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Referred to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS

Introduced by:

Request of the Governor Pursuant  
to Joint Rule 9

***AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET  
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR GENERAL GOVERNMENT.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 4-8 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 (a) Each department head shall be qualified by training and  
4 experience for the duties of his or her office. Each department head shall  
5 act as the executive officer of the Governor for accomplishing the  
6 purposes of his or her department. [He] Each department head shall (1)  
7 conduct comprehensive planning with respect to the functions of his or  
8 her department and coordinate the activities and programs of the state  
9 agencies [therein. He shall] in such department, (2) cause the  
10 administrative organization of [said] such department to be examined  
11 with a view to promoting economy and efficiency, [ He shall] and (3)  
12 organize the department and any agency [therein] in such department  
13 into such divisions, bureaus or other units as [he] the department head  
14 deems necessary for the efficient conduct of the business of the

15 department. [and] Each department head may from time to time  
16 abolish, transfer or consolidate within the department or any agency  
17 [therein] in such department any division, bureau or other unit as may  
18 be necessary for the efficient conduct of the business of the department,  
19 provided such organization shall include any division, bureau or other  
20 unit which is specifically required by the general statutes.

21 (b) Each department head may appoint such deputies as may be  
22 necessary for the efficient conduct of the business of the department.  
23 Each department head shall designate one deputy who shall in the  
24 absence or disqualification of the department head or on his or her  
25 death, exercise the powers and duties of the department head until [he]  
26 the department head resumes his or her duties or the vacancy is filled.  
27 Such deputies shall serve at the pleasure of the department head. Such  
28 appointees shall devote their full time to their duties with the  
29 department or agency and shall engage in no other gainful employment.  
30 Subject to the provisions of chapter 67, each department head shall  
31 appoint such other employees as may be necessary for the discharge of  
32 his or her duties. [He is empowered to make]

33 (c) Each department head may adopt regulations, in accordance with  
34 the provisions of chapter 54, for the conduct of [his] the department.  
35 Each department head may enter into [such] contractual agreements,  
36 including, but not limited to, contractual agreements with other states,  
37 in accordance with established procedures, as may be necessary for the  
38 discharge of [his] the department head's duties. Subject to the provisions  
39 of section 4-32, and unless otherwise provided by law, each department  
40 head is authorized to receive any money, revenue or services from the  
41 federal government, corporations, associations or individuals,  
42 including payments from the sale of printed matter or any other  
43 material or services. Each department head may create such advisory  
44 boards as he or she deems necessary.

45 Sec. 2. Section 22a-201c of the general statutes is repealed and the  
46 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

47 (a) For each registration of a new motor vehicle with the  
48 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles pursuant to chapter 246, the person  
49 registering such vehicle shall pay to the commissioner a fee of [ten]  
50 fifteen dollars, in addition to any other fees required for registration, [for  
51 registration for a biennial period] for the following registration types:  
52 Passenger, motor home, combination or antique. [Any person who is  
53 sixty-five years or older and who obtains a one-year registration for a  
54 new motor vehicle under section 14-49 for such registration type shall  
55 pay five dollars for the annual registration period.]

56 (b) For each new registration or renewal of registration of any motor  
57 vehicle, except a new motor vehicle, with the Commissioner of Motor  
58 Vehicles pursuant to chapter 246, the person registering such vehicle  
59 shall pay to the commissioner a fee of seven dollars and fifty cents for  
60 registration for a triennial period and five dollars for registration for a  
61 biennial period for the following registration types: Passenger, motor  
62 home, combination or antique. Any person who is sixty-five years or  
63 older and who obtains a [one-year registration or] one-year registration  
64 renewal for any motor vehicle [, except a new motor vehicle,] under  
65 section 14-49 for such registration type shall pay two dollars and fifty  
66 cents for the annual registration period.

67 (c) The fee imposed by this subsection may be identified as the  
68 "greenhouse gas reduction fee" on any registration form, or combined  
69 with the fee specified by subdivision (3) of subsection (k) of section 14-  
70 164c on any registration form. The first three million dollars received  
71 from the payment of such fee shall be deposited into the Connecticut  
72 hydrogen and electric automobile purchase rebate program account,  
73 established pursuant to subsection (c) of section 22a-202. Any revenue  
74 from such fee in excess of the first three million dollars in each fiscal year  
75 shall be deposited into the General Fund. No part of the greenhouse gas  
76 reduction fee shall be subject to a refund under subsection [(aa)] (z) of  
77 section 14-49.

78 Sec. 3. Subsection (h) of section 10-183g of the general statutes is  
79 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*

80 *passage*):

81 (h) (1) A benefit computed under subsections (a) to (d), inclusive, of  
82 this section and under subsections (a) to (g), inclusive, of section 10-  
83 183aa shall continue until the death of the member.

84 (2) For any member who [retires] accumulates ten years of credited  
85 service in the public schools of Connecticut prior to July 1, 2019, [if  
86 twenty-five per cent of the aggregate benefits paid to a member prior to  
87 death are less than such member's accumulated regular contributions,  
88 including any one per cent contributions withheld prior to July 1, 1989,  
89 and any voluntary contributions plus credited interest,] the member's  
90 designated beneficiary shall be paid on the death of the member a lump  
91 sum amount equal to the [difference between such aggregate payments  
92 and such accumulated contributions] sum of such member's  
93 accumulated regular contributions, including any one per cent  
94 contributions withheld prior to July 1, 1989, and any voluntary  
95 contributions plus credited interest that had been accrued to the date  
96 benefits commenced, less an amount equal to twenty-five per cent of the  
97 aggregate benefits paid to such member prior to death.

98 (3) For any member who [retires] accumulates ten years of credited  
99 service in the public schools of Connecticut on or after July 1, 2019,  
100 [notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (2) of section 10-183c, if  
101 twenty-five per cent of the aggregate benefits paid to a member before  
102 July 1, 2019, and prior to death, plus fifty per cent of the aggregate  
103 benefits paid to a member on or after July 1, 2019, and prior to death, are  
104 less than such member's accumulated regular contributions, including  
105 any one per cent contributions withheld prior to July 1, 1989, and any  
106 voluntary contributions plus credited interest,] the member's  
107 designated beneficiary shall be paid on the death of the member a lump  
108 sum amount equal to [the difference between such aggregate payments  
109 and such accumulated contributions] the sum of such member's  
110 accumulated regular contributions, including any one per cent  
111 contributions withheld prior to July 1, 1989, and any voluntary  
112 contributions plus credited interest that had been accrued to the date

113 benefits commenced, less an amount equal to fifty per cent of the  
114 aggregate benefits paid to such member prior to death.

115 Sec. 4. Section 27-9 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
116 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

117 [Whenever the Connecticut National Guard is called into the federal  
118 service or whenever such a call, in the opinion of the Governor, is  
119 deemed to be imminent, the Governor shall forthwith] The Governor  
120 may raise, organize, maintain and govern [, from the unorganized  
121 militia,] a body of volunteer troops for state military duty. [Said] Such  
122 body of troops [, when so organized,] shall be known as "the  
123 Connecticut State Guard" and [for and during the time of its existence  
124 as herein provided it] shall be a part of the organized militia.

125 Sec. 5. Section 2-36 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
126 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

127 [(a) On or before the twenty-fifth day of each month, the Secretary of  
128 the Office of Policy and Management shall submit to the Governor, the  
129 Comptroller and the joint standing committee of the General Assembly  
130 having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and the budgets  
131 of state agencies, through the Legislative Office of Fiscal Analysis, a list  
132 of appropriation accounts in which a potential deficiency exists. Such  
133 list shall be accompanied by a statement which explains the reasons for  
134 each such potential deficiency.]

135 [(b)] On the day the Governor submits a budget document to the  
136 General Assembly, or a report on the status of the budget enacted in the  
137 previous year, pursuant to section 4-71, the Secretary of the Office of  
138 Policy and Management shall submit to the Treasurer and said joint  
139 standing committee, through the Office of Fiscal Analysis, any items to  
140 be included in a deficiency bill, which may be passed by the General  
141 Assembly to pay expenses of the current fiscal year of the biennium.  
142 Each such item shall be accompanied by a statement which explains the  
143 need for a deficiency appropriation. Any agency which has an item to  
144 be included in the deficiency bill shall, on such day, submit a report to

145 said joint standing committee, through the Office of Fiscal Analysis,  
146 concerning any steps taken by the agency to reduce or eliminate the  
147 deficiency.

148 Sec. 6. Section 5-156a of the general statutes is amended by adding  
149 subsection (h) as follows (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

150 (NEW) (h) Any recovery of pension costs from an appropriated or  
151 nonappropriated source other than the General Fund or Special  
152 Transportation Fund that causes the payments to the State Employees  
153 Retirement System to exceed the actuarially determined employer  
154 contribution for any fiscal year shall be deposited into the State  
155 Employees Retirement Fund as an additional employer contribution at  
156 the end of such fiscal year.

157 Sec. 7. Subsection (c) of section 8-169ii of the general statutes is  
158 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
159 *passage*):

160 (c) The Governor shall designate the chairperson of the board from  
161 among the members. All initial appointments shall be made [not later  
162 than sixty days after October 1, 2019] on or after July 1, 2022. All  
163 members shall be appointed by the original appointing authority for  
164 four-year terms. Any member of the board shall be eligible for  
165 reappointment. Any vacancy occurring other than by expiration of term  
166 shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment for the  
167 balance of the unexpired term. The appointing authority for any  
168 member may remove such member for misfeasance, malfeasance or  
169 wilful neglect of duty.

170 Sec. 8. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2021*) (a) The aggregate principal  
171 amount of energy consumption and environmental impact lease  
172 financings that are in effect on or after July 1, 2021, shall not exceed thirty  
173 million dollars for such lease financings that are: (1) Entered into by the  
174 state directly or through a state agency for improvements in state-  
175 owned buildings, (2) for the purpose of reducing energy consumption  
176 or environmental impacts, and (3) not otherwise exempt from such

177 thirty-million-dollar aggregate amount pursuant to a provision of a  
178 public or special act.

179 (b) For the purposes of this section, "state agency" means any office,  
180 department, board, council, commission, institution, constituent unit of  
181 the state system of higher education, technical education and career  
182 school or other agency in the executive, legislative or judicial branch of  
183 state government.

184 Sec. 9. Subsection (h) of section 31-49g of the general statutes is  
185 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
186 *passage*):

187 (h) (1) Any moneys expended from the General Fund for the purpose  
188 of administering the Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program, or  
189 providing compensation to covered employees, shall be reimbursed to  
190 the General Fund not later than October 1, 2022.

191 (2) Any moneys expended from any bond authorizations allocated to  
192 the authority for the purpose of administering the Family and Medical  
193 Leave Insurance Program shall be reimbursed to the General Fund  
194 according to a plan to be established by the Secretary of the Office of  
195 Policy and Management, in consultation with the State Treasurer. Such  
196 plan shall provide for a repayment schedule that provides for  
197 repayment by the authority of the debt service deemed attributable to  
198 such bond authorizations. Such repayment shall commence during the  
199 fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, and shall continue until repayment is  
200 complete, according to the terms of the plan. The authority may repay  
201 unpaid amounts earlier than the plan established by the secretary.

202 Sec. 10. Subsection (a) of section 12-7c of the general statutes is  
203 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
204 *passage*):

205 (a) The Commissioner of Revenue Services shall, on or before  
206 February 15, [2022] 2024, and biennially thereafter, submit to the joint  
207 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of

208 matters relating to finance, revenue and bonding, and post on the  
209 department's Internet web site a report on the overall incidence of the  
210 income tax, sales and excise taxes, the corporation business tax and  
211 property tax. The report shall present information on the distribution of  
212 the tax burden as follows:

213 (1) For individuals:

214 (A) Income classes, including income distribution expressed for  
215 every ten percentage points; and

216 (B) Other appropriate taxpayer characteristics, as determined by said  
217 commissioner.

218 (2) For businesses:

219 (A) Business size as established by gross receipts;

220 (B) Legal organization; and

221 (C) Industry by NAICS code.

222 Sec. 11. Section 4-124w of the general statutes is repealed and the  
223 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

224 (a) There shall be within the [Labor Department an Office of  
225 Workforce Competitiveness] Department of Economic and Community  
226 Development, for administrative purposes only, an Office of Workforce  
227 Strategy.

