) includes comprehensive state
1578 performance measures for workforce development activities specified
1579 in Title I of the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of
1580 2014, P.L. 113-128, as amended from time to time, which performance

1581 measures comply with the requirements of 20 CFR Part 666.100, (B)
1582 making recommendations to the General Assembly concerning the
1583 allocation of funds received by the state under said act and making
1584 recommendations to the regional workforce development boards
1585 concerning the use of formulas in allocating such funds to adult
1586 employment and job training activities and youth activities, as specified
1587 in said act, (C) providing oversight and coordination of the state-wide
1588 employment statistics system required by said act, (D) as appropriate,
1589 recommending to the Governor that the Governor apply for workforce
1590 flexibility plans and waiver authority under said act, after consultation
1591 with the regional workforce development boards, (E) developing
1592 performance criteria for regional workforce development boards to
1593 utilize in creating a list of eligible providers, and (F) on or before
1594 December 31, 1999, developing a uniform individual training accounts
1595 voucher system that shall be used by the regional workforce
1596 development boards to pay for training of eligible workers by eligible
1597 providers, as required under said act;

1598 (5) Developing and overseeing a plan for the continuous
1599 improvement of the regional workforce development boards
1600 established pursuant to section 31-3k;

1601 (6) Developing incumbent worker, and vocational and manpower
1602 training programs, including customized job training programs to
1603 enhance the productivity of Connecticut businesses and to increase the
1604 skills and earnings of underemployed and at-risk workers, and other
1605 programs administered by the regional workforce development boards.
1606 The Labor Department, in collaboration with the regional workforce
1607 development boards, shall implement any incumbent worker and
1608 customized job training programs developed by the commission
1609 pursuant to this subdivision;

1610 (7) Developing a strategy for providing comprehensive services to
1611 eligible youths, which strategy shall include developing youth
1612 preapprentice and apprentice programs through, but not limited to,
1613 technical education and career schools, and improving linkages

1614 between academic and occupational learning and other youth
1615 development activities; and

1616 (8) Coordinating an electronic state hiring campaign to encourage the
1617 reemployment of workers fifty years of age or older to be administered
1618 through the Labor Department's Internet web site, which shall include
1619 testimony from various employers that demonstrates the value of hiring
1620 and retaining workers fifty years of age or older. Not later than January
1621 1, 2015, the commission shall submit a report, in accordance with section
1622 11-4a, to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
1623 cognizance of matters relating to labor on the status of such campaign.

1624 Sec. 39. Section 31-3i of the general statutes is repealed and the
1625 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

1626 (a) The members of the [Connecticut Employment and Training
1627 Commission] Governor's Workforce Council shall be appointed as
1628 specified in subsection (b) of this section.

1629 (b) (1) The [commission] council shall consist of twenty-four
1630 members, a majority of whom shall represent business and industry and
1631 the remainder of whom shall represent state and local governments,
1632 organized labor, education and community based organizations,
1633 including a representative of a community action agency, as defined in
1634 section 17b-885.

1635 (2) Effective six months after the United States Secretary of Labor
1636 approves the single Connecticut workforce development plan
1637 submitted to said secretary in accordance with the provisions of
1638 subsection (b) of section 31-11r, the Governor shall fill any vacancy on
1639 the [commission] council from recommendations submitted by the
1640 president pro tempore of the Senate, the speaker of the House of
1641 Representatives, the majority leader of the Senate, the majority leader of
1642 the House of Representatives, the minority leader of the Senate and the
1643 minority leader of the House of Representatives.

1644 (c) [Members appointed to the commission prior to June 23, 1999,

1645 shall continue to serve on the commission as if they were appointed to
1646 the commission as of June 23, 1999.] The [commission] council shall
1647 meet no less than once every calendar quarter.

1648 Sec. 40. Subdivision (2) of section 31-3j of the general statutes is
1649 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
1650 *2021*):

1651 (2) ["Commission"] "Council" means the [Connecticut Employment
1652 and Training Commission] Governor's Workforce Council created
1653 under section 31-3h;

1654 Sec. 41. Subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of section 31-3w of the
1655 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
1656 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

1657 (1) Collaborate with the [Connecticut Employment and Training
1658 Commission] Governor's Workforce Council established pursuant to
1659 section 31-3h and the regional workforce development boards
1660 established pursuant to section 31-3k;

1661 Sec. 42. Section 31-3cc of the general statutes is repealed and the
1662 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

1663 The [Connecticut Employment and Training Commission]
1664 Governor's Workforce Council, in cooperation with the Commission on
1665 Women, Children, Seniors, Equity and Opportunity and the
1666 Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities, shall regularly
1667 collect and analyze data on state-supported training programs that
1668 measure the presence of gender or other systematic bias and work with
1669 the relevant boards and agencies to correct any problems that are found.

1670 Sec. 43. Section 31-3dd of the general statutes is repealed and the
1671 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

1672 The [Connecticut Employment and Training Commission]
1673 Governor's Workforce Council, in consultation with the Labor

1674 Department, the Department of Economic and Community
1675 Development and the regional workforce development boards, shall
1676 recommend to the Office of Policy and Management and the joint
1677 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
1678 matters relating to appropriations, budget targets for assisting state
1679 employers with their training needs.

1680 Sec. 44. Section 31-3ii of the general statutes is repealed and the
1681 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

1682 (a) Within available appropriations, for the fiscal years ending June
1683 30, 2004, to June 30, 2006, inclusive, the [Connecticut Employment and
1684 Training Commission] Governor's Workforce Council, in cooperation
1685 with a consenting regional workforce development board, shall
1686 establish a pilot program that allows such board to use funds allocated
1687 to such board to expand an existing adult education program at a local
1688 or regional board of education within such regional workforce
1689 development board's region to enable incumbent workers to participate
1690 in such adult education program. For purposes of this section,
1691 "incumbent workers" means individuals who are employed in this state,
1692 but who are in need of additional skills, training or education in order
1693 to upgrade employment.

1694 (b) Not later than January 1, 2007, the [commission] council shall
1695 submit a report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a, to
1696 the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having
1697 cognizance of matters relating to higher education and employment
1698 advancement and education on the establishment and any operation of
1699 the pilot program authorized under subsection (a) of this section.