228 (b) The Office of Workforce Strategy shall be under the direction of  
229 the state Chief Workforce Officer, who shall be appointed by the  
230 Governor. The [Labor Commissioner shall, with the assistance of the  
231 Office of Workforce Competitiveness] Chief Workforce Officer shall:

232 (1) Be the [Governor's principal workforce development policy  
233 advisor] principal advisor for workforce development policy, strategy  
234 and coordination to the Governor;



235 (2) Be the lead state official for the development of employment and  
236 training strategies and initiatives required to support the state's position  
237 in the knowledge economy;

238 (3) Chair the Governor's Workforce Cabinet, which shall be made up  
239 of agencies involved with employment and training as identified by the  
240 Governor pursuant to section 31-3m, as amended by this act. The  
241 Governor's Workforce Cabinet shall meet at the direction of the  
242 Governor or the Chief Workforce Officer;

243 ~~[(2)]~~ (4) Be the liaison between the Governor, the Governor's  
244 Workforce Council, as established in section 31-3h, as amended by this  
245 act, and any local, regional, state or federal organizations and entities  
246 with respect to workforce development [matters] policy, strategy and  
247 coordination, including, but not limited to, implementation of the  
248 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014, P.L. 113-128, as  
249 [from time to time] amended from time to time;

250 [(3) Coordinate the workforce development activities of all state  
251 agencies;] (5) From time to time, present to the Governor for his or her  
252 approval a state workforce strategy in consultation with the Governor's  
253 Workforce Council and the Governor's Workforce Cabinet;

254 ~~[(4)]~~ (6) Coordinate [the state's implementation of the federal  
255 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014, P.L. 113-128, as  
256 from time to time amended, and advise and assist the Governor with  
257 matters related to said act] and align the workforce development  
258 activities of all state agencies, educators and trainers, regional workforce  
259 development boards and others in furtherance of the goals and  
260 outcomes of such state workforce strategy;

261 (7) Coordinate measurement and evaluation of outcomes across  
262 education and workforce development programs, in conjunction with  
263 the Labor Department and the Office of Policy and Management;

264 (8) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, review  
265 state plans for each of the programs listed in subsection (b) of section

266 103 of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014, P.L. 113-  
267 128, as amended from time to time, before such plans are submitted to  
268 the Governor;

269 [(5)] (9) Establish methods and procedures to ensure the maximum  
270 involvement of members of the public, the legislature and local officials  
271 in workforce development [matters, including implementation of the  
272 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014, P.L. 113-128, as  
273 from time to time amended] policy, strategy and coordination;

274 [(6)] (10) Enter, in conjunction with any state agency upon approval  
275 by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, into such  
276 contractual agreements, in accordance with established procedures, as  
277 may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this section;

278 (11) Market and communicate the state's workforce development  
279 strategy to ensure maximum engagement with students, job seekers and  
280 businesses while effectively elevating the state's workforce profile at the  
281 national level;

282 (12) Identify subject areas, courses, curriculum, content and  
283 programs that may be offered to students in primary and secondary  
284 school in order to improve student outcomes and meet the workforce  
285 needs of the state; and

286 [(7)] (13) Take any other action necessary to carry out the provisions  
287 of this section, [; and] including, but not limited to, issuing guidance,  
288 pursuant to his or her authorities under this section, to state agencies,  
289 the Governor's Workforce Council and regional workforce development  
290 boards in furtherance of the state's workforce strategy. Such guidance  
291 shall be approved by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and  
292 Management and shall be in compliance with state and federal laws.

293 [(8) Not later than October 1, 2012, and annually thereafter, submit a  
294 report, with the assistance of the Labor Department, to the Governor  
295 and the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having  
296 cognizance of matters relating to education, economic development,

297 labor and higher education and employment advancement specifying a  
298 forecasted assessment by the Labor Department of workforce shortages  
299 in occupations in this state for the succeeding two and five-year periods.  
300 The report shall also include recommendations concerning (A) methods  
301 to generate a sufficient number of workers to meet identified workforce  
302 needs, including, but not limited to, scholarship, school-to-career and  
303 internship programs, and (B) methods secondary and higher education  
304 and private industry can use to address identified workforce needs.

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

308 (c) The [Labor Commissioner, with the assistance of the Office of  
309 Workforce Competitiveness,] Chief Workforce Officer may call upon  
310 any office, department, board, commission, public institution of higher  
311 education or other agency of the state to supply such reports,  
312 information, data and assistance as may be necessary or appropriate in  
313 order to carry out its duties and requirements. Each officer or employee  
314 of such office, department, board, commission, public institution of  
315 higher education or other agency of the state [is authorized and directed  
316 to cooperate with the Labor Commissioner and to] shall furnish such  
317 reports, information, data and assistance to the Chief Workforce Officer,  
318 as permitted under state and federal law.

319 (d) The Chief Workforce Officer shall provide staff to the Governor's  
320 Workforce Council and such other resources as the Chief Workforce  
321 Officer can make available, and shall coordinate all necessary support  
322 that other state agencies can make available as needed by the Governor's  
323 Workforce Council.

324 (e) On behalf of the Governor, and the Governor's Workforce  
325 Council, the Chief Workforce Officer shall coordinate the state's  
326 planning, budgeting and implementation of the federal Workforce  
327 Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014, P.L. 113-128, as amended from  
328 time to time, and may issue guidance to this effect. The Labor

329 Commissioner shall assist the Chief Workforce Officer in coordinating  
330 the state's planning, budgeting and implementation of the federal  
331 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014, P.L. 113-128, as  
332 amended from time to time, and offer such other resources as the Labor  
333 Commissioner can make available to do so.

334 Sec. 12. Section 4-124z of the general statutes is repealed and the  
335 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

336 (a) [The] Not later than January 1, 2021, the board of the Technical  
337 Education and Career System, in consultation with the Chief Workforce  
338 Officer, the Labor Commissioner, the [Commissioner] Commissioners  
339 of Economic and Community Development, [working with the Office of  
340 Workforce Competitiveness, the Commissioners of] Education and  
341 Social Services, the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management  
342 and the president of the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities [,  
343 in consultation with the superintendent of the Technical Education and  
344 Career System] and one member of industry representing each of the  
345 economic clusters identified by the Commissioner of Economic and  
346 Community Development pursuant to section 32-1m shall (1) review,  
347 evaluate and, as necessary, recommend improvements for certification  
348 and degree programs offered by the Technical Education and Career  
349 System and the community-technical college system to ensure that such  
350 programs meet the employment needs of business and industry, [and]  
351 (2) develop strategies to strengthen the linkage between skill standards  
352 for education and training and the employment needs of business and  
353 industry, (3) assess the unmet demand from employers in the state for  
354 graduates of technical education and career school trade programs and  
355 the unmet demand from students in the state to attend technical  
356 education and career school trade programs, and (4) assess  
357 opportunities to increase utilization of vocational or technical schools  
358 after school hours and on weekends.

359 (b) Not later than January 1, 2002, and annually thereafter, the  
360 [Commissioner of Education] superintendent of the Technical  
361 Education and Career System shall report, in accordance with the

362 provisions of section 11-4a, to the joint standing committees of the  
363 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education,  
364 commerce, labor and higher education and employment advancement  
365 on [(1) the implementation of any recommended programs or strategies  
366 within the Technical Education and Career System or the community-  
367 technical college system to strengthen the linkage between technical  
368 education and career school and community-technical college  
369 certification and degree programs and the employment needs of  
370 business and industry, and (2)] any certification or degree programs  
371 offered by technical education and career schools or community-  
372 technical colleges that do not meet current industry standards.

373 Sec. 13. Subsection (b) of section 4-124ff of the general statutes is  
374 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
375 *2021*):

376 (b) There is established a Council of Advisors on Strategies for the  
377 Knowledge Economy to promote the formation of university-industry  
378 partnerships, identify benchmarks for technology-based workforce  
379 innovation and competitiveness and advise the award process (1) for  
380 innovation challenge grants to public postsecondary schools and their  
381 business partners, and (2) grants under section 4-124hh. The council  
382 shall be chaired by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management  
383 and shall include the Commissioner of Economic and Community  
384 Development, the president of the Connecticut State Colleges and  
385 Universities, the Labor Commissioner, the Chief Workforce Officer, the  
386 chief executive officer of Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated and  
387 four representatives from the technology industry, one of whom shall  
388 be appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, one of whom  
389 shall be appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives, one  
390 of whom shall be appointed by the minority leader of the Senate and  
391 one of whom shall be appointed by the minority leader of the House of  
392 Representatives.

393 Sec. 14. Section 4-124gg of the general statutes is repealed and the  
394 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

395 [Not later than October 1, 2012, the Labor Commissioner, with the  
396 assistance of the Office of Workforce Competitiveness and in  
397 consultation with the superintendent of the Technical Education and  
398 Career System] The board of the Technical Education and Career  
399 System, in consultation with the Labor Commissioner, shall create an  
400 integrated system of state-wide industry advisory committees for each  
401 career cluster offered as part of the Technical Education and Career  
402 System and regional community-technical college system. Said  
403 committees shall include industry representatives of the specific career  
404 cluster. Each committee for a career cluster shall, with support from the  
405 Office of Workforce Strategy, Labor Department, Technical Education  
406 and Career System, regional community-technical college system and  
407 the Department of Education, establish specific skills standards,  
408 corresponding curriculum and a career ladder for the cluster which shall  
409 be implemented as part of the schools' core curriculum.

410 Sec. 15. Subsection (b) of section 10a-19d of the general statutes is  
411 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
412 *2021*):

413 (b) The president of the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities,  
414 in consultation with the [Labor Department's Office of Workforce  
415 Competitiveness, the Department of Education, the] Labor Department,  
416 Office of Workforce Strategy, Office of Early Childhood, Department of  
417 Social Services, Charter Oak State College, early childhood education  
418 faculty at two and four-year public and independent institutions of  
419 higher education, early childhood education professional associations,  
420 early childhood education advocates and practitioners, and persons  
421 knowledgeable in the area of career development and programs in early  
422 childhood care and education, shall define the preservice and minimum  
423 training requirements and competencies for persons involved in early  
424 childhood education, from birth to five years of age, including  
425 requirements for individual levels of early childhood credentialing and  
426 licensing.

427 Sec. 16. Section 31-2 of the general statutes is repealed and the

428 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

429 (a) The Labor Commissioner shall collect information upon the  
430 subject of labor, its relation to capital, the hours of labor, the earnings of  
431 laboring men and women and the means of promoting their material,  
432 social, intellectual and moral prosperity, and [shall have power to] may  
433 summon and examine under oath such witnesses, and may direct the  
434 production of, and examine or cause to be produced and examined, such  
435 books, records, vouchers, memoranda, documents, letters, contracts or  
436 other papers in relation thereto as he deems necessary, and shall have  
437 the same powers in relation thereto as are vested in magistrates in taking  
438 depositions, but for this purpose persons shall not be required to leave  
439 the vicinity of their residences or places of business. Said commissioner  
440 shall collect and collate (1) population and employment data to project  
441 who is working, who is not working and who will be entering the job  
442 market, and [shall provide an analysis of] (2) data concerning present  
443 job requirements and potential needs of new industry. [The  
444 commissioner shall include in his annual report to the Governor, as  
445 provided in section 4-60, all the aforesaid statistical details.]

446 (b) The commissioner [shall administer the coordination of all] may  
447 adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, for  
448 all programs within the jurisdiction of the Labor Department, including,  
449 but not limited to, employment and training programs in the state. [and  
450 shall implement the plan of the Connecticut Employment and Training  
451 Commission as approved by the Governor. The commissioner shall  
452 develop and maintain a comprehensive inventory of all employment  
453 and training programs in the state, including a listing of all funding  
454 sources for each program, the characteristics of the persons served, a  
455 description of each program and its results and the identification of  
456 areas of program overlap and duplication.]

457 [(c) The commissioner shall provide staff to the Connecticut  
458 Employment and Training Commission and such other resources as the  
459 commissioner can make available.]

460        [(d)] (c) The commissioner may request the Attorney General to  
461 bring an action in Superior Court for injunctive relief requiring  
462 compliance with any statute, regulation, order or permit administered,  
463 adopted or issued by the commissioner.

464        [(e)] (d) The commissioner shall assist state agencies, boards and  
465 commissions that issue occupational certificates or licenses in (1)  
466 determining when to recognize and accept military training and  
467 experience in lieu of all or part of the training and experience required  
468 for a specific professional or occupational license, and (2) reviewing and  
469 revising policies and procedures to ensure that relevant military  
470 education, skills and training are given appropriate recognition in the  
471 certification and licensing process.

472        Sec. 17. Section 31-3b of the general statutes is repealed and the  
473 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

474        [(a) The Labor Commissioner shall appoint a job training coordinator  
475 who shall develop and implement innovative programs which will  
476 provide (1) job training for (A) workers who are needed by industries  
477 planning to locate in Connecticut or by industries located in this state,  
478 (B) unskilled entry level workers, (C) workers in need of retraining due  
479 to the obsolescence of their skills and (D) workers who need skill  
480 training to qualify for advancement, (2) an incentive for the  
481 establishment of apprenticeship programs in selected occupations;  
482 provided no program shall be developed for occupations where prior  
483 skill or training is not typically a prerequisite to hiring, and (3) work  
484 training opportunities and placement of the chronically unemployed  
485 under section 31-3d.

486        (b) The Labor Commissioner is authorized to establish an interagency  
487 program coordinating committee to coordinate the application of all  
488 available resources for the purposes of this section. Said committee shall  
489 consist of representatives of various employment and training agencies  
490 within the Labor Department and representatives of the Department of  
491 Education and the Department of Economic and Community



492 Development.]

493 [(c)] (a) The Labor Commissioner may contract with any public or  
494 private agency for educational and job training services.

495 [(d)] (b) The Labor Commissioner may accept and receive funds from  
496 any public or private source which become available for the purposes of  
497 this section and section 31-3d.

498 Sec. 18. Section 31-3h of the general statutes is repealed and the  
499 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

500 (a) There is created, within [the Labor Department] the Office of  
501 Workforce Strategy, the [Connecticut Employment and Training  
502 Commission] Governor's Workforce Council. The Governor's  
503 Workforce Council shall constitute a successor to the Connecticut  
504 Employment and Training Commission, in accordance with the  
505 provisions of sections 4-38d and 4-38e.

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

508 (1) Carrying out the duties and responsibilities of a state [job training  
509 coordinating council] workforce board pursuant to the federal [Job  
510 Training Partnership Act, 29 USC 1532] Workforce Innovation and  
511 Opportunity Act of 2014, P.L. 113-128, as amended from time to time, [a  
512 state human resource investment council pursuant to 29 USC 1501 et  
513 seq., as amended from time to time,] and such other related [entities]  
514 responsibilities as the Governor may direct;

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

519 (3) Reviewing and commenting on all employment and training  
520 programs enacted by the General Assembly;]

521        [(4) Implementing] (2) Supporting the implementation of the federal  
522 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014, P.L. 113-128, as  
523 amended from time to time; [. Such implementation shall include (A)  
524 developing, in consultation with the regional workforce development  
525 boards, a single Connecticut workforce development plan that (i)  
526 complies with the provisions of said act and section 31-11p, and (ii)  
527 includes comprehensive state performance measures for workforce  
528 development activities specified in Title I of the federal Workforce  
529 Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014, P.L. 113-128, as amended from  
530 time to time, which performance measures comply with the  
531 requirements of 20 CFR Part 666.100, (B) making recommendations to  
532 the General Assembly concerning the allocation of funds received by the  
533 state under said act and making recommendations to the regional  
534 workforce development boards concerning the use of formulas in  
535 allocating such funds to adult employment and job training activities  
536 and youth activities, as specified in said act, (C) providing oversight and  
537 coordination of the state-wide employment statistics system required by  
538 said act, (D) as appropriate, recommending to the Governor that the  
539 Governor apply for workforce flexibility plans and waiver authority  
540 under said act, after consultation with the regional workforce  
541 development boards, (E) developing performance criteria for regional  
542 workforce development boards to utilize in creating a list of eligible  
543 providers, and (F) on or before December 31, 1999, developing a  
544 uniform individual training accounts voucher system that shall be used  
545 by the regional workforce development boards to pay for training of  
546 eligible workers by eligible providers, as required under said act;

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

550        (6) Developing incumbent worker, and vocational and manpower  
551 training programs, including customized job training programs to  
552 enhance the productivity of Connecticut businesses and to increase the  
553 skills and earnings of underemployed and at-risk workers, and other  
554 programs administered by the regional workforce development boards.