1700 Sec. 45. Section 31-300 of the general statutes is repealed and the
1701 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

1702 The [Connecticut Employment and Training Commission]
1703 Governor's Workforce Council, in collaboration with the Connecticut
1704 Energy Sector Partnership, shall annually solicit and publicize

1705 information concerning efforts made by the institutions of higher
1706 education in this state to promote the green technology industry,
1707 including the development of new academic degree and certificate
1708 programs, courses of instruction and initiatives made by such
1709 institutions to align green jobs programs with employer needs.

1710 Sec. 46. Section 31-3yy of the general statutes is repealed and the
1711 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

1712 On or before October 1, 2014, and annually thereafter, the
1713 [Connecticut Employment and Training Commission] Governor's
1714 Workforce Council shall submit to the Office of Policy and Management
1715 and the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having
1716 cognizance of matters relating to labor, higher education and education
1717 a report card of each program emphasizing employment placement
1718 included in the [commission's] council's annual inventory developed
1719 and maintained by the Labor Commissioner pursuant to section 31-2.
1720 The report card shall, at a minimum, identify for each program the cost,
1721 number of individuals entering the program, number of individuals
1722 satisfactorily completing the program and the employment placement
1723 rates of those individuals at thirteen and twenty-six-week intervals
1724 following completion of the program or a statement as to why such
1725 measure is not relevant.

1726 Sec. 47. Subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of section 31-11m of the
1727 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
1728 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

1729 (2) Such reserved funds may be used only to carry out state-wide
1730 youth activities described in Section 129(b) of the federal Workforce
1731 Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014, P.L. 113-128, as from time to
1732 time amended, or state-wide employment and training activities, for
1733 adults or for dislocated workers, described in Section 134(a)(2)(B) or
1734 Section 134(a)(3) of said act, provided such use is consistent with the
1735 Connecticut workforce development plan developed by the
1736 [Connecticut Employment and Training Commission] Governor's

1737 Workforce Council under section 31-11p, as amended by this act. The
1738 percentage of such reserved funds that are used for administrative costs
1739 shall be consistent with the provisions of Section 134(a)(3)(B) of said act.
1740 For purposes of this subdivision and subdivision (3) of this subsection,
1741 "administrative costs" has the same meaning as in 20 CFR Part 667,
1742 Subpart B.

1743 Sec. 48. Section 31-11o of the general statutes is repealed and the
1744 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

1745 The [Connecticut Employment and Training Commission]
1746 Governor's Workforce Council established under section 31-3h is hereby
1747 recognized as the state-wide workforce development board for
1748 purposes of complying with the federal Workforce Innovation and
1749 Opportunity Act of 2014, P.L. 113-128, as from time to time amended.

1750 Sec. 49. Section 31-11p of the general statutes is repealed and the
1751 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

1752 (a) The [Connecticut Employment and Training Commission]
1753 Governor's Workforce Council, in consultation with the regional
1754 workforce development boards, shall develop a single Connecticut
1755 workforce development plan that outlines a five-year strategy for the
1756 state of Connecticut's workforce development system and meets the
1757 requirements of Sections 111 and 112 of the federal Workforce
1758 Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014, P.L. 113-128, as from time to
1759 time amended. Said plan shall serve as a framework for the
1760 development of public policy, fiscal investment and operation of
1761 workforce education and job training programs and shall constitute the
1762 single state plan for purposes of Section 112 of said act. The [Connecticut
1763 Employment and Training Commission] Governor's Workforce
1764 Council, in consultation with the regional workforce development
1765 boards, shall update said plan at least once every five years.

1766 (b) The plan shall, at a minimum, include:

1767 (1) Long-term goals for the state's workforce development system.

1768 Such goals shall include local control of service delivery, one-stop
1769 delivery of services, individual choice for individuals served by the
1770 system, accountability for provider performance, coordination of
1771 workforce development activities integrating state and federal
1772 resources and the establishment of ties between funding and actual
1773 participation in training activities;

1774 (2) Short-term goals, benchmarks and performance measures that the
1775 state will use to measure its progress towards meeting the long-term
1776 goals identified in subdivision (1) of this subsection;

1777 (3) Identification of the role each institution, entity, organization and
1778 program plays in the state-wide workforce development system;

1779 (4) Ways to improve access to public and certified nonpublic
1780 postsecondary educational institutions;

1781 (5) A strategy for assessing unmet workforce preparation needs;

1782 (6) A description of comprehensive performance measures to ensure
1783 coordination and eliminate duplication of services;

1784 (7) A strategy for assessing types of jobs for which there are shortages
1785 of available qualified workers and the geographical concentration of
1786 unmet workforce needs in this state;

1787 (8) A strategy for maximizing or redirecting funding to deliver
1788 services more effectively to meet the state's workforce development
1789 needs;

1790 (9) A provision stating that the members of the [Connecticut
1791 Employment and Training Commission] Governor's Workforce Council
1792 and the regional workforce development boards shall comply with state
1793 ethics laws and the applicable provisions of Sections 111(f) and 117(g)
1794 of the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014, P.L.
1795 113-128, as from time to time amended;

1796 (10) A provision stating that the Labor Commissioner and the
1797 Commissioners of Social Services and Education shall develop a
1798 coordinated program of referring workforce development participants
1799 to supportive services, including, but not limited to, transportation and
1800 child care services for eligible participants of workforce activities. Such
1801 program shall include a requirement that each regional workforce
1802 development board submit an annual report to the [commission]
1803 council on or before January 31, 2000, and each January thirty-first
1804 thereafter detailing such board's plan for coordinating such supportive
1805 services;

1806 (11) A description of the state of Connecticut's proposed one-stop
1807 delivery system, which shall be consistent with the provisions of Section
1808 134(c) of the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014,
1809 P.L. 113-128, as from time to time amended, and shall include a
1810 description of the following components: (A) A uniform individual
1811 training accounts voucher system which shall be used by the regional
1812 workforce development boards to pay for training of eligible workers
1813 by eligible providers and which shall include a reporting system that
1814 ties funding to actual participation in training programs, (B) the core
1815 services, as identified in subdivision (12) of this subsection, which shall
1816 be available to adults or dislocated workers, including exemptions from
1817 core services, (C) the intensive services, as identified in subdivision (13)
1818 of this subsection, which shall be available to adults or dislocated
1819 workers who have received the maximum amount of core services but
1820 were unable to obtain employment through such core services,
1821 including prerequisites for obtaining such intensive services and
1822 exemptions from such prerequisites, and (D) the training services, as
1823 identified in subdivision (14) of this subsection, which shall be available
1824 to adults or dislocated workers who have received intensive services,
1825 but were unable to obtain unsubsidized employment through such
1826 intensive services, including prerequisites for obtaining such training
1827 services and exemptions from such prerequisites;