555 The Labor Department, in collaboration with the regional workforce  
556 development boards, shall implement any incumbent worker and  
557 customized job training programs developed by the commission  
558 pursuant to this subdivision;

559 (7) Developing a strategy for providing comprehensive services to  
560 eligible youths, which strategy shall include developing youth  
561 preapprentice and apprentice programs through, but not limited to,  
562 technical education and career schools, and improving linkages  
563 between academic and occupational learning and other youth  
564 development activities; and

565 (8) Coordinating an electronic state hiring campaign to encourage the  
566 reemployment of workers fifty years of age or older to be administered  
567 through the Labor Department's Internet web site, which shall include  
568 testimony from various employers that demonstrates the value of hiring  
569 and retaining workers fifty years of age or older. Not later than January  
570 1, 2015, the commission shall submit a report, in accordance with section  
571 11-4a, to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having  
572 cognizance of matters relating to labor on the status of such campaign.]  
573 and

574 (3) Convening state agencies, educational institutions, business  
575 leaders and others to (A) inform state policy regarding workforce  
576 development, (B) help state agencies and educational institutions align  
577 with the needs of employers, and (C) help businesses understand how  
578 they can contribute to the state's workforce efforts.

579 Sec. 19. Section 31-3i of the general statutes is repealed and the  
580 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

581 (a) [The] Pursuant to Section 101(e) of the federal Workforce  
582 Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014, P.L. 113-128, the members of  
583 the [Connecticut Employment and Training Commission] Governor's  
584 Workforce Council shall be appointed as specified in subsection (b) of  
585 this section.

586 (b) (1) The [commission] council shall consist of twenty-four  
587 members, a majority of whom shall represent business and industry and  
588 the remainder of whom shall represent state and local governments,  
589 organized labor, education and community based organizations,  
590 including a representative of a community action agency, as defined in  
591 section 17b-885.

592 (2) Effective six months after the United States Secretary of Labor  
593 approves the single Connecticut workforce development plan  
594 submitted to said secretary in accordance with the provisions of  
595 subsection (b) of section 31-11r, the Governor shall fill any vacancy on  
596 the commission from recommendations submitted by the president pro  
597 tempore of the Senate, the speaker of the House of Representatives, the  
598 majority leader of the Senate, the majority leader of the House of  
599 Representatives, the minority leader of the Senate and the minority  
600 leader of the House of Representatives.

601 (c) Members appointed to the [commission] council prior to [June 23,  
602 1999] July 1, 2021, shall continue to serve on the [commission] council as  
603 if they were appointed to the [commission] council as of [June 23, 1999]  
604 July 1, 2021. The [commission] council shall meet no less than once every  
605 calendar quarter.

606 Sec. 20. Section 31-3j of the general statutes is repealed and the  
607 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

608 As used in this section and sections [31-3j] 31-3k to 31-3r, inclusive,  
609 as amended by this act:

610 (1) "Board" means a regional work force development board  
611 established under section 31-3k, as amended by this act;

612 (2) ["Commission" means the Connecticut Employment and Training  
613 Commission created under section 31-3h] "Chief Workforce Officer"  
614 means the Chief Workforce Officer of the Office of Workforce Strategy;

615 (3) "Commissioner" means the Labor Commissioner;

616 [(4) "Job Training Partnership Act" means the federal Job Training  
617 Partnership Act, 29 USC 1501 et seq., as from time to time amended;]

618 [(5)] (4) "Municipality" means a town, city, borough, consolidated  
619 town and city or consolidated town and borough;

620 (5) "Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act" means the federal  
621 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014, P.L. 113-128, as  
622 amended from time to time;

623 (6) "Work force development region" or "region" means an area  
624 designated as a service delivery area in accordance with the provisions  
625 of the [Job Training Partnership Act] Workforce Innovation and  
626 Opportunity Act.

627 Sec. 21. Section 31-3k of the general statutes is repealed and the  
628 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

629 (a) There is established within the Labor Department a regional work  
630 force development board for each work force development region in the  
631 state. [Each board shall assess the needs and priorities for investing in  
632 the development of human resources within the region and shall  
633 coordinate a broad range of employment, education, training and  
634 related services that shall be focused on client-centered, lifelong  
635 learning and shall be responsive to the needs of local business, industry,  
636 the region, its municipalities and its citizens.]

637 (b) Each board, within its region, pursuant to the Connecticut  
638 workforce development plan developed by the Governor's Workforce  
639 Council under section 31-11p, as amended by this act, and approved by  
640 the Governor, the state workforce strategy developed by the Chief  
641 Workforce Officer under section 4-124w, as amended by this act, and  
642 approved by the Governor, any guidance issued by the Chief Workforce  
643 Officer under said section 4-124w and any guidance issued by the Labor  
644 Commissioner shall:

645 (1) [Carry out the duties and responsibilities of a private industry

646 council under the Job Training Partnership Act, provided the private  
647 industry council within the region elects by a vote of its members to  
648 become a board and the Labor Commissioner approves the council as a  
649 regional work force development board.] Assess the needs and  
650 priorities for investing in the development of human resources within  
651 the region and shall coordinate a broad range of employment,  
652 education, training and related services that shall be focused on client-  
653 centered, lifelong learning and shall be responsive to the needs of local  
654 business, industry, the region, its municipalities and its residents.

655 (2) Within existing resources and consistent with the state  
656 employment and training information system, [and any guidelines  
657 issued by the commissioner under subsection (b) of section 31-2,] (A)  
658 assess regional needs and identify regional priorities for employment  
659 and training programs, including, but not limited to, an assessment of  
660 the special employment needs of unskilled and low-skilled unemployed  
661 persons, including persons receiving state-administered general  
662 assistance or short-term unemployment assistance, (B) conduct  
663 planning for regional employment and training programs, (C)  
664 coordinate such programs to ensure that the programs respond to the  
665 needs of labor, business and industry, municipalities within the region,  
666 the region as a whole, and all of its citizens, (D) serve as a clearinghouse  
667 for information on all employment and training programs in the region,  
668 (E) [prepare and submit an annual plan containing the board's priorities  
669 and goals for regional employment and training programs to the  
670 commissioner and the commission for their review and approval, (F)]  
671 review grant proposals and plans submitted to state agencies for  
672 employment and training programs that directly affect the region [to  
673 determine whether such proposals and plans are consistent with the  
674 annual regional plan prepared under subparagraph (E) of this  
675 subdivision] and inform the [commission] Governor's Workforce  
676 Council and each state agency concerned of the results of the review,  
677 [(G) evaluate the effectiveness of employment and training programs  
678 within the region in meeting the goals contained in the annual regional  
679 plan prepared under subparagraph (E) of this subdivision and report its

680 findings to the commissioner and the commission on an annual basis,  
681 (H)] (F) ensure the effective use of available employment and training  
682 resources in the region, and [(I)] (G) allocate funds where applicable for  
683 program operations in the region.

684 (3) Provide information to the commissioner and Chief Workforce  
685 Officer concerning (A) all employment and training programs, grants or  
686 funds to be effective or available in the region in the following program  
687 year, (B) the source and purpose of such programs, grants or funds, (C)  
688 the projected amount of such programs, grants or funds, (D) persons,  
689 organizations and institutions eligible to participate in such programs  
690 or receive such grants or funds, (E) characteristics of clients eligible to  
691 receive services pursuant to such programs, grants or funds, (F) the  
692 range of services available pursuant to such programs, grants or funds,  
693 (G) goals of such programs, grants or funds, (H) where applicable,  
694 schedules for submitting requests for proposals, planning instructions,  
695 proposals and plans, in connection with such programs, grants or funds,  
696 (I) the program period for such programs, grants or funds, and (J) any  
697 other data relating to such programs, grants or funds that the  
698 commissioner, Chief Workforce Officer or the [commission] Governor's  
699 Workforce Council deems essential for effective state planning.

700 (4) Carry out the duties and responsibilities of the local workforce  
701 development board for purposes of the [federal] Workforce Innovation  
702 and Opportunity Act, [of 2014, P.L. 113-128, as from time to time  
703 amended.]

704 [(5) Establish a worker training education committee comprised of  
705 persons from the education and business communities within the  
706 region, including, but not limited to, regional community-technical  
707 colleges and technical education and career schools.]

708 (c) Each board shall make use of grants or contracts with appropriate  
709 service providers to furnish all program services under sections 31-3j to  
710 31-3r, inclusive, as amended by this act, unless the [commission]  
711 Governor's Workforce Council concurs with the board that direct

712 provision of a service by the board is necessary to assure adequate  
713 availability of the service or that a service of comparable quality can be  
714 provided more economically by the board. Any board seeking to  
715 provide services directly shall [include in the annual regional plan  
716 submitted to the commissioner and the commission under  
717 subparagraph (E) of subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of this section its  
718 plan to provide services directly and appropriate justification for the  
719 need to do so. When the decision to provide services directly must be  
720 made between annual planning cycles, the board shall] submit to the  
721 commissioner, [and the commission] Chief Workforce Officer and the  
722 Governor's Workforce Council a plan of service and appropriate  
723 justification for the need to provide services directly. Such plan of  
724 service shall be subject to review and approval by the [commission]  
725 Governor's Workforce Council.

726 (d) On October 1, [2002] 2021, and annually thereafter, each board  
727 shall submit, [to the Labor Department] in accordance with the  
728 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, data and comprehensive  
729 performance measures detailing the results of any education,  
730 employment or job training program or activity funded by moneys  
731 allocated to the board, including, but not limited to, programs and  
732 activities specified in [the federal Workforce Innovation and  
733 Opportunity Act of 2014, P.L. 113-128, as from time to time amended.  
734 Such performance measures shall include, but shall not be limited to,  
735 the identity and performance of any vendor that enters into a contract  
736 with the board to conduct, manage or assist with such programs or  
737 activities, the costs associated with such programs or activities, the  
738 number, gender and race of persons served by such programs or  
739 activities, the number, gender and race of persons completing such  
740 programs or activities, occupational skill types, the number, gender and  
741 race of persons who enter unsubsidized employment upon completion  
742 of such programs or activities, the number, gender and race of persons  
743 who remain in unsubsidized employment six months later and the  
744 earnings received by such persons] said act. Submission of additional  
745 data and performance measures may be established through guidance



746 issued jointly by the Labor Commissioner and the Chief Workforce  
747 Officer.

748       Sec. 22. Section 31-3l of the general statutes is repealed and the  
749 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

750       The members of a board shall be appointed by the chief elected  
751 officials of the municipalities in the region in accordance with the  
752 provisions of an agreement entered into by such municipalities. In the  
753 absence of an agreement the appointments shall be made by the  
754 Governor. The membership of each board shall satisfy the requirements  
755 for a [private industry council as provided under the Job Training  
756 Partnership Act and the requirements of the federal]] local board as  
757 provided for in the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, [of  
758 2014, P.L. 113-128, as from time to time amended. To the extent  
759 consistent with such requirements: (1) Business members shall  
760 constitute a majority of each board and shall include owners of  
761 businesses, chief executives or chief operating officers of  
762 nongovernmental employers, or other business executives who have  
763 substantial management or policy responsibilities. Whenever possible,  
764 at least one-half of the business and industry members shall be  
765 representatives of small businesses, including minority businesses; (2)  
766 the nonbusiness members shall include representatives of community-  
767 based organizations, state and local organized labor, state and  
768 municipal government, human service agencies, economic  
769 development agencies and regional community-technical colleges and  
770 other educational institutions, including secondary and postsecondary  
771 institutions and regional vocational technical schools; (3) the  
772 nonbusiness representatives shall be selected by the appointing  
773 authority from among individuals nominated by the commissioner and  
774 the organizations, agencies, institutions and groups set forth in  
775 subdivisions (2) and (5) of this section, and each appointing authority  
776 shall solicit nominations from the commissioner and the organizations,  
777 agencies, institutions and groups set forth in subdivisions (2) and (5) of  
778 this section; (4) labor representatives shall be selected from individuals  
779 recommended by recognized state and local labor federations in a

780 manner consistent with the federal Job Training Partnership Act and the  
781 federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014, P.L. 113-  
782 128, as from time to time amended; (5) the board shall represent the  
783 interests of a broad segment of the population of the region, including  
784 the interests of welfare recipients, persons with disabilities, veterans,  
785 dislocated workers, younger and older workers, women, minorities and  
786 displaced homemakers; and (6) in each region where a private industry  
787 council has elected by a vote of its members to become a regional work  
788 force development board and the commissioner has approved the  
789 council as a board, the initial membership of each board shall include,  
790 but not be limited to, the business members of the private industry  
791 council in the region.]