1828 (12) Identification of core services available under the one-stop

1829 delivery system, which shall, at a minimum, include: (A) Determination
1830 of whether individuals are eligible to receive assistance under Subtitle B
1831 of the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014, P.L.
1832 113-128, as from time to time amended; (B) outreach, intake and
1833 orientation to the information and other services available through the
1834 one-stop delivery system; (C) a uniform assessment procedure for
1835 screening adults and dislocated workers which shall include, but not be
1836 limited to, initial assessment of skill levels, aptitudes, abilities,
1837 supportive service needs and for application of the self-sufficiency
1838 measurement developed in accordance with the provisions of section 4-
1839 66e; (D) job search and placement assistance and, where appropriate,
1840 career counseling; (E) provision of (i) employment statistics
1841 information, including the provision of accurate information concerning
1842 local, regional and national labor market areas, including job vacancy
1843 listings in such labor market areas, information on job skills necessary
1844 to obtain such vacant jobs and information relating to local occupations
1845 in demand and the earnings and skill requirements for such
1846 occupations; (ii) provider performance information and program cost
1847 information on eligible providers of training services, as described in
1848 Section 122 of the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of
1849 2014, P.L. 113-128, as from time to time amended, provided by program,
1850 and eligible providers of youth activities described in Section 123 of said
1851 act, eligible providers of adult education described in Title II of said act,
1852 providers of postsecondary vocational education activities and
1853 vocational education activities, which shall include, but not be limited
1854 to, preapprentice programs available through, but not limited to, the
1855 Technical Education and Career System, available to school dropouts
1856 under the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Applied Technology
1857 Education Act, 20 USC 2301, et seq., and providers of vocational
1858 rehabilitation program activities described in Title I of the Rehabilitation
1859 Act of 1973, 29 USC 720, et seq.; (iii) information regarding how the local
1860 area is performing on the local performance measures and any
1861 additional performance information with respect to the one-stop
1862 delivery system in the local area; (iv) accurate information concerning
1863 the availability of supportive services, including child care and

1864 transportation, available through the local area and referral to such
1865 services, as appropriate; (v) information regarding filing claims for
1866 unemployment compensation under chapter 567; (F) assistance in
1867 establishing eligibility for programs of financial aid assistance for
1868 training and education programs that are not funded under said act and
1869 are available through the local area; (G) follow-up services, including
1870 counseling regarding the workplace, for participants in workforce
1871 investment activities authorized under Subtitle B of the federal
1872 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014, P.L. 113-128, as
1873 from time to time amended, who are placed in unsubsidized
1874 employment, for not less than twelve months after the first day of the
1875 employment, as appropriate; and (H) assistance in establishing
1876 eligibility for authorized activities under Section 403(a)(5) of the Social
1877 Security Act, as added by Section 5001 of the Balanced Budget Act of
1878 1997, available in the local area. For purposes of this subdivision, "local
1879 area" refers to an area designated as such pursuant to Section 116 of the
1880 federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014, P.L. 113-
1881 128, as from time to time amended;

1882 (13) Identification of intensive services available under the one-stop
1883 delivery system, which services may include (A) comprehensive and
1884 specialized assessments of the skill levels and service needs of adults
1885 and dislocated workers, which may include diagnostic testing, use of
1886 special education planning and placement teams and use of other
1887 assessment tools and in-depth interviewing and evaluation to identify
1888 employment barriers and appropriate employment goals; (B)
1889 development of an individual employment plan to identify the
1890 employment goals, appropriate achievement objectives and appropriate
1891 combination of services for the participant to achieve the employment
1892 goals; (C) group counseling; (D) individual counseling and career
1893 planning; (E) case management for participants seeking training
1894 services authorized under the federal Workforce Innovation and
1895 Opportunity Act of 2014, P.L. 113-128, as from time to time amended;
1896 and (F) short-term prevocational services, including development of
1897 learning skills, communication skills, interviewing skills, punctuality,

1898 personal maintenance skills and professional conduct, to prepare
1899 individuals for unsubsidized employment or training;

1900 (14) Identification of training services authorized under the federal
1901 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014, P.L. 113-128, as
1902 from time to time amended, that are available under the one-stop
1903 delivery system, which services may include a combination of
1904 occupational skills training, including training for nontraditional
1905 employment, on-the-job training, programs that combine workplace
1906 training with related instruction, which may include cooperative
1907 education programs, training programs operated by the private sector,
1908 skill upgrading and retraining, entrepreneurial training, job readiness
1909 training, adult education and literacy activities and customized job
1910 training conducted with a commitment by an employer or group of
1911 employers to employ an individual upon successful completion of the
1912 training;

1913 (15) Development of a uniform system of identifying and certifying
1914 eligible providers of the training services described in subdivision (13)
1915 of this subsection, which system shall (A) incorporate each of the
1916 requirements of Section 122 of the federal Workforce Innovation and
1917 Opportunity Act of 2014, P.L. 113-128, as from time to time amended,
1918 and (B) be used by each regional workforce development board in
1919 selecting an eligible provider of training services;

1920 (16) A strategy for the establishment of (A) regional youth councils
1921 by the regional workforce development boards, which regional youth
1922 councils shall (i) recommend eligible providers of youth activities to the
1923 council and conduct oversight of eligible providers of youth activities;
1924 (ii) in cooperation with local boards of education, identify available
1925 programs and activities to assist youths in completing education
1926 programs; (iii) identify available programs and activities to assist youths
1927 in securing and preserving employment; and (iv) coordinate youth
1928 activities with Job Corps services, coordinate youth activities authorized
1929 under the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014,
1930 P.L. 113-128, as from time to time amended, and improve the connection

1931 between court-involved youths and the state labor market; and (B)
1932 criteria for selection of regional youth council members and awarding
1933 youth program grants for state-wide youth activities described in
1934 Section 129(b) of the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act
1935 of 2014, P.L. 113-128, as from time to time amended;

1936 (17) Development of a program to provide job readiness and job
1937 search training to unemployed and underemployed noncustodial
1938 parents no later than July 1, 2000;

1939 (18) Development of a career pathways program to link alternative
1940 education programs to regional community-technical colleges and
1941 work-related learning no later than October 1, 2000; and

1942 (19) Any other provisions required to be included in the plan under
1943 Sections 111 and 112 of the federal Workforce Innovation and
1944 Opportunity Act of 2014, P.L. 113-128, as from time to time amended.