792 Sec. 23. Section 31-3m of the general statutes is repealed and the  
793 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

794 Not later than July 1, 1992, [and annually thereafter,] the Governor  
795 shall designate appropriate state agencies as agencies involved in  
796 employment and training. The department heads of each agency  
797 involved in employment and training shall: [(1)] Not later than August  
798 15, 1992, and annually thereafter, identify to the commissioner and  
799 Chief Workforce Officer the employment and training programs  
800 administered by the agency that [shall be] are subject to oversight by  
801 one or more boards under the provisions of sections 31-3j to 31-3r,  
802 inclusive, as amended by this act. [; and (2) provide to the commissioner,  
803 for distribution to the boards through the commission, information  
804 concerning (A) all employment and training programs, grants or funds  
805 to be effective or available in the following program year, (B) the source  
806 and purpose of such programs, grants or funds, (C) the projected  
807 amount of such programs, grants or funds, (D) persons, organizations  
808 and institutions eligible to participate in such programs or receive such  
809 grants or funds, (E) characteristics of clients eligible to receive services  
810 pursuant to such programs, grants or funds, (F) the range of services  
811 available pursuant to such programs, grants or funds, (G) goals of such  
812 programs, grants or funds, (H) where applicable, schedules for  
813 submitting requests for proposals, planning instructions, proposals and

814 plans, in connection with such programs, grants or funds, (I) the  
815 program period for such programs, grants or funds, and (J) any other  
816 data relating to such programs, grants or funds that the commissioner  
817 or the commission deems essential for effective regional planning.] The  
818 Chief Workforce Officer, in conjunction with the commissioner and the  
819 Governor's Workforce Council, shall facilitate communication and the  
820 exchange of information between the boards and state agencies  
821 involved in employment and training.

822 Sec. 24. Section 31-3n of the general statutes is repealed and the  
823 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

824 (a) The commissioner, in consultation with the [commission, shall]  
825 Chief Workforce Officer and the Governor's Workforce Council, may  
826 adopt regulations in accordance with chapter 54 to carry out the  
827 provisions of sections 31-3j to 31-3r, inclusive, as amended by this act.  
828 [The regulations shall establish criteria for the organization and  
829 operation of the board and for ensuring that the membership of each  
830 board satisfies the requirements of section 31-3l.

831 (b) The commissioner, acting through the commission, shall facilitate  
832 communication and exchange of information between the boards and  
833 state agencies involved in employment and training.]

834 [(c)] (b) The [commissioner] Chief Workforce Officer shall distribute  
835 all information received under the provisions of sections 31-3j to 31-3r,  
836 inclusive, as amended by this act, to the [commission] Governor's  
837 Workforce Council in order to ensure that the review and coordination  
838 duties of the [commission] council are effectively carried out.

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

843 [(e)] (c) The [commissioner shall] Governor may approve, [in  
844 consultation with the commission] upon the recommendation of the

845 Governor's Workforce Council, each board established pursuant to  
846 section 31-3k, as amended by this act, which meets the requirements of  
847 sections 31-3j to 31-3r, inclusive, as amended by this act.

848 Sec. 25. Section 31-3o of the general statutes is repealed and the  
849 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

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

853 [(b)] The [commission] Governor's Workforce Council shall ensure  
854 that the membership of each board satisfies the representation  
855 requirements of section 31-3l, as amended by this act, [and] regulations  
856 adopted [by the commissioner] under section 31-3n, as amended by this  
857 act, and guidance issued under section 4-124w, as amended by this act,  
858 in accordance with the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act.

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

863 Sec. 26. Section 31-3r of the general statutes is repealed and the  
864 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

865 Nothing in sections 31-3j to 31-3r, inclusive, as amended by this act,  
866 shall be construed or administered in any manner that would conflict  
867 with the requirements of the [Job Training Partnership Act] Workforce  
868 Innovation and Opportunity Act or supersede any statutory duties,  
869 responsibilities or obligations of any agency or board, including, but not  
870 limited to, any local board of education.

871 Sec. 27. Section 31-3w of the general statutes is repealed and the  
872 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

873 (a) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, the Labor  
874 Commissioner, in exercise of any duties including any duties as

875 administrator under chapter 567, shall, within available resources,  
876 [maintain] participate in a state-wide network of job centers which  
877 provide to workers, students and employers comprehensive workforce  
878 development assistance, including, but not limited to, the following:

879 (1) Unemployment compensation, retraining allowances and other  
880 forms of federal and state income support;

881 (2) Career, labor market, educational and job training information,  
882 and consumer reports on local training providers;

883 (3) Career planning and job search assistance;

884 (4) Applicant recruitment and screening, assessment of training  
885 needs, customized job training pursuant to this chapter, apprenticeship  
886 programs pursuant to chapter 557 and related consultative services to  
887 employers based on their employment needs;

888 (5) Eligibility determinations and referrals to providers of  
889 employment and training services; and

890 (6) Access to information regarding job openings and, where  
891 appropriate, referral to such openings.

892 (b) In carrying out responsibilities under this section, the  
893 commissioner shall:

894 (1) Collaborate with the [Connecticut Employment and Training  
895 Commission] Governor's Workforce Council established pursuant to  
896 section 31-3h, as amended by this act, [and] the regional workforce  
897 development boards established pursuant to section 31-3k, as amended  
898 by this act, and the Chief Workforce Officer;

899 (2) Promote coordination of service delivery and collaboration with  
900 other public and private providers of education, human services and  
901 employment and training services, including, but not limited to, adult  
902 education and literacy providers;

903 (3) Consult with the Commissioner of Economic and Community  
904 Development and the Chief Workforce Officer to ensure coordination of  
905 service delivery to employers;

906 (4) Conduct outreach to employers and trade associations to ensure  
907 that services meet the needs of business and industry; and

908 (5) Develop a comprehensive job training assistance application for  
909 employer-based training services and programs that allows the  
910 applicant to apply for any such assistance offered by the state in one  
911 application.

912 (c) (1) When contacted by a veteran who is in need of employment or  
913 work force development services, the department shall (A) determine  
914 whether the veteran resides closer to a work force development board  
915 facility with a veterans unit than to a department facility offering such  
916 employment or work force development assistance and, if so, provide  
917 the veteran with contact information for the work force development  
918 board, and (B) provide a veteran who expresses an interest in advanced  
919 manufacturing, as defined in section 31-11ss, as amended by this act,  
920 with information on the Military to Machinists program operated  
921 pursuant to section 31-11ss, as amended by this act, if such veteran may  
922 be eligible for services from such program.

923 (2) For purposes of this subsection, "veteran" means any person (A)  
924 honorably discharged from, or released under honorable conditions  
925 from active service in, the armed forces, as defined in section 27-103, or  
926 (B) with a qualifying condition, as defined in section 27-103, who has  
927 received a discharge other than bad conduct or dishonorable from active  
928 service in the armed forces.

929 Sec. 28. Section 31-3cc of the general statutes is repealed and the  
930 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

931 The [Connecticut Employment and Training Commission]  
932 Governor's Workforce Council, in cooperation with the Commission on  
933 Women, Children, Seniors, Equity and Opportunity and the

934 Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities, shall regularly  
935 collect and analyze data on state-supported training programs that  
936 measure the presence of gender or other systematic bias and work with  
937 the relevant boards and agencies to correct any problems that are found.

938       Sec. 29. Subsection (a) of section 10-21c of the general statutes is  
939 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
940 *2021*):

941       (a) Any local or regional board of education that has a demonstrated  
942 shortage of certified teachers in those fields designated by the State  
943 Board of Education or that elects to expand the academic offerings to  
944 students in the areas identified by the [Labor Commissioner and the  
945 Office of Workforce Competitiveness] Chief Workforce Officer pursuant  
946 to the provisions of section 4-124w, as amended by this act, may solicit  
947 and accept qualified private sector specialists, not necessarily certified  
948 to teach, whose services to teach in shortage areas have been donated  
949 by business firms, as defined in section 12-631. Private sector specialists  
950 who donate their services may be permitted to offer instruction in  
951 existing or specially designed curricula, provided no private sector  
952 specialist shall be permitted to work more than one-half of the  
953 maximum classroom hours of a full-time certified teacher, and provided  
954 further no private sector specialist teaching in an area identified by the  
955 [Labor Commissioner and the Office of Workforce Competitiveness]  
956 Chief Workforce Officer pursuant to section 4-124w, as amended by this  
957 act, shall have sole responsibility for a classroom. No certified teacher  
958 may be terminated, transferred or reassigned due to the utilization of  
959 any private sector specialist. Local or regional boards of education shall  
960 annually review the need for private sector specialists and shall not  
961 renew or place a private sector specialist if certified teachers are  
962 available.

963       Sec. 30. Section 10-21j of the general statutes is repealed and the  
964 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

965       (a) The Commissioner of Education, in collaboration with the Board

966 of Regents for Higher Education, shall establish the Connecticut  
967 Apprenticeship and Education Committee to coordinate and identify (1)  
968 potential preapprenticeship and apprenticeship training program  
969 integration, and (2) leveraged funding identification of career technical  
970 education programs within high schools and programs within higher  
971 education institutions for careers in various industries. Such committee  
972 shall include, but not be limited to, (A) representatives from the  
973 Department of Economic and Community Development, the Labor  
974 Department, the Connecticut Center for Advanced Technology, the  
975 Connecticut Manufacturers Collaborative, the Technical Education and  
976 Career System, the advanced manufacturing centers at the regional  
977 community-technical colleges, independent institutions of higher  
978 education in the state that offer training in the field of manufacturing,  
979 the [Connecticut Employment and Training Commission] Office of  
980 Workforce Strategy, companies and employee organizations that  
981 represent manufacturing workers, and (B) teachers, guidance  
982 counselors, school counselors, principals and superintendents.

983 (b) [On or before July 1, 2020, and annually thereafter, the] The  
984 committee established pursuant to subsection (a) of this section [shall]  
985 may report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a, at such  
986 committee's discretion, to the joint standing committees of the General  
987 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to commerce, higher  
988 education and workforce development and labor and public employees  
989 an analysis of whether current apprenticeship training programs  
990 available to Connecticut residents are meeting workforce needs. The  
991 committee shall consult with members of the manufacturing industry  
992 when producing such report. In addition to consulting with  
993 manufacturing industries, the committee shall consult with members of  
994 insurance, health care, financial technology, biotechnology, STEM,  
995 construction trades and hospitality industries and any other appropriate  
996 industry to coordinate and identify potential modern preapprenticeship  
997 and apprenticeship training programs and shall review and consider  
998 European apprenticeship training programs when producing such  
999 report.



1000 (c) The Commissioner of Education, in consultation with the  
1001 committee established pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, shall  
1002 introduce middle school and high school students, their parents or  
1003 guardians, guidance counselors and school counselors to careers in the  
1004 industries described in subsection (b) of this section. The commissioner  
1005 may enter into partnerships with one or more private sector entities to  
1006 further the goals of this subsection.

1007 (d) The Department of Education, in consultation with  
1008 representatives from the industries described in subsection (b) of this  
1009 section, shall develop a best practices guide to help local and regional  
1010 boards of education to incorporate relationships with the industries  
1011 described in subsection (b) of this section in their middle school and  
1012 high school curricula.

1013 Sec. 31. Section 31-22n of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1014 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

1015 The Governor shall appoint [twelve] thirteen members to the  
1016 Connecticut State Apprenticeship Council, each of whom shall have  
1017 some association with apprentice training. Four shall be representative  
1018 of Connecticut industry, with one representative each from the  
1019 manufacturing, building, mechanical and service industries, provided  
1020 at least one such member represents a business that operates without a  
1021 collective bargaining agreement; four shall be Connecticut members of  
1022 national labor organizations with apprentice training programs; [four]  
1023 five shall represent the public, one of whom shall be the Labor  
1024 Commissioner, or his or her designee, and one of whom shall be the  
1025 Chief Workforce Officer, or his or her designee. Members shall each  
1026 serve a term which is coterminous with the term of the Governor, each  
1027 member to hold office until a successor is appointed. Any vacancy in the  
1028 membership of the council shall be filled by the Governor for the  
1029 unexpired term. It shall meet on the call of the chairman, who shall be  
1030 the Labor Commissioner, or his or her designee. On or before August  
1031 first of each year, the council [shall] may prepare a report describing the  
1032 activities of the council, this report to be included in the Labor

1033 Commissioner's report to the Governor. The members of the council  
1034 shall not be compensated for their services, but the members, except the  
1035 Labor Commissioner, or his or her designee, and any state employee,  
1036 shall be reimbursed for necessary expenses incurred in the performance  
1037 of their duties.

1038 Sec. 32. Subsection (a) of section 10-95s of the general statutes is  
1039 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
1040 *2021*):

1041 (a) The Technical Education and Career System shall be advised by a  
1042 Technical Education and Career System board. The board shall consist  
1043 of eleven members and shall include at least the following, (1) two  
1044 members with experience in manufacturing or a trade offered by the  
1045 Technical Education and Career System, or who are alumni of the  
1046 system, (2) two members who are executives of Connecticut-based  
1047 employers and who shall be nominated by the [Connecticut  
1048 Employment and Training Commission] Governor's Workforce  
1049 Council, established pursuant to section 31-3h, as amended by this act.  
1050 The Commissioners of Education and Economic and Community  
1051 Development, [and] the Labor Commissioner and the Chief Workforce  
1052 Officer, or their respective designees, shall serve as ex-officio members  
1053 of the board. Members of the board shall be appointed by the Governor  
1054 with the advice and consent of the General Assembly, in accordance  
1055 with the provisions of section 4-7. Any vacancy shall be filled in the  
1056 manner provided in section 4-19. The Governor shall appoint the  
1057 chairperson.

1058 Sec. 33. Subsection (b) of section 10-1 of the general statutes is  
1059 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
1060 *2021*):

1061 (b) The Governor shall appoint, with the advice and consent of the  
1062 General Assembly, the members of said board, provided each student  
1063 member (1) is on the list submitted to the Governor pursuant to section  
1064 10-2a, (2) is enrolled in a public high school in the state, (3) has

1065 completed eleventh grade prior to the commencement of his term, (4)  
1066 has at least a B plus average, and (5) provides at least three references  
1067 from teachers in the school the student member is attending. The  
1068 nonstudent members shall serve for terms of four years commencing on  
1069 March first in the year of their appointment. The student members shall  
1070 serve for terms of one year commencing on July first in the year of their  
1071 appointment. The president of the Connecticut State Colleges and  
1072 Universities [and] the chairperson of the Technical Education and  
1073 Career System board, and the Chief Workforce Officer shall serve as ex-  
1074 officio members without a vote. Any vacancy in said State Board of  
1075 Education shall be filled in the manner provided in section 4-19.

1076 Sec. 34. Section 10-375 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1077 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

1078 (a) The legislative members of the Education Commission of the  
1079 States representing this state shall be appointed as follows: Two  
1080 members of the Senate, one of whom shall be appointed by the president  
1081 pro tempore of the Senate and one of whom shall be appointed by the  
1082 minority leader of the Senate, and two members of the House of  
1083 Representatives, one of whom shall be appointed by the speaker of the  
1084 House of Representatives and one of whom shall be appointed by the  
1085 minority leader of the House of Representatives.

1086 (b) The Governor shall appoint four members to the Education  
1087 Commission of the States, one of whom shall be the Commissioner of  
1088 Education and one of whom shall be the Chief Workforce Officer.

1089 Sec. 35. Subsection (a) of section 10a-1a of the general statutes is  
1090 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
1091 *2021*):

1092 (a) There shall be a Board of Regents for Higher Education [who] that  
1093 shall serve as the governing body for the regional community-technical  
1094 college system, the Connecticut State University System and Charter  
1095 Oak State College. The board shall consist of twenty-one members who  
1096 shall be distinguished leaders of the community in Connecticut. The

1097 board shall reflect the state's geographic, racial and ethnic diversity. The  
1098 voting members shall not be employed by or be a member of a board of  
1099 trustees for any independent institution of higher education in this state  
1100 or the Board of Trustees for The University of Connecticut nor shall they  
1101 be public officials or state employees, as such terms are defined in  
1102 section 1-79, during their term of membership on the Board of Regents  
1103 for Higher Education. The Governor shall appoint nine members to the  
1104 board as follows: Three members for a term of two years; three members  
1105 for a term of four years; and three members for a term of six years.  
1106 Thereafter, the Governor shall appoint members of the board to succeed  
1107 such appointees whose terms expire and each member so appointed  
1108 shall hold office for a period of six years from the first day of July in the  
1109 year of his or her appointment. Four members of the board shall be  
1110 appointed as follows: One appointment by the president pro tempore of  
1111 the Senate, who shall be an alumnus of the regional community-  
1112 technical college system, for a term of four years; one appointment by  
1113 the minority leader of the Senate, who shall be a specialist in the  
1114 education of children in grades kindergarten to twelve, inclusive, for a  
1115 term of three years; one appointment by the speaker of the House of  
1116 Representatives, who shall be an alumnus of the Connecticut State  
1117 University System, for a term of four years; and one appointment by the  
1118 minority leader of the House of Representatives, who shall be an  
1119 alumnus of Charter Oak State College, for a term of three years.  
1120 Thereafter, such members of the General Assembly shall appoint  
1121 members of the board to succeed such appointees whose terms expire  
1122 and each member so appointed shall hold office for a period of four  
1123 years from the first day of July in the year of his or her appointment. The  
1124 chairperson and vice-chairperson of the student advisory committee  
1125 created under section 10a-3 shall serve as members of the board. The  
1126 chairperson and vice-chairperson of the faculty advisory committee  
1127 created under section 10a-3a shall serve as ex-officio, nonvoting  
1128 members of the board for a term of two years and, in their respective  
1129 roles as chairperson and vice-chairperson, may be invited to any  
1130 executive session, as defined in section 1-200, of the board by the  
1131 chairperson of the board. The Commissioners of Education, Economic

1132 and Community Development, [and] Public Health, [and] the Labor  
1133 Commissioner, and the Chief Workforce Officer shall serve as ex-officio,  
1134 nonvoting members of the board.

1135 Sec. 36. Section 10a-62 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1136 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

1137 The Governor [, with the advice and consent of the General  
1138 Assembly,] shall [designate or] appoint [two] six members, residents of  
1139 the state, [and the president pro tempore of the Senate shall appoint one  
1140 member of the Senate and two residents of the state and the speaker of  
1141 the House of Representatives shall appoint one member of the House of  
1142 Representatives and two residents of the state, provided the speaker  
1143 shall appoint two members in 1969 and one member in 1970 who shall  
1144 represent the state as members of the New England Board of Higher  
1145 Education. The two persons appointed by the Governor shall be  
1146 appointed for a term of six years from October twenty-fourth in the year  
1147 of their appointment, except that in 1969 the Governor shall appoint one  
1148 member for a term of six years from October 24, 1969. Persons first  
1149 appointed by the president pro tempore and the speaker shall serve  
1150 until February 1, 1971, and persons appointed as their successors shall  
1151 serve for terms of two years each commencing as of the first day of  
1152 February in the year of their appointment] one of whom shall represent  
1153 The University of Connecticut at the recommendation of the president  
1154 of The University of Connecticut, one of whom shall represent the  
1155 Connecticut State Universities and one of whom shall represent the  
1156 Connecticut Community Colleges at the recommendation of the  
1157 president of the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities, one of  
1158 whom shall represent the state's private institutions of higher education,  
1159 and one of whom shall be the Chief Workforce Officer. The Senate and  
1160 House co-chairs of the joint standing committee of the General  
1161 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to higher education  
1162 and employment advancement, or their designees, shall be members.  
1163 Vacancies shall be filled for the remainder of unexpired terms in the  
1164 same manner as original appointments are made.

1165 Sec. 37. Subsection (b) of section 10a-179a of the general statutes is  
1166 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
1167 *2021*):

1168 (b) The Connecticut Higher Education Supplemental Loan Authority  
1169 shall be governed by a board of directors consisting of the following  
1170 [nine] ten members: (1) The State Treasurer, or the Treasurer's designee,  
1171 who shall serve as an ex-officio voting member; (2) the Secretary of the  
1172 Office of Policy and Management, or the secretary's designee, who shall  
1173 serve as an ex-officio voting member; (3) the president of the  
1174 Connecticut State Colleges and Universities, or the president's designee,  
1175 who shall serve as an ex-officio voting member; (4) the Chief Workforce  
1176 Officer, or the Chief Workforce Officer's designee, who shall serve as an  
1177 ex-officio voting member; (5) the chairperson of the board of directors  
1178 of the Connecticut Health and Educational Facilities Authority; [(5)] (6)  
1179 the executive director of the Connecticut Health and Educational  
1180 Facilities Authority; [(6)] (7) two residents of the state, each of whom is  
1181 an active or retired trustee, director, officer or employee of a Connecticut  
1182 institution for higher education, appointed by the board of directors of  
1183 the Connecticut Health and Educational Facilities Authority; [(7)] (8) a  
1184 resident of this state with a favorable reputation for skill, knowledge  
1185 and experience in the higher education loan field, appointed by the  
1186 board of directors of the Connecticut Health and Educational Facilities  
1187 Authority; and [(8)] (9) a resident of this state with a favorable  
1188 reputation for skill, knowledge and experience in either the higher  
1189 education loan field or in state and municipal finance, appointed by the  
1190 board of directors of the Connecticut Health and Educational Facilities  
1191 Authority. Of the four appointed members, not more than two may be  
1192 members of the same political party. [One appointed member shall  
1193 serve until the earlier of July 1, 2017, or, if such person was a member of  
1194 the Connecticut Higher Education Supplemental Loan Authority board  
1195 on June 30, 2012, the date on which such member's then current term  
1196 was originally scheduled to end. One appointed member shall serve  
1197 until the earlier of July 1, 2018, or, if such person was a member of the  
1198 Connecticut Higher Education Supplemental Loan Authority board on

1199 June 30, 2012, the date on which such member's then current term was  
1200 originally scheduled to end. Except as provided in this subsection and  
1201 notwithstanding the original date of expiration of the term of any person  
1202 who is an appointed member of the Connecticut Higher Education  
1203 Supplemental Loan Authority board on June 30, 2012, the term of all  
1204 such persons shall expire on July 1, 2012.] The Connecticut Health and  
1205 Educational Facilities Authority board shall appoint a member or  
1206 members each for a term of six years or until his or her successor is  
1207 appointed and has qualified to succeed the members whose terms  
1208 expire. Said authority board shall fill any vacancy for the unexpired  
1209 term. A member of the Connecticut Higher Education Supplemental  
1210 Loan Authority board shall be eligible for reappointment. Any member  
1211 of the Connecticut Higher Education Supplemental Loan Authority  
1212 board may be removed by the appointing authority for misfeasance,  
1213 malfeasance or wilful neglect of duty. Each member of the Connecticut  
1214 Higher Education Supplemental Loan Authority board before entering  
1215 upon his or her duties shall take and subscribe the oath or affirmation  
1216 required by section 1 of article eleventh of the State Constitution. A  
1217 record of each such oath shall be filed in the office of the Secretary of the  
1218 State.

1219 Sec. 38. Subsection (a) of section 32-7p of the general statutes is  
1220 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
1221 *2021*):

1222 (a) There shall be a Technology Talent Advisory Committee within  
1223 the Department of Economic and Community Development. Such  
1224 committee shall consist of members appointed by the Commissioner of  
1225 Economic and Community Development, including, but not limited to,  
1226 representatives of The University of Connecticut, the Board of Regents  
1227 for Higher Education, independent institutions of higher education, the  
1228 Office of Workforce Strategy and private industry. Such members shall  
1229 be subject to term limits prescribed by the commissioner. [All initial  
1230 appointments to the committee pursuant to this subsection shall be  
1231 made not later than September 30, 2016.] Each member shall hold office  
1232 until a successor is appointed.

1233 Sec. 39. Subsection (a) of section 32-7n of the general statutes is  
1234 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
1235 *2021*):

1236 (a) There is established a Manufacturing Innovation Advisory Board  
1237 that shall consist of the following members: (1) Four appointed by the  
1238 Governor; (2) one appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate;  
1239 (3) one appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives; (4)  
1240 one appointed by the majority leader of the Senate; (5) one appointed by  
1241 the majority leader of the House of Representatives; (6) one appointed  
1242 by the minority leader of the Senate; (7) one appointed by the minority  
1243 leader of the House of Representatives; (8) the Chief Workforce Officer,  
1244 or his or her designee; and ~~[(8)]~~ (9) the Commissioner of Economic and  
1245 Community Development, or the commissioner's designee, who shall  
1246 serve as the chairperson of the advisory board. Each appointed member  
1247 shall (A) have skill, knowledge and experience in industries and  
1248 sciences related to aerospace, medical devices, digital manufacturing,  
1249 digital communication or advanced manufacturing; (B) be a university  
1250 faculty member in or hold a graduate degree in a related discipline,  
1251 including, but not limited to, additive manufacturing and materials  
1252 science; (C) have manufacturing education and training expertise; or (D)  
1253 represent manufacturing related businesses or professional  
1254 organizations. [All initial appointments to the advisory board pursuant  
1255 to this subsection shall be made not later than July 1, 2014.] Appointed  
1256 members shall each serve a term that is coterminous with the respective  
1257 appointing authority. Each member shall hold office until a successor is  
1258 appointed. Any vacancy occurring on the advisory board, other than by  
1259 expiration of term, shall be filled in the same manner as the original  
1260 appointment for the balance of the unexpired term.

1261 Sec. 40. Subsection (b) of section 32-39f of the general statutes is  
1262 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
1263 *2021*):

1264 (b) CTNext shall be overseen by a board of directors, which shall be  
1265 known as the CTNext board of directors or the CTNext board. The



1266 CTNext board of directors shall consist of [~~eleven~~] twelve members, [a  
1267 majority] at least half of whom shall be serial entrepreneurs  
1268 representing a diverse range of growth sectors of the Connecticut  
1269 economy. By education or experience, such members shall be qualified  
1270 in one or more of the following: Start-up business development, growth  
1271 stage business development, investment, innovation place  
1272 development, urban planning and technology commercialization in  
1273 higher education. The CTNext board shall consist of the following  
1274 members: (1) One appointed by the Governor for an initial term of two  
1275 years; (2) one appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives  
1276 for an initial term of two years; (3) one appointed by the president pro  
1277 tempore of the Senate for an initial term of two years; (4) one appointed  
1278 by the majority leader of the House of Representatives for an initial term  
1279 of one year; (5) one appointed by the majority leader of the Senate for  
1280 an initial term of one year; (6) one appointed by the minority leader of  
1281 the House of Representatives for an initial term of one year; (7) one  
1282 appointed by the minority leader of the Senate for an initial term of one  
1283 year; (8) two jointly appointed by the chairpersons of the joint standing  
1284 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
1285 relating to finance, revenue and bonding for an initial term of two years;  
1286 and (9) the executive director of Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated,  
1287 [and] the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development [,  
1288 both] and the Chief Workforce Officer, each of whom shall serve ex  
1289 officio. Thereafter, all members shall be appointed by the original  
1290 appointing authority for two-year terms. Any member of the board shall  
1291 be eligible for reappointment. Any vacancy occurring other than by  
1292 expiration of term shall be filled in the same manner as the original  
1293 appointment for the balance of the unexpired term. The appointing  
1294 authority for any member may remove such member for misfeasance,  
1295 malfeasance, wilful neglect of duty or failure to attend three consecutive  
1296 board meetings. For the purposes of this section, "serial entrepreneur"  
1297 means an entrepreneur having brought one or more start-up businesses  
1298 to venture capital funding by an institutional investor and "growth stage  
1299 business" means a business (A) that has been incorporated for ten years  
1300 or less, (B) that has raised private capital, and (C) whose annual gross

1301 revenue has increased by twenty per cent for each of the three previous  
1302 income years of such business.

1303       Sec. 41. Subsection (b) of section 17b-688h of the general statutes is  
1304 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
1305 *2021*):

1306       (b) Effective July 1, 1998, the Labor Department shall be responsible  
1307 for the negotiation, establishment, modification, extension, suspension  
1308 or termination of contracts for employment services. The Labor  
1309 Department may provide administration and services directly or  
1310 through the [Connecticut Employment and Training Commission or]  
1311 regional workforce development boards.