1945 (c) The Governor may submit modifications to the single Connecticut
1946 workforce development plan approved by the United States Secretary
1947 of Labor as necessary during the five-year period covered by the plan,
1948 with the advice and assistance of the [Connecticut Employment and
1949 Training Commission] Governor's Workforce Council, provided such
1950 modifications are (1) approved by the joint standing committees of the
1951 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
1952 appropriations, education, labor and social services, and (2) consistent
1953 with the requirements of Sections 111 and 112 of the federal Workforce
1954 Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014, P.L. 113-128, as from time to
1955 time amended.

1956 Sec. 50. Section 31-11q of the general statutes is repealed and the
1957 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

1958 On or before October 15, 1999, the [Connecticut Employment and
1959 Training Commission] Governor's Workforce Council shall submit to
1960 the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having
1961 cognizance of matters relating to appropriations, education, labor and

1962 social services the comprehensive state performance measures
1963 developed by said [commission] council in accordance with the
1964 provisions of subdivision (5) of subsection (b) of section 31-3h for
1965 activities specified in Title I of the federal Workforce Innovation and
1966 Opportunity Act of 2014, P.L. 113-128, as from time to time amended,
1967 and annually thereafter during any year in which such performance
1968 measures are modified.

1969 Sec. 51. Section 31-11r of the general statutes is repealed and the
1970 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

1971 (a) On or before January 1, 2000, the [Connecticut Employment and
1972 Training Commission] Governor's Workforce Council shall submit a
1973 single Workforce Development Plan to the Governor, which plan shall
1974 (1) be approved by the General Assembly, (2) comply with the
1975 requirements of section 31-11p, and (3) comply with the requirements
1976 of the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014, P.L.
1977 13-128, as from time to time amended.

1978 (b) On or before March 15, 2000, the Governor shall submit a single
1979 Connecticut Workforce Development Plan to the United States
1980 Secretary of Labor, which plan shall satisfy the requirements of
1981 subsection (a) of this section.

1982 (c) The Governor shall submit to the United States Secretary of Labor
1983 any appropriate or necessary request for waiver of the statutory or
1984 regulatory requirements of the federal Workforce Innovation and
1985 Opportunity Act of 2014, P.L. 13-128, as from time to time amended,
1986 with the advice and assistance of the [Connecticut Employment and
1987 Training Commission] Governor's Workforce Council.

1988 Sec. 52. Section 31-11s of the general statutes is repealed and the
1989 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

1990 (a) On or before February 9, 2000, and annually thereafter, the
1991 [Connecticut Employment and Training Commission] Governor's
1992 Workforce Council shall make recommendations consistent with the

1993 provisions of the single Connecticut workforce development plan
1994 submitted to the Governor pursuant to section 31-11r to the Governor
1995 and the General Assembly concerning the appropriation of funds
1996 received for adult workforce development activities under the federal
1997 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014, P.L. 113-128, as
1998 from time to time amended, for (1) job-related vocational, literacy,
1999 language or numerical skills training; (2) underemployed and at-risk
2000 workers; (3) individuals with barriers to full-time, stable employment,
2001 including language, basic skills and occupational literacy barriers; (4)
2002 vocational training using apprentice and preapprentice programs and
2003 customized job training programs that are designed to serve at-risk
2004 workers and promote job retention and the obtainment of higher wage
2005 jobs; (5) special incentives for programs that successfully train (A)
2006 women for nontraditional employment, and (B) minorities for
2007 occupations or fields of work in which such minorities are
2008 underrepresented; and (6) special grants or contracts in each region for
2009 training programs that target workers who are difficult to serve,
2010 including, but not limited to, workers (A) with limited literacy or
2011 numerical skills, (B) without a high school diploma or its equivalent, or
2012 (C) for whom English is a second language. For purposes of this section,
2013 "nontraditional employment" refers to occupations or fields of work for
2014 which women comprise less than twenty-five per cent of the individuals
2015 employed in each such occupation or field of work.

2016 (b) On or before February 9, 2000, and annually thereafter, the
2017 [commission] council shall make recommendations to the Governor and
2018 the General Assembly concerning the appropriation of funds received
2019 under the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014,
2020 P.L. 113-128, as from time to time amended, for dislocated workers.

2021 (c) Pursuant to Section 189(i)(4)(A) of the federal Workforce
2022 Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014, P.L. 113-128, as from time to
2023 time amended, the Governor is authorized by the General Assembly to
2024 apply for a waiver of federal eligibility requirements to allow incumbent
2025 workers with annual family incomes that do not exceed two hundred

2026 per cent of the poverty level guidelines issued by the federal
2027 Department of Health and Human Services to receive job training
2028 services.

2029 Sec. 53. Section 31-11t of the general statutes is repealed and the
2030 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

2031 (a) The [Connecticut Employment and Training Commission]
2032 Governor's Workforce Council shall provide each regional workforce
2033 development board with criteria for the evaluation of funded programs,
2034 including a description of the amount, type and effectiveness of literacy
2035 training provided to participants, the number of persons completing job
2036 training, the gender and race of persons who receive training,
2037 occupational skill types, the number of persons who enter unsubsidized
2038 employment, the number of persons who remain in unsubsidized
2039 employment six months later and the earnings received by such
2040 persons.

2041 (b) The [commission] council shall develop an education and job
2042 training report card to assess the accomplishments of Connecticut's
2043 workforce development system and for meeting the accountability
2044 requirements of the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act
2045 of 2014, P.L. 113-128, as from time to time amended. The report card
2046 shall address the effectiveness of such system in meeting (1) employers'
2047 needs for educated and trained workers, and (2) clients' needs for
2048 improving their economic well-being.