1312       Sec. 42. Subsection (c) of section 17b-688i of the general statutes is  
1313 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
1314 *2021*):

1315       (c) Not later than January 1, 1999, and annually thereafter, the Labor  
1316 Department shall submit a report to the Governor, the joint standing  
1317 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
1318 relating to appropriations, human services and labor and public  
1319 employees in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a and the  
1320 [Connecticut Employment and Training Commission] Governor's  
1321 Workforce Council. Each report shall contain an evaluation of the  
1322 operation of the employment services administered by the Labor  
1323 Department pursuant to this section, including the number of persons  
1324 who receive employment services, their gender and outcomes. Each  
1325 such report shall also provide specific information regarding the cost-  
1326 effectiveness of the employment services.

1327       Sec. 43. Subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of section 31-11m of the  
1328 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
1329 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

1330       (2) Such reserved funds may be used only to carry out state-wide  
1331 youth activities described in Section 129(b) of the federal Workforce

1332 Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014, P.L. 113-128, as from time to  
1333 time amended, or state-wide employment and training activities, for  
1334 adults or for dislocated workers, described in Section 134(a)(2)(B) or  
1335 Section 134(a)(3) of said act, provided such use is consistent with the  
1336 Connecticut workforce development plan developed by the  
1337 [Connecticut Employment and Training Commission] Governor's  
1338 Workforce Council under section 31-11p, as amended by this act. The  
1339 percentage of such reserved funds that are used for administrative costs  
1340 shall be consistent with the provisions of Section 134(a)(3)(B) of said act.  
1341 For purposes of this subdivision and subdivision (3) of this subsection,  
1342 "administrative costs" has the same meaning as provided in 20 CFR Part  
1343 667, Subpart B.

1344 Sec. 44. Section 31-11o of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1345 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

1346 The [Connecticut Employment and Training Commission]  
1347 Governor's Workforce Council established under section 31-3h, as  
1348 amended by this act, is hereby recognized as the state-wide workforce  
1349 development board for purposes of complying with the federal  
1350 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014, P.L. 113-128, as  
1351 amended from time to time. [amended.]

1352 Sec. 45. Section 31-11p of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1353 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

1354 (a) For the purposes of this section, the "federal Workforce Innovation  
1355 and Opportunity Act of 2014" means P.L. 113-128, as amended from  
1356 time to time. The [Connecticut Employment and Training Commission]  
1357 Governor's Workforce Council, with the assistance of the Labor  
1358 Commissioner and, in consultation with the regional workforce  
1359 development boards, shall develop a [single] four-year Connecticut  
1360 workforce development plan that [outlines a five-year strategy for the  
1361 state of Connecticut's workforce development system and] meets the  
1362 requirements of [Sections 111 and 112 of] the federal Workforce  
1363 Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014. [, P.L. 113-128, as from time to

1364 time amended. Said] Such plan shall [serve as a framework for the  
1365 development of public policy, fiscal investment and operation of  
1366 workforce education and job training programs and shall] constitute the  
1367 single state plan for purposes of [Section 112 of] said act. The  
1368 [Connecticut Employment and Training Commission] Governor's  
1369 Workforce Council, in consultation with the regional workforce  
1370 development boards, shall update [said] such plan at least once every  
1371 five years.

1372 [(b) The plan shall, at a minimum, include:

1373 (1) Long-term goals for the state's workforce development system.  
1374 Such goals shall include local control of service delivery, one-stop  
1375 delivery of services, individual choice for individuals served by the  
1376 system, accountability for provider performance, coordination of  
1377 workforce development activities integrating state and federal  
1378 resources and the establishment of ties between funding and actual  
1379 participation in training activities;

1380 (2) Short-term goals, benchmarks and performance measures that the  
1381 state will use to measure its progress towards meeting the long-term  
1382 goals identified in subdivision (1) of this subsection;

1383 (3) Identification of the role each institution, entity, organization and  
1384 program plays in the state-wide workforce development system;

1385 (4) Ways to improve access to public and certified nonpublic  
1386 postsecondary educational institutions;

1387 (5) A strategy for assessing unmet workforce preparation needs;

1388 (6) A description of comprehensive performance measures to ensure  
1389 coordination and eliminate duplication of services;

1390 (7) A strategy for assessing types of jobs for which there are shortages  
1391 of available qualified workers and the geographical concentration of  
1392 unmet workforce needs in this state;

1393 (8) A strategy for maximizing or redirecting funding to deliver  
1394 services more effectively to meet the state's workforce development  
1395 needs;

1396 (9) A provision stating that the members of the Connecticut  
1397 Employment and Training Commission and the regional workforce  
1398 development boards shall comply with state ethics laws and the  
1399 applicable provisions of Sections 111(f) and 117(g) of the federal  
1400 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014, P.L. 113-128, as  
1401 from time to time amended;

1402 (10) A provision stating that the Labor Commissioner and the  
1403 Commissioners of Social Services and Education shall develop a  
1404 coordinated program of referring workforce development participants  
1405 to supportive services, including, but not limited to, transportation and  
1406 child care services for eligible participants of workforce activities. Such  
1407 program shall include a requirement that each regional workforce  
1408 development board submit an annual report to the commission on or  
1409 before January 31, 2000, and each January thirty-first thereafter detailing  
1410 such board's plan for coordinating such supportive services;

1411 (11) A description of the state of Connecticut's proposed one-stop  
1412 delivery system, which shall be consistent with the provisions of Section  
1413 134(c) of the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014,  
1414 P.L. 113-128, as from time to time amended, and shall include a  
1415 description of the following components: (A) A uniform individual  
1416 training accounts voucher system which shall be used by the regional  
1417 workforce development boards to pay for training of eligible workers  
1418 by eligible providers and which shall include a reporting system that  
1419 ties funding to actual participation in training programs, (B) the core  
1420 services, as identified in subdivision (12) of this subsection, which shall  
1421 be available to adults or dislocated workers, including exemptions from  
1422 core services, (C) the intensive services, as identified in subdivision (13)  
1423 of this subsection, which shall be available to adults or dislocated  
1424 workers who have received the maximum amount of core services but  
1425 were unable to obtain employment through such core services,

1426 including prerequisites for obtaining such intensive services and  
1427 exemptions from such prerequisites, and (D) the training services, as  
1428 identified in subdivision (14) of this subsection, which shall be available  
1429 to adults or dislocated workers who have received intensive services,  
1430 but were unable to obtain unsubsidized employment through such  
1431 intensive services, including prerequisites for obtaining such training  
1432 services and exemptions from such prerequisites;

1433 (12) Identification of core services available under the one-stop  
1434 delivery system, which shall, at a minimum, include: (A) Determination  
1435 of whether individuals are eligible to receive assistance under Subtitle B  
1436 of the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014, P.L.  
1437 113-128, as from time to time amended; (B) outreach, intake and  
1438 orientation to the information and other services available through the  
1439 one-stop delivery system; (C) a uniform assessment procedure for  
1440 screening adults and dislocated workers which shall include, but not be  
1441 limited to, initial assessment of skill levels, aptitudes, abilities,  
1442 supportive service needs and for application of the self-sufficiency  
1443 measurement developed in accordance with the provisions of section 4-  
1444 66e; (D) job search and placement assistance and, where appropriate,  
1445 career counseling; (E) provision of (i) employment statistics  
1446 information, including the provision of accurate information concerning  
1447 local, regional and national labor market areas, including job vacancy  
1448 listings in such labor market areas, information on job skills necessary  
1449 to obtain such vacant jobs and information relating to local occupations  
1450 in demand and the earnings and skill requirements for such  
1451 occupations; (ii) provider performance information and program cost  
1452 information on eligible providers of training services, as described in  
1453 Section 122 of the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of  
1454 2014, P.L. 113-128, as from time to time amended, provided by program,  
1455 and eligible providers of youth activities described in Section 123 of said  
1456 act, eligible providers of adult education described in Title II of said act,  
1457 providers of postsecondary vocational education activities and  
1458 vocational education activities, which shall include, but not be limited  
1459 to, preapprentice programs available through, but not limited to, the

1460 Technical Education and Career System, available to school dropouts  
1461 under the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Applied Technology  
1462 Education Act, 20 USC 2301, et seq., and providers of vocational  
1463 rehabilitation program activities described in Title I of the Rehabilitation  
1464 Act of 1973, 29 USC 720, et seq.; (iii) information regarding how the local  
1465 area is performing on the local performance measures and any  
1466 additional performance information with respect to the one-stop  
1467 delivery system in the local area; (iv) accurate information concerning  
1468 the availability of supportive services, including child care and  
1469 transportation, available through the local area and referral to such  
1470 services, as appropriate; (v) information regarding filing claims for  
1471 unemployment compensation under chapter 567; (F) assistance in  
1472 establishing eligibility for programs of financial aid assistance for  
1473 training and education programs that are not funded under said act and  
1474 are available through the local area; (G) follow-up services, including  
1475 counseling regarding the workplace, for participants in workforce  
1476 investment activities authorized under Subtitle B of the federal  
1477 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014, P.L. 113-128, as  
1478 from time to time amended, who are placed in unsubsidized  
1479 employment, for not less than twelve months after the first day of the  
1480 employment, as appropriate; and (H) assistance in establishing  
1481 eligibility for authorized activities under Section 403(a)(5) of the Social  
1482 Security Act, as added by Section 5001 of the Balanced Budget Act of  
1483 1997, available in the local area. For purposes of this subdivision, "local  
1484 area" refers to an area designated as such pursuant to Section 116 of the  
1485 federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014, P.L. 113-  
1486 128, as from time to time amended;

1487 (13) Identification of intensive services available under the one-stop  
1488 delivery system, which services may include (A) comprehensive and  
1489 specialized assessments of the skill levels and service needs of adults  
1490 and dislocated workers, which may include diagnostic testing, use of  
1491 special education planning and placement teams and use of other  
1492 assessment tools and in-depth interviewing and evaluation to identify  
1493 employment barriers and appropriate employment goals; (B)

1494 development of an individual employment plan to identify the  
1495 employment goals, appropriate achievement objectives and appropriate  
1496 combination of services for the participant to achieve the employment  
1497 goals; (C) group counseling; (D) individual counseling and career  
1498 planning; (E) case management for participants seeking training  
1499 services authorized under the federal Workforce Innovation and  
1500 Opportunity Act of 2014, P.L. 113-128, as from time to time amended;  
1501 and (F) short-term prevocational services, including development of  
1502 learning skills, communication skills, interviewing skills, punctuality,  
1503 personal maintenance skills and professional conduct, to prepare  
1504 individuals for unsubsidized employment or training;

1505 (14) Identification of training services authorized under the federal  
1506 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014, P.L. 113-128, as  
1507 from time to time amended, that are available under the one-stop  
1508 delivery system, which services may include a combination of  
1509 occupational skills training, including training for nontraditional  
1510 employment, on-the-job training, programs that combine workplace  
1511 training with related instruction, which may include cooperative  
1512 education programs, training programs operated by the private sector,  
1513 skill upgrading and retraining, entrepreneurial training, job readiness  
1514 training, adult education and literacy activities and customized job  
1515 training conducted with a commitment by an employer or group of  
1516 employers to employ an individual upon successful completion of the  
1517 training;

1518 (15) Development of a uniform system of identifying and certifying  
1519 eligible providers of the training services described in subdivision (13)  
1520 of this subsection, which system shall (A) incorporate each of the  
1521 requirements of Section 122 of the federal Workforce Innovation and  
1522 Opportunity Act of 2014, P.L. 113-128, as from time to time amended,  
1523 and (B) be used by each regional workforce development board in  
1524 selecting an eligible provider of training services;

1525 (16) A strategy for the establishment of (A) regional youth councils  
1526 by the regional workforce development boards, which regional youth



1527 councils shall (i) recommend eligible providers of youth activities to the  
1528 council and conduct oversight of eligible providers of youth activities;  
1529 (ii) in cooperation with local boards of education, identify available  
1530 programs and activities to assist youths in completing education  
1531 programs; (iii) identify available programs and activities to assist youths  
1532 in securing and preserving employment; and (iv) coordinate youth  
1533 activities with Job Corps services, coordinate youth activities authorized  
1534 under the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014,  
1535 P.L. 113-128, as from time to time amended, and improve the connection  
1536 between court-involved youths and the state labor market; and (B)  
1537 criteria for selection of regional youth council members and awarding  
1538 youth program grants for state-wide youth activities described in  
1539 Section 129(b) of the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act  
1540 of 2014, P.L. 113-128, as from time to time amended;

1541 (17) Development of a program to provide job readiness and job  
1542 search training to unemployed and underemployed noncustodial  
1543 parents no later than July 1, 2000;

1544 (18) Development of a career pathways program to link alternative  
1545 education programs to regional community-technical colleges and  
1546 work-related learning no later than October 1, 2000; and

1547 (19) Any other provisions required to be included in the plan under  
1548 Sections 111 and 112 of the federal Workforce Innovation and  
1549 Opportunity Act of 2014, P.L. 113-128, as from time to time amended.]

1550 [(c) The] (b) On or after July 1, 2021, the Governor may submit  
1551 [modifications to] the [single] Connecticut workforce development plan  
1552 [approved by] and any modifications to such plan to the United States  
1553 [Secretary] Secretaries of Labor, [as necessary during the five-year  
1554 period covered by the plan] Health and Human Services and Education,  
1555 with the advice and assistance of the [Connecticut Employment and  
1556 Training Commission] Governor's Workforce Council, provided such  
1557 plan and any modifications are [(1) approved by the joint standing  
1558 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters

1559 relating to appropriations, education, labor and social services, and (2)]  
1560 consistent with the requirements of [Sections 111 and 112 of] the federal  
1561 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014. [, P.L. 113-128, as  
1562 from time to time amended.]

1563 Sec. 46. Section 31-11s of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1564 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

1565 (a) [On or before February 9, 2000] Not later than October 1, 2021, and  
1566 annually thereafter, the [Connecticut Employment and Training  
1567 Commission] Governor's Workforce Council shall make  
1568 recommendations consistent with the provisions of the [single]  
1569 Connecticut workforce development plan [submitted to the Governor  
1570 pursuant to] developed by the Governor's Workforce Council under  
1571 section [31-11r] 31-11p, as amended by this act, to the Governor [and the  
1572 General Assembly] concerning the appropriation of funds received for  
1573 adult workforce development activities under the federal Workforce  
1574 Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014, P.L. 113-128, as amended from  
1575 time to time. [amended, for (1) job-related vocational, literacy, language  
1576 or numerical skills training; (2) underemployed and at-risk workers; (3)  
1577 individuals with barriers to full-time, stable employment, including  
1578 language, basic skills and occupational literacy barriers; (4) vocational  
1579 training using apprentice and preapprentice programs and customized  
1580 job training programs that are designed to serve at-risk workers and  
1581 promote job retention and the obtainment of higher wage jobs; (5)  
1582 special incentives for programs that successfully train (A) women for  
1583 nontraditional employment, and (B) minorities for occupations or fields  
1584 of work in which such minorities are underrepresented; and (6) special  
1585 grants or contracts in each region for training programs that target  
1586 workers who are difficult to serve, including, but not limited to, workers  
1587 (A) with limited literacy or numerical skills, (B) without a high school  
1588 diploma or its equivalent, or (C) for whom English is a second language.  
1589 For purposes of this section, "nontraditional employment" refers to  
1590 occupations or fields of work for which women comprise less than  
1591 twenty-five per cent of the individuals employed in each such  
1592 occupation or field of work.

1593 (b) On or before February 9, 2000, and annually thereafter, the  
1594 commission shall make recommendations to the Governor and the  
1595 General Assembly concerning the appropriation of funds received  
1596 under the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014,  
1597 P.L. 113-128, as from time to time amended, for dislocated workers.]

1598 [(c)] ~~(b)~~ Pursuant to Section 189(i)(4)(A) of the federal Workforce  
1599 Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014, P.L. 113-128, as amended from  
1600 time to time, ~~[amended,]~~ the Governor is authorized by the General  
1601 Assembly to apply for a waiver of federal eligibility requirements to  
1602 allow incumbent workers with annual family incomes that do not  
1603 exceed two hundred per cent of the poverty level guidelines issued by  
1604 the federal Department of Health and Human Services to receive job  
1605 training services.

1606 Sec. 47. Section 8-169ss of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1607 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

1608 The authority, member municipalities and joint member entities shall  
1609 encourage businesses, as appropriate, to hire local employees. Any  
1610 business that receives financial assistance from the authority shall enter  
1611 into an agreement with the [Workforce Training Authority established  
1612 pursuant to section 31-11ii] Office of Workforce Strategy for assistance  
1613 with the training and recruitment of workers.

1614 Sec. 48. Subsection (c) of section 31-11ss of the general statutes is  
1615 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
1616 *2021*):

1617 (c) (1) The work force development board for the southwest work  
1618 force development region of the state shall designate an appropriate  
1619 number of employees, as determined by the board, to act as liaisons, and  
1620 each liaison shall provide the assistance described in subsection (b) of  
1621 this section on behalf of the program.

1622 (2) In connection with providing the assistance described in  
1623 subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of this section, each liaison designated

1624 pursuant to this subsection shall also assist a veteran served by the  
1625 program to obtain funding for the cost of attending a qualifying  
1626 advanced manufacturing certificate program. Such funding may  
1627 include, but need not be limited to, [(A)] tuition waivers under sections  
1628 10a-77 and 10a-99, [, and (B) expenditures from the Workforce Training  
1629 Authority Fund under section 31-11jj.]

1630 (3) In connection with providing the assistance described in  
1631 subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of this section, each liaison designated  
1632 pursuant to this subsection shall also assist any eligible business to  
1633 apply for (A) a grant under section 31-3uu, and (B) tax credits under  
1634 section 12-217g, if applicable.

1635 Sec. 49. Section 31-11rr of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1636 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

1637 (a) There is established the Apprenticeship Connecticut initiative to  
1638 develop work force pipeline programs to train qualified entry-level  
1639 workers for job placement with manufacturers and employers in other  
1640 industry sectors in the state that are experiencing sustained work force  
1641 shortages. The initiative shall include, where practicable, outreach to  
1642 underserved populations, including youths, to achieve success in the  
1643 program and support the state's economic development progress.

1644 (b) [(1)] Not later than [January 1, 2019] sixty days after the receipt of  
1645 funding, the Labor Commissioner, pursuant to the state workforce  
1646 strategy approved by the Governor and any guidance issued by the  
1647 Chief Workforce Officer pursuant to section 4-124w, as amended by this  
1648 act, shall issue a request for [qualifications to solicit] proposals from  
1649 regional industry partnerships for a work force pipeline program to  
1650 serve the work force needs of manufacturers and other employers in the  
1651 region. To be eligible to submit a proposal, a regional industry  
1652 partnership shall include as members of such partnership [(A)] (1)  
1653 entities and organizations with expertise in regional economic and work  
1654 force development, including, but not limited to, entities offering  
1655 apprenticeship or other work force training programs, [(B)] (2) the

1656 regional work force development board, established pursuant to section  
1657 31-3k, for the applicable work force region, and [(C)] (3) at least one  
1658 educational institution such as a vocational-technical school or an  
1659 institution of higher education or at least one employer located in the  
1660 work force region. A regional industry partnership may include other  
1661 entities, organizations or institutions that support the goals of the  
1662 partnership and initiative.

1663 [(2) Prior to the date established by the commissioner for the  
1664 submission of responses to such request for qualifications, each regional  
1665 work force development board shall submit a report to the General  
1666 Assembly, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a, that sets  
1667 forth the most pressing work force needs within such board's region and  
1668 identifies the industry sector or sectors in which such needs are the  
1669 greatest.]

1670 (c) Each proposal shall be submitted by the partnership through the  
1671 regional work force development board and shall demonstrate the  
1672 targeted goal of preparing qualified entry-level workers for careers that  
1673 provide a living wage. [Each proposal] The Labor Commissioner shall  
1674 specify the program components required for each proposal, which  
1675 shall include, [plans for] but need not be limited to, the following core  
1676 program components:

1677 [(1) Identification of the region's most pressing work force needs and  
1678 the industry sector or sectors in which such needs are the greatest, as  
1679 reported to the General Assembly pursuant to subdivision (2) of  
1680 subsection (b) of this section, and including a detailed plan of how the  
1681 partnership's proposal will serve the employment needs of workers  
1682 residing in all towns within the region served by the applicable regional  
1683 work force development board, focusing on those areas within such  
1684 region with the most concentrated employment needs;]

1685 [(2)] (1) Recruitment [in the program] of, and outreach efforts to,  
1686 potential job seekers;

1687 [(3) (A) Screening and assessment of individuals interested in

1688 manufacturing work or employment in other sectors proposed to be  
1689 targeted by the partnership, by which individuals will be assessed for  
1690 work readiness, aptitude for the relevant work skills and on other  
1691 metrics as specified by the partnership or as recommended by the Labor  
1692 Department;

1693 (B) Redirecting or connecting individuals determined through the  
1694 screening and assessment process not to be suited for participation in  
1695 the program to or with alternative career resources or services available  
1696 to residents of the state that may be better suited to such individuals;

1697 (C)] (2) Placement of individuals screened and assessed who are  
1698 selected to participate in a training program, with an employer  
1699 identified by the partnership, upon such individual's successful  
1700 completion of the training program. Such identified employer shall  
1701 commit to hire one or more individuals who successfully complete the  
1702 training program and may further offer related on-the-job training or  
1703 other in-house training opportunities to such individual or individuals.  
1704 The partnership shall seek to leverage any such training or  
1705 opportunities, apprenticeship programs, [the Labor Department's  
1706 subsidized training and employment program] and [other] any wage-  
1707 subsidy programs with employers who commit to hiring individuals,  
1708 and may seek program funding for retention services;

1709 [(4) (A) Separate training programs for participants (i) in the eleventh  
1710 or twelfth grade, and (ii) eighteen years of age or older who are not  
1711 currently enrolled in eleventh or twelfth grade. Such training programs  
1712 shall be provided by partnership members or with the assistance of  
1713 other parties as identified in the proposal;]

1714 [(B)] (3) (A) Training programs shall be not less than five consecutive  
1715 weeks and not more than twenty-six consecutive weeks in duration. [At  
1716 least one training program offered for each age group shall be provided  
1717 through a certified preapprenticeship program offered by the Labor  
1718 Department.] Any [other] training program may include a  
1719 preapprenticeship component or award industry-recognized

1720 certificates, as proposed by the partnership;

1721        ~~[(C)]~~ (B) Training programs shall be developed and revised  
1722 periodically through ongoing consultation with employers targeted for  
1723 job placement of program participants;

1724        [(5) The duration of a work force pipeline program shall be not less  
1725 than four years from the date of its establishment;]

1726        ~~[(6)]~~ (4) For each core program component, identification of specific  
1727 existing resources available to such partnership through the regional  
1728 work force development board, the United States Department of Labor's  
1729 American Job Center system, the state Labor Department, employers,  
1730 apprenticeship or other work force training programs, educational  
1731 institutions in the state or other public or private funds; [. If the  
1732 partnership proposes using program funds for the purposes of core  
1733 program components, it shall demonstrate for each such component  
1734 that there will be leveraged funding support from existing resources  
1735 and that the use of program funds for such purposes will not affect the  
1736 availability of such existing resources;] and

1737        [(7)] (5) The following limits shall apply to the use of any program  
1738 funds awarded to a partnership: (A) Not ~~[more]~~ less than seventy per  
1739 cent of such funds shall be used for the training programs set forth in  
1740 subdivision ~~[(4)]~~ (3) of this subsection; (B) not ~~[more]~~ less than twenty  
1741 per cent of such funds shall be used for supporting services for the  
1742 program, including recruitment and outreach efforts, screening and  
1743 assessment, transportation, stipends, workplace tools or equipment and  
1744 preemployment supports; and (C) not more than ten per cent of such  
1745 funds shall be used for any other purpose, including administrative  
1746 costs.

1747        (d) [(1)] The ~~[commissioner]~~ Labor Commissioner, pursuant to the  
1748 state workforce strategy approved by the Governor and any guidance  
1749 issued by the Chief Workforce Officer pursuant to section 4-124w, as  
1750 amended by this act, shall review all qualifying responses to the request  
1751 for ~~[qualifications]~~ proposals and select and fund as many proposals as

1752 the commissioner deems to be well-planned and the partnership to be  
1753 capable of implementing its proposal. [The commissioner shall select  
1754 proposals so as to achieve a goal of not fewer than ten thousand  
1755 individuals placed into new jobs over the first four years of a program,  
1756 with one-third of such individuals from the group under subparagraph  
1757 (A)(i) of subdivision (4) of subsection (c) of this section and two-thirds  
1758 of such individuals from the group under subparagraph (A)(ii) of  
1759 subdivision (4) of subsection (c) of this section.]

1760 [(2) (A) The commissioner shall award funds to the partnerships  
1761 selected under subdivision (1) of this subsection in proportion to the  
1762 magnitude of the work force needs within the work force region  
1763 proposed to be served, relative to the comparable work force needs  
1764 within other work force regions of the state, provided no partnership  
1765 shall receive more than twenty million dollars in total funding. The  
1766 commissioner may further weight such distribution according to any  
1767 total cost per program participant proposed by a partnership that the  
1768 commissioner deems reasonable, and may give preference to a  
1769 partnership with a lower total cost per program participant.

1770 (B) The commissioner shall reserve from any funds awarded under  
1771 subparagraph (A) of this subdivision sufficient funds to support the use  
1772 of the certified preapprenticeship program offered by the Labor  
1773 Department and shall transfer such reserved funds to the appropriate  
1774 departmental account to be used for such purpose.]

1775 (e) Any regional industry partnership may seek (1) to leverage tuition  
1776 or financial assistance programs for purposes of the program and for the  
1777 benefit of individuals participating in the program, and (2)  
1778 philanthropic and employer investments to meet the goal set forth in  
1779 subdivision (1) of subsection (d) of this section and to support retention  
1780 of individuals participating in the program.

1781 Sec. 50. Section 10a-57g of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1782 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

1783 (a) As used in this section:



1784 (1) "Connecticut Preschool through Twenty and Workforce  
1785 Information Network" or "CP20 WIN" means the Preschool through  
1786 Twenty and Workforce Information Network maintained in the state.

1787 (2) "Data definitions" means the plain language descriptions of data  
1788 elements.

1789 (3) "Data dictionary" means a listing of the names of a set of data  
1790 elements, their definitions and additional meta-data that does not  
1791 contain any actual data, but provides information about the data in a  
1792 data set.

1793 (4) "Data elements" mean units of information that are stored or  
1794 accessed in any data system, such as a student identification number,  
1795 course code or cumulative grade point average.

1796 (5) "Meta-data" means the information about a data element that  
1797 provides context for that data element, such as its definition, storage  
1798 location, format and size.

1799 (6) "Participating agency" means the Connecticut State Colleges and  
1800 Universities, Department of Education, Labor Department, the Office of  
1801 Early Childhood, The University of Connecticut, the Connecticut  
1802 Conference of Independent Colleges or any entity that has executed [a]  
1803 an enterprise memorandum of [agreement] understanding for  
1804 participation in the CP20 WIN and has been approved for participation  
1805 by all other participating agencies.

1806 (7) "Preschool through Twenty and Workforce Information Network"  
1807 or "P20 WIN" means a state data system for the purpose of matching  
1808 and linking longitudinally data of state agencies and other  
1809 organizations [for] to inform policy and practice for education,  
1810 workforce and supportive services efforts, including, but not limited to,  
1811 the purpose of conducting audits and evaluations of federal and state  
1812 education programs.

1813 [(8) "P20 WIN Data Request Management Procedure" means the

1814 document containing the data request management process.]