2049 Sec. 54. Subsection (b) of section 31-11ff of the general statutes is
2050 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
2051 *2021*):

2052 (b) The [Connecticut Employment and Training Commission]
2053 Governor's Workforce Council shall develop, in collaboration with the
2054 Connecticut state colleges and universities, Department of Education,
2055 and regional work force development boards established pursuant to
2056 section 31-3j, a state-wide plan for implementing, expanding or

2057 improving upon career certificate programs established under section
2058 10-20a, middle college programs, early college high school programs
2059 and Connecticut Early College Opportunity programs to provide
2060 education, training and placement in jobs available in the
2061 manufacturing, health care, construction, green, science, technology,
2062 computer science, engineering and mathematics industries and other
2063 emerging sectors of the state's economy. Such plan shall include a
2064 proposal to fund such programs.

2065 Sec. 55. Subsection (b) of section 31-11jj of the general statutes is
2066 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
2067 *2021*):

2068 (b) The Workforce Training Authority Fund shall be used by the
2069 administrator: (1) To provide training assistance to eligible recipients as
2070 may be approved by the Workforce Training Authority pursuant to
2071 subsection (e) of this section, and (2) to pay or reimburse the
2072 administrator for administrative costs pursuant to subsection (h) of this
2073 section. Such training assistance shall be awarded for the purpose of:
2074 Developing and implementing training programs for the recruitment of
2075 businesses to the state and the training or retraining of persons in the
2076 state to achieve the workforce goals established by the [Connecticut
2077 Employment and Training Commission] Governor's Workforce Council
2078 and the relevant sections of the strategic master plan for higher
2079 education developed pursuant to section 10a-11b. Training assistance
2080 shall target job growth in the areas of construction, health care, early
2081 childhood education, insurance, financial services, bioscience, advance
2082 manufacturing, digital media, green technology, and tourism.

2083 Sec. 56. Subsection (j) of section 31-11jj of the general statutes is
2084 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
2085 *2021*):

2086 (j) The administrator shall consult with the office of apprenticeship
2087 training, the [Connecticut Employment and Training Commission]
2088 Governor's Workforce Council, the Planning Commission on Higher

2089 Education and the administrator of the Connecticut Manufacturing
2090 Innovation Fund to ensure coordination and compatibility of the
2091 development and implementation of training programs awarded by the
2092 Workforce Training Authority.

2093 Sec. 57. Subsection (a) of section 4-124z of the general statutes is
2094 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
2095 *2021*):

2096 (a) The Labor Commissioner, the Commissioner of Economic and
2097 Community Development, working with the Office of Workforce
2098 [Competitiveness] Strategy, the Commissioners of Education and Social
2099 Services, the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management and the
2100 president of the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities, in
2101 consultation with the superintendent of the Technical Education and
2102 Career System and one member of industry representing each of the
2103 economic clusters identified by the Commissioner of Economic and
2104 Community Development pursuant to section 32-1m shall (1) review,
2105 evaluate and, as necessary, recommend improvements for certification
2106 and degree programs offered by the Technical Education and Career
2107 System and the community-technical college system to ensure that such
2108 programs meet the employment needs of business and industry, and (2)
2109 develop strategies to strengthen the linkage between skill standards for
2110 education and training and the employment needs of business and
2111 industry.

2112 Sec. 58. Section 4-124gg of the general statutes is repealed and the
2113 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

2114 Not later than October 1, 2012, the Labor Commissioner, with the
2115 assistance of the Office of Workforce [Competitiveness] Strategy and in
2116 consultation with the superintendent of the Technical Education and
2117 Career System, shall create an integrated system of state-wide industry
2118 advisory committees for each career cluster offered as part of the
2119 Technical Education and Career System and regional community-
2120 technical college system. Said committees shall include industry

2121 representatives of the specific career cluster. Each committee for a career
2122 cluster shall, with support from the Labor Department, Technical
2123 Education and Career System, regional community-technical college
2124 system and the Department of Education, establish specific skills
2125 standards, corresponding curriculum and a career ladder for the cluster
2126 which shall be implemented as part of the schools' core curriculum.

2127 Sec. 59. Section 4-124tt of the general statutes is repealed and the
2128 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

2129 Within available appropriations, the Office of Workforce
2130 [Competitiveness] Strategy, within the [Labor] Department of Economic
2131 and Community Development, may establish a pilot program to
2132 provide any eligible individual with a minor dependent access to
2133 training in order to obtain skills and credentials necessary to obtain and
2134 maintain employment. Such skills and credentials may include, but
2135 need not be limited to (1) a high school diploma or its equivalent; (2) an
2136 alternative degree; (3) English as a second language training; and (4)
2137 vocational training. For purposes of this section, an eligible individual
2138 is an individual who would qualify for benefits under the temporary
2139 assistance for needy families program pursuant to Title IV-A of the
2140 Social Security Act.

2141 Sec. 60. Section 4-124vv of the general statutes is repealed and the
2142 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

2143 The Labor Department, working with [its] the Office of Workforce
2144 [Competitiveness] Strategy, shall, within available appropriations, fund
2145 Connecticut Career Choices.

2146 Sec. 61. Subsection (a) of section 10-21c of the general statutes is
2147 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
2148 *2021*):

2149 (a) Any local or regional board of education that has a demonstrated
2150 shortage of certified teachers in those fields designated by the State
2151 Board of Education or that elects to expand the academic offerings to

2152 students in the areas identified by the Labor Commissioner and the
2153 Office of Workforce [Competitiveness] Strategy pursuant to the
2154 provisions of section 4-124w may solicit and accept qualified private
2155 sector specialists, not necessarily certified to teach, whose services to
2156 teach in shortage areas have been donated by business firms, as defined
2157 in section 12-631. Private sector specialists who donate their services
2158 may be permitted to offer instruction in existing or specially designed
2159 curricula, provided no private sector specialist shall be permitted to
2160 work more than one-half of the maximum classroom hours of a full-time
2161 certified teacher, and provided further no private sector specialist
2162 teaching in an area identified by the Labor Commissioner and the Office
2163 of Workforce [Competitiveness] Strategy pursuant to section 4-124w
2164 shall have sole responsibility for a classroom. No certified teacher may
2165 be terminated, transferred or reassigned due to the utilization of any
2166 private sector specialist. Local or regional boards of education shall
2167 annually review the need for private sector specialists and shall not
2168 renew or place a private sector specialist if certified teachers are
2169 available.

2170 Sec. 62. Subsection (a) of section 10-74n of the general statutes is
2171 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
2172 *2021*):

2173 (a) The State Board of Education, in collaboration with the Bureau of
2174 Rehabilitation Services, the Department of Developmental Services and
2175 the Office of Workforce [Competitiveness] Strategy, shall: (1)
2176 Coordinate the provision of transition resources, services and programs
2177 to children requiring special education and related services, (2) create,
2178 and update as necessary, a fact sheet that lists the state agencies that
2179 provide transition resources, services and programs and a brief
2180 description of such transition resources, services and programs and
2181 disseminate such fact sheet to local and regional boards of education for
2182 distribution to parents, teachers, administrators and boards of
2183 education, and (3) annually collect information related to transition
2184 resources, programs and services provided by other state agencies and

2185 make such information available to parents, teachers, administrators
2186 and boards of education.

2187 Sec. 63. Subsection (b) of section 10a-19d of the general statutes is
2188 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
2189 *2021*):

2190 (b) The president of the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities,
2191 in consultation with the [Labor Department's] Office of Workforce
2192 [Competitiveness] Strategy, the Department of Education, the
2193 Department of Social Services, Charter Oak State College, early
2194 childhood education faculty at two and four-year public and
2195 independent institutions of higher education, early childhood education
2196 professional associations, early childhood education advocates and
2197 practitioners, and persons knowledgeable in the area of career
2198 development and programs in early childhood care and education, shall
2199 define the preservice and minimum training requirements and
2200 competencies for persons involved in early childhood education, from
2201 birth to five years of age, including requirements for individual levels
2202 of early childhood credentialing and licensing.

2203 Sec. 64. Section 10a-55g of the general statutes is repealed and the
2204 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

2205 Not later than July 1, 2020, the Office of Higher Education and the
2206 Labor Department shall each publish on their respective Internet web
2207 sites the career ladder for jobs in the green technology industry
2208 established and updated by the Office of Workforce [Competitiveness]
2209 Strategy in accordance with section 31-3rr, as amended by this act, and
2210 an inventory of green jobs related equipment used by technical
2211 education and career schools and institutions of higher education.

2212 Sec. 65. Section 31-2d of the general statutes is repealed and the
2213 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

2214 Any order or regulation of the Office of Workforce [Competitiveness]
2215 Strategy affecting the functions, powers, duties and obligations set forth

2216 in this section and sections 4-124w, as amended by this act, 4-124z, as
2217 amended by this act, 4-124ff, 4-124gg, as amended by this act, 4-124hh,
2218 4-124tt, as amended by this act and 4-124vv, as amended by this act
2219 which is in force on July 1, 2011, shall continue in force and effect as an
2220 order or regulation of the [Labor Department] Department of Economic
2221 and Community Development until amended, repealed or superseded
2222 pursuant to law. Where any orders or regulations of said office and said
2223 department conflict, the [Labor] Commissioner of Economic and
2224 Community Development may implement policies and procedures
2225 consistent with the provisions of this section and sections 4-124w, as
2226 amended by this act, 4-124z, as amended by this act, 4-124ff, 4-124gg, as
2227 amended by this act, 4-124hh, 4-124tt, as amended by this act, 4-124vv,
2228 as amended by this act, 10-95h, 10a-11b, 10a-19d, as amended by this
2229 act, 31-3h, as amended by this act and 31-3k while in the process of
2230 adopting the policy or procedure in regulation form, provided notice of
2231 intention to adopt regulations is printed in the Connecticut Law Journal
2232 not later than twenty days after implementation. The policy or
2233 procedure shall be valid until the time final regulations are effective.

2234 Sec. 66. Subsection (b) of section 31-3rr of the general statutes is
2235 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
2236 *2021*):

2237 (b) Not later than January 1, 2020, the Office of Workforce
2238 [Competitiveness] Strategy, in consultation with the Office of Higher
2239 Education, Department of Education, Labor Department, Department
2240 of Energy and Environmental Protection, regional workforce
2241 development boards and employers, shall, within available
2242 appropriations, establish a career ladder for jobs in the green technology
2243 industry, including, but not limited to, a listing of (1) careers at each
2244 level of the green technology industry and the requisite level of
2245 education and the salary offered for such career, (2) all course, certificate
2246 and degree programs in green jobs offered by technical education and
2247 career schools within the Technical Education and Career System and
2248 institutions of higher education in the state, and (3) jobs available in the

2249 green technology industry in the state. The Office of Workforce
2250 [Competitiveness] Strategy shall update the green jobs career ladder
2251 established pursuant to this section on an as needed basis.

2252 Sec. 67. Subsections (b) and (c) of section 31-3k of the general statutes
2253 are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
2254 *1, 2021*):

2255 (b) Each board, within its region, shall:

2256 (1) Carry out the duties and responsibilities of a private industry
2257 council under the Job Training Partnership Act, provided the private
2258 industry council within the region elects by a vote of its members to
2259 become a board and the Labor Commissioner approves the council as a
2260 regional work force development board.

2261 (2) Within existing resources and consistent with the state
2262 employment and training information system and any guidelines issued
2263 by the commissioner under subsection (b) of section 31-2, (A) assess
2264 regional needs and identify regional priorities for employment and
2265 training programs, including, but not limited to, an assessment of the
2266 special employment needs of unskilled and low-skilled unemployed
2267 persons, including persons receiving state-administered general
2268 assistance or short-term unemployment assistance, (B) conduct
2269 planning for regional employment and training programs, (C)
2270 coordinate such programs to ensure that the programs respond to the
2271 needs of labor, business and industry, municipalities within the region,
2272 the region as a whole, and all of its citizens, (D) serve as a clearinghouse
2273 for information on all employment and training programs in the region,
2274 (E) prepare and submit an annual plan containing the board's priorities
2275 and goals for regional employment and training programs to the
2276 commissioner and the [commission] council for their review and
2277 approval, (F) review grant proposals and plans submitted to state
2278 agencies for employment and training programs that directly affect the
2279 region to determine whether such proposals and plans are consistent
2280 with the annual regional plan prepared under subparagraph (E) of this

2281 subdivision and inform the [commission] council and each state agency
2282 concerned of the results of the review, (G) evaluate the effectiveness of
2283 employment and training programs within the region in meeting the
2284 goals contained in the annual regional plan prepared under
2285 subparagraph (E) of this subdivision and report its findings to the
2286 commissioner and the [commission] council on an annual basis, (H)
2287 ensure the effective use of available employment and training resources
2288 in the region, and (I) allocate funds where applicable for program
2289 operations in the region.