1815 (b) There is established a Connecticut Preschool through Twenty and  
1816 Workforce Information Network. The purpose of the CP20 WIN is to  
1817 establish processes and structures governing the secure sharing of  
1818 critical longitudinal data across participating agencies through  
1819 implementation of the standards and policies of the Preschool through  
1820 Twenty and Workforce Information Network.

1821 (c) The CP20 WIN shall be governed by an executive board that shall  
1822 provide oversight of such network. Said executive board shall [consist  
1823 of the following members: The Labor Commissioner, or said  
1824 commissioner's designee, the Commissioner of Education, or said  
1825 commissioner's designee, the Commissioner of Early Childhood, or said  
1826 commissioner's designee, the president of the Connecticut State  
1827 Colleges and Universities, or the president's designee, the president of  
1828 The University of Connecticut, or the president's designee, the  
1829 chairperson of the board of the Connecticut Conference of Independent  
1830 Colleges, or a designee of said board] include, but need not be limited  
1831 to, the chief executive officer of each participating agency, or their  
1832 respective designees, the Chief Workforce Officer, or his or her  
1833 designee, and the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, or  
1834 the secretary's designee. The duties of the executive board shall be to:

1835 (1) Advance a vision for the CP20 WIN including a prioritized  
1836 research agenda with support from the [Planning Commission for  
1837 Higher Education] Office of Policy and Management.

1838 (2) Convene as needed to respond to issues from the data governing  
1839 board.

1840 (3) Identify and work to secure resources necessary to sustain CP20  
1841 WIN funding.

1842 (4) Support system implementation, maintenance and improvement  
1843 by advocating for the CP20 WIN in regard to policy, legislation and  
1844 resources.

1845 (5) Advocate and support the state's vision for the CP20 WIN.

1846 (6) Have overall fiscal and policy responsibility for the CP20 WIN.

1847 (7) Ensure that, in any circumstances in which public funds or  
1848 resources are to be jointly utilized with those from private entities, such  
1849 arrangements are governed by appropriate agreements approved by the  
1850 Attorney General.

1851 (8) Establish a data governing board to establish and enforce policies  
1852 related to cross-agency data management, including, but not limited to,  
1853 data confidentiality and security in alignment with the vision for CP20  
1854 WIN and any applicable law. In establishing such policies, the data  
1855 governing board shall consult with the Office of Policy and  
1856 Management, in accordance with the provisions of section 4-67n and  
1857 other applicable statutes and policies.

1858 (d) The executive board established pursuant to this section may  
1859 appoint advisory committees to make recommendations on data  
1860 stewardship, data system expansion and processes, and such other areas  
1861 that will advance the work of CP20 WIN.

1862 (e) On or before January 1, 2022, and annually thereafter, the Chief  
1863 Workforce Officer may, in consultation with the Chief Data Officer and  
1864 the Labor Commissioner, submit to the administrator of CP20 WIN a  
1865 request for data and analyses of such data for the purposes of assessing  
1866 performance and outcomes of the state's workforce system. By August  
1867 15, 2022, and annually thereafter, CP20 WIN shall submit to the Office  
1868 of Workforce Strategy data and analyses in response to such request.

1869 Sec. 51. Section 10a-101 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1870 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

1871 Whenever the term "state colleges" appears in sections 3-27a, 4-31a,  
1872 5-177, 5-275, 10-109a to 10-109d, inclusive, 10-110, 10-113, 10-114, 10-115,  
1873 10-115b, 10-115c, 10-115d, 10-115e, 10-115g, 10-115h, 10-115i, 10-116, 10-  
1874 149, 10-155, 10-325c, 10-326b, and 10-334, [and 31-3c,] it shall be deemed

1875 to mean the "Connecticut State University" System.

1876 Sec. 52. Section 10a-55d of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1877 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

1878 For purposes of sections 10a-55e to 10a-55h, inclusive, and section  
1879 10a-80c; [and 31-300:]

1880 (1) "Green technology" means technology that (A) promotes clean  
1881 energy, renewable energy or energy efficiency, (B) reduces greenhouse  
1882 gases or carbon emissions, or (C) involves the invention, design and  
1883 application of chemical products and processes to eliminate the use and  
1884 generation of hazardous substances; and

1885 (2) "Green jobs" means jobs in which green technology is employed  
1886 and may include the occupation codes identified as green jobs by the  
1887 United States Bureau of Labor Statistics and any codes identified as  
1888 green jobs by the Labor Department and the Department of Economic  
1889 and Community Development.

1890 Sec. 53. Subsection (b) of section 32-235 of the general statutes is  
1891 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
1892 *2021*):

1893 (b) The proceeds of the sale of said bonds, to the extent of the amount  
1894 stated in subsection (a) of this section, shall be used by the Department  
1895 of Economic and Community Development (1) for the purposes of  
1896 sections 32-220 to 32-234, inclusive, including economic cluster-related  
1897 programs and activities, and for the Connecticut job training finance  
1898 demonstration program pursuant to sections 32-23uu and 32-23vv,  
1899 provided (A) three million dollars shall be used by said department  
1900 solely for the purposes of section 32-23uu, [and not more than five  
1901 million two hundred fifty thousand dollars of the amount stated in said  
1902 subsection (a) may be used by said department for the purposes of  
1903 section 31-3u,] (B) not less than one million dollars shall be used for an  
1904 educational technology grant to the deployment center program and the  
1905 nonprofit business consortium deployment center approved pursuant

1906 to section 32-41l, (C) not less than two million dollars shall be used by  
1907 said department for the establishment of a pilot program to make grants  
1908 to businesses in designated areas of the state for construction,  
1909 renovation or improvement of small manufacturing facilities, provided  
1910 such grants are matched by the business, a municipality or another  
1911 financing entity. The Commissioner of Economic and Community  
1912 Development shall designate areas of the state where manufacturing is  
1913 a substantial part of the local economy and shall make grants under such  
1914 pilot program which are likely to produce a significant economic  
1915 development benefit for the designated area, (D) five million dollars  
1916 may be used by said department for the manufacturing competitiveness  
1917 grants program, (E) one million dollars shall be used by said department  
1918 for the purpose of a grant to the Connecticut Center for Advanced  
1919 Technology, for the purposes of subdivision (5) of subsection (a) of  
1920 section 32-7f, (F) fifty million dollars shall be used by said department  
1921 for the purpose of grants to the United States Department of the Navy,  
1922 the United States Department of Defense or eligible applicants for  
1923 projects related to the enhancement of infrastructure for long-term, on-  
1924 going naval operations at the United States Naval Submarine Base-New  
1925 London, located in Groton, which will increase the military value of said  
1926 base. Such projects shall not be subject to the provisions of sections 4a-  
1927 60 and 4a-60a, (G) two million dollars shall be used by said department  
1928 for the purpose of a grant to the Connecticut Center for Advanced  
1929 Technology, Inc., for manufacturing initiatives, including aerospace and  
1930 defense, and (H) four million dollars shall be used by said department  
1931 for the purpose of a grant to companies adversely impacted by the  
1932 construction at the Quinnipiac Bridge, where such grant may be used to  
1933 offset the increase in costs of commercial overland transportation of  
1934 goods or materials brought to the port of New Haven by ship or vessel,  
1935 (2) for the purposes of the small business assistance program established  
1936 pursuant to section 32-9yy, provided fifteen million dollars shall be  
1937 deposited in the small business assistance account established pursuant  
1938 to said section 32-9yy, (3) to deposit twenty million dollars in the small  
1939 business express assistance account established pursuant to section 32-  
1940 7h, (4) to deposit four million nine hundred thousand dollars per year

1941 in each of the fiscal years ending June 30, 2017, to June 30, 2019,  
1942 inclusive, and June 30, 2021, and nine million nine hundred thousand  
1943 dollars in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, in the CTNext Fund  
1944 established pursuant to section 32-39i, which shall be used by CTNext  
1945 to provide grants-in-aid to designated innovation places, as defined in  
1946 section 32-39j, planning grants-in-aid pursuant to section 32-39l, and  
1947 grants-in-aid for projects that network innovation places pursuant to  
1948 subsection (b) of section 32-39m, provided not more than three million  
1949 dollars be used for grants-in-aid for such projects, and further provided  
1950 any portion of any such deposit that remains unexpended in a fiscal year  
1951 subsequent to the date of such deposit may be used by CTNext for any  
1952 purpose described in subsection (e) of section 32-39i, (5) to deposit two  
1953 million dollars per year in each of the fiscal years ending June 30, 2019,  
1954 to June 30, 2021, inclusive, in the CTNext Fund established pursuant to  
1955 section 32-39i, which shall be used by CTNext for the purpose of  
1956 providing higher education entrepreneurship grants-in-aid pursuant to  
1957 section 32-39g, provided any portion of any such deposit that remains  
1958 unexpended in a fiscal year subsequent to the date of such deposit may  
1959 be used by CTNext for any purpose described in subsection (e) of section  
1960 32-39i, (6) for the purpose of funding the costs of the Technology Talent  
1961 Advisory Committee established pursuant to section 32-7p, provided  
1962 two million dollars per year in each of the fiscal years ending June 30,  
1963 2017, to June 30, 2021, inclusive, shall be used for such purpose, (7) to  
1964 provide (A) a grant-in-aid to the Connecticut Supplier Connection in an  
1965 amount equal to two hundred fifty thousand dollars in each of the fiscal  
1966 years ending June 30, 2017, to June 30, 2021, inclusive, and (B) a grant-  
1967 in-aid to the Connecticut Procurement Technical Assistance Program in  
1968 an amount equal to three hundred thousand dollars in each of the fiscal  
1969 years ending June 30, 2017, to June 30, 2021, inclusive, (8) to deposit four  
1970 hundred fifty thousand dollars per year, in each of the fiscal years  
1971 ending June 30, 2017, to June 30, 2021, inclusive, in the CTNext Fund  
1972 established pursuant to section 32-39i, which shall be used by CTNext  
1973 to provide growth grants-in-aid pursuant to section 32-39g, provided  
1974 any portion of any such deposit that remains unexpended in a fiscal year  
1975 subsequent to the date of such deposit may be used by CTNext for any

1976 purpose described in subsection (e) of section 32-39i, (9) to transfer fifty  
 1977 million dollars to the Labor Department which shall be used by said  
 1978 department for the purpose of funding work force pipeline programs  
 1979 selected pursuant to section 31-11rr, provided, notwithstanding the  
 1980 provisions of section 31-11rr, (A) not less than five million dollars shall  
 1981 be provided to the workforce development board in Bridgeport serving  
 1982 the southwest region, for purposes of such program, and the board shall  
 1983 distribute such money in proportion to population and need, and (B)  
 1984 not less than five million dollars shall be provided to the workforce  
 1985 development board in Hartford serving the north central region, for  
 1986 purposes of such program, (10) to transfer twenty million dollars to  
 1987 Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated, provided ten million dollars  
 1988 shall be used by Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated for the purpose  
 1989 of the proof of concept fund established pursuant to subsection (b) of  
 1990 section 32-39x and ten million dollars shall be used by Connecticut  
 1991 Innovations, Incorporated for the purpose of the venture capital fund  
 1992 program established pursuant to section 32-41oo. Not later than thirty  
 1993 days prior to any use of unexpended funds under subdivision (4), (5) or  
 1994 (8) of this subsection, the CTNext board of directors shall provide notice  
 1995 of and the reason for such use to the joint standing committees of the  
 1996 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to commerce  
 1997 and finance, revenue and bonding.

1998       Sec. 54. Sections 31-2d, 31-3a, 31-3c, 31-3g, 31-3p, 31-3q, 31-3u, 31-3dd,  
 1999 31-3ff, 31-11hh, 31-3ii, 31-11jj, 31-3oo, 31-3yy, 31-11q, 31-11r, 31-11t, 31-  
 2000 11ff, 31-11gg, 4-124vv and 4-124tt of the general statutes are repealed.  
 2001 (*Effective July 1, 2021*)

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	4-8
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	22a-201c
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	10-183g(h)
Sec. 4	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	27-9
Sec. 5	<i>from passage</i>	2-36
Sec. 6	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	5-156a

Sec. 7	<i>from passage</i>	8-169ii(c)
Sec. 8	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	New section
Sec. 9	<i>from passage</i>	31-49g(h)
Sec. 10	<i>from passage</i>	12-7c(a)
Sec. 11	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	4-124w
Sec. 12	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	4-124z
Sec. 13	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	4-124ff(b)
Sec. 14	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	4-124gg
Sec. 15	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	10a-19d(b)
Sec. 16	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	31-2
Sec. 17	<i>from passage</i>	31-3b
Sec. 18	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	31-3h
Sec. 19	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	31-3i
Sec. 20	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	31-3j
Sec. 21	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	31-3k
Sec. 22	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	31-3l
Sec. 23	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	31-3m
Sec. 24	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	31-3n
Sec. 25	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	31-3o
Sec. 26	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	31-3r
Sec. 27	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	31-3w
Sec. 28	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	31-3cc
Sec. 29	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	10-21c(a)
Sec. 30	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	10-21j
Sec. 31	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	31-22n
Sec. 32	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	10-95s(a)
Sec. 33	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	10-1(b)
Sec. 34	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	10-375
Sec. 35	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	10a-1a(a)
Sec. 36	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	10a-62
Sec. 37	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	10a-179a(b)
Sec. 38	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	32-7p(a)
Sec. 39	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	32-7n(a)
Sec. 40	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	32-39f(b)
Sec. 41	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	17b-688h(b)
Sec. 42	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	17b-688i(c)
Sec. 43	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	31-11m(b)(2)
Sec. 44	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	31-11o
Sec. 45	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	31-11p
Sec. 46	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	31-11s
Sec. 47	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	8-169ss



Sec. 48	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	31-11ss(c)
Sec. 49	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	31-11rr
Sec. 50	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	10a-57g
Sec. 51	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	10a-101
Sec. 52	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	10a-55d
Sec. 53	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	32-235(b)
Sec. 54	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	Repealer section

**Statement of Purpose:**

To implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

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