2290 (3) Provide information to the commissioner concerning (A) all
2291 employment and training programs, grants or funds to be effective or
2292 available in the region in the following program year, (B) the source and
2293 purpose of such programs, grants or funds, (C) the projected amount of
2294 such programs, grants or funds, (D) persons, organizations and
2295 institutions eligible to participate in such programs or receive such
2296 grants or funds, (E) characteristics of clients eligible to receive services
2297 pursuant to such programs, grants or funds, (F) the range of services
2298 available pursuant to such programs, grants or funds, (G) goals of such
2299 programs, grants or funds, (H) where applicable, schedules for
2300 submitting requests for proposals, planning instructions, proposals and
2301 plans, in connection with such programs, grants or funds, (I) the
2302 program period for such programs, grants or funds, and (J) any other
2303 data relating to such programs, grants or funds that the commissioner
2304 or the [commission] council deems essential for effective state planning.

2305 (4) Carry out the duties and responsibilities of the local board for
2306 purposes of the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of
2307 2014, P.L. 113-128, as from time to time amended.

2308 (5) Establish a worker training education committee comprised of
2309 persons from the education and business communities within the
2310 region, including, but not limited to, regional community-technical
2311 colleges and technical education and career schools.

2312 (c) Each board shall make use of grants or contracts with appropriate

2313 service providers to furnish all program services under sections 31-3j to
2314 31-3r, inclusive, unless the [commission] council concurs with the board
2315 that direct provision of a service by the board is necessary to assure
2316 adequate availability of the service or that a service of comparable
2317 quality can be provided more economically by the board. Any board
2318 seeking to provide services directly shall include in the annual regional
2319 plan submitted to the commissioner and the [commission] council
2320 under subparagraph (E) of subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of this
2321 section its plan to provide services directly and appropriate justification
2322 for the need to do so. When the decision to provide services directly
2323 must be made between annual planning cycles, the board shall submit
2324 to the commissioner and the [commission] council a plan of service and
2325 appropriate justification for the need to provide services directly. Such
2326 plan of service shall be subject to review and approval by the
2327 [commission] council.

2328 Sec. 68. Section 31-3m of the general statutes is repealed and the
2329 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

2330 Not later than July 1, 1992, and annually thereafter, the Governor
2331 shall designate appropriate state agencies as agencies involved in
2332 employment and training. The department heads of each agency
2333 involved in employment and training shall: (1) Not later than August
2334 15, 1992, and annually thereafter, identify the employment and training
2335 programs administered by the agency that shall be subject to oversight
2336 by one or more boards under the provisions of sections 31-3j to 31-3r,
2337 inclusive; and (2) provide to the commissioner, for distribution to the
2338 boards through the [commission] council, information concerning (A)
2339 all employment and training programs, grants or funds to be effective
2340 or available in the following program year, (B) the source and purpose
2341 of such programs, grants or funds, (C) the projected amount of such
2342 programs, grants or funds, (D) persons, organizations and institutions
2343 eligible to participate in such programs or receive such grants or funds,
2344 (E) characteristics of clients eligible to receive services pursuant to such
2345 programs, grants or funds, (F) the range of services available pursuant

2346 to such programs, grants or funds, (G) goals of such programs, grants
2347 or funds, (H) where applicable, schedules for submitting requests for
2348 proposals, planning instructions, proposals and plans, in connection
2349 with such programs, grants or funds, (I) the program period for such
2350 programs, grants or funds, and (J) any other data relating to such
2351 programs, grants or funds that the commissioner or the [commission]
2352 council deems essential for effective regional planning.

2353 Sec. 69. Section 31-3n of the general statutes is repealed and the
2354 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

2355 (a) The commissioner, in consultation with the [commission] council,
2356 shall adopt regulations in accordance with chapter 54 to carry out the
2357 provisions of sections 31-3j to 31-3r, inclusive. The regulations shall
2358 establish criteria for the organization and operation of the board and for
2359 ensuring that the membership of each board satisfies the requirements
2360 of section 31-3l.

2361 (b) The commissioner, acting through the [commission] council, shall
2362 facilitate communication and exchange of information between the
2363 boards and state agencies involved in employment and training.

2364 (c) The commissioner shall distribute all information received under
2365 the provisions of sections 31-3j to 31-3r, inclusive, to the [commission]
2366 council in order to ensure that the review and coordination duties of the
2367 [commission] council are effectively carried out.

2368 (d) The commissioner shall submit each annual regional plan
2369 prepared pursuant to subparagraph (E) of subdivision (2) of subsection
2370 (b) of section 31-3k, together with the recommendations of the
2371 commissioner and the [commission] council, to the Governor for final
2372 approval.

2373 (e) The commissioner shall approve, in consultation with the
2374 [commission] council, each board established pursuant to section 31-3k
2375 which meets the requirements of sections 31-3j to 31-3r, inclusive.

2376 Sec. 70. Section 31-3o of the general statutes is repealed and the
2377 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

2378 (a) The [commission] council shall review and approve each annual
2379 regional plan prepared pursuant to subparagraph (E) of subdivision (2)
2380 of subsection (b) of section 31-3k.

2381 (b) The [commission] council shall ensure that the membership of
2382 each board satisfies the representation requirements of section 31-3l and
2383 regulations adopted by the commissioner under section 31-3n.

2384 (c) The [commission] council shall review and consider the annual
2385 report of each board evaluating the effectiveness of employment and
2386 training programs, prepared pursuant to subparagraph (G) of
2387 subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of section 31-3k.

2388 Sec. 71. Section 31-3p of the general statutes is repealed and the
2389 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

2390 In any case where a board, after review, determines that a grant
2391 proposal or plan submitted to a state agency involved in employment
2392 and training is inconsistent with the board's annual regional plan
2393 prepared pursuant to subparagraph (E) of subdivision (2) of subsection
2394 (b) of section 31-3k, the board shall notify the agency in writing of its
2395 determination and may request a response from the agency. The agency,
2396 if so requested, shall respond to the inconsistency noted by the board
2397 and shall make every effort to resolve the issues involved. If such issues
2398 cannot be resolved to the satisfaction of the board, the board may appeal
2399 to the [commission] council. The [commission] council shall review the
2400 subject matter of the appeal and recommend a resolution to the
2401 commissioner, who shall render an opinion consistent with applicable
2402 state and federal law.

2403 Sec. 72. Section 31-3q of the general statutes is repealed and the
2404 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

2405 All state employment and training programs shall be consistent with

2406 any guidelines issued by the commissioner under subsection (b) of
 2407 section 31-2 and the annual plan for the coordination of all employment
 2408 and training programs in the state developed by the [commission]
 2409 council and approved by the Governor under section 31-3h.

2410 Sec. 73. Sections 10a-57a, 10a-57b, 10a-57c and 10a-57e of the general
 2411 statutes are repealed. (*Effective July 1, 2021*)

2412 Sec. 74. Section 3 of public act 16-44 is repealed. (*Effective July 1, 2021*)

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	4-124w
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	New section
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	New section
Sec. 5	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	10a-34(l)
Sec. 6	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	10a-35a
Sec. 7	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	New section
Sec. 8	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	31-225a(j)
Sec. 9	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	12-15(b)
Sec. 10	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	New section
Sec. 11	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	10-221a(j)
Sec. 12	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	10-221a(c)
Sec. 13	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	10-221a
Sec. 14	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	New section
Sec. 15	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	New section
Sec. 16	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	10-221a
Sec. 17	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	New section
Sec. 18	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	New section
Sec. 19	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	New section
Sec. 20	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	10-69(b)
Sec. 21	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	10-184
Sec. 22	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	10-5(a)
Sec. 23	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	New section
Sec. 24	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	10-220g
Sec. 25	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	New section
Sec. 26	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	New section
Sec. 27	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	New section

Sec. 28	October 1, 2022	10a-223
Sec. 29	July 1, 2021	New section
Sec. 30	July 1, 2021	New section
Sec. 31	July 1, 2021	New section
Sec. 32	July 1, 2021	1-210(b)
Sec. 33	July 1, 2021	10-21j(a)
Sec. 34	July 1, 2021	10-95s(a)
Sec. 35	July 1, 2021	17b-688h(b)
Sec. 36	July 1, 2021	17b-688i(c)
Sec. 37	July 1, 2021	31-2(b) and (c)
Sec. 38	July 1, 2021	31-3h
Sec. 39	July 1, 2021	31-3i
Sec. 40	July 1, 2021	31-3j(2)
Sec. 41	July 1, 2021	31-3w(b)(1)
Sec. 42	July 1, 2021	31-3cc
Sec. 43	July 1, 2021	31-3dd
Sec. 44	July 1, 2021	31-3ii
Sec. 45	July 1, 2021	31-3oo
Sec. 46	July 1, 2021	31-3yy
Sec. 47	July 1, 2021	31-11m(b)(2)
Sec. 48	July 1, 2021	31-11o
Sec. 49	July 1, 2021	31-11p
Sec. 50	July 1, 2021	31-11q
Sec. 51	July 1, 2021	31-11r
Sec. 52	July 1, 2021	31-11s
Sec. 53	July 1, 2021	31-11t
Sec. 54	July 1, 2021	31-11ff(b)
Sec. 55	July 1, 2021	31-11jj(b)
Sec. 56	July 1, 2021	31-11jj(j)
Sec. 57	July 1, 2021	4-124z(a)
Sec. 58	July 1, 2021	4-124gg
Sec. 59	July 1, 2021	4-124tt
Sec. 60	July 1, 2021	4-124vv
Sec. 61	July 1, 2021	10-21c(a)
Sec. 62	July 1, 2021	10-74n(a)
Sec. 63	July 1, 2021	10a-19d(b)
Sec. 64	July 1, 2021	10a-55g
Sec. 65	July 1, 2021	31-2d
Sec. 66	July 1, 2021	31-3rr(b)
Sec. 67	July 1, 2021	31-3k(b) and (c)

Sec. 68	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	31-3m
Sec. 69	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	31-3n
Sec. 70	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	31-3o
Sec. 71	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	31-3p
Sec. 72	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	31-3q
Sec. 73	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	Repealer section
Sec. 74	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	Repealer section

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In Section 1(b)(13), "primary and secondary school" was changed to "elementary and high school" for consistency with standard drafting conventions; in Section 1(b)(14), "of such industries" was inserted for clarity; in Section 1(c), "its" was changed to "the Chief Workforce Officer's and the Office of Workforce Strategy's" for clarity; in Section 1, Subsecs. (b)(11) and (f) were redrafted and the first phrase of Subsec. (b)(15) was moved to the end of the Subsec. and designated as Subdiv. (17) for clarity; in Section 10, "program" was changed to "Community Eligibility Provision" for clarity; in Section 11, Subparas. (A) and (B) were redesignated as Subdivs. (3) and (4) for consistency; in Sections 20 and 21, "an emancipated minor" was changed to "a legally emancipated minor" for accuracy; in Section 25(g), "Any" was changed to "The supervisory agent of a" for accuracy; in Section 26(a), the last sentence was deleted and "in the form and manner prescribed by the department" was added to Subpara. (C) for conciseness; Sections 14(a), 15(a) and (d), 18, 23(4) and 32(b)(29) were redrafted for clarity and conciseness; in Section 39(c), the first sentence was bracketed as obsolete and "commission" was changed to "council"; in Section 40, "Commission" was changed to "Council" for accuracy; and Sections 67 and 68 were renumbered as Sections 73 and 74 and new Sections 67 to 72, inclusive, were added to conform with the change being made in Section 40.

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