



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 3**

February Session, 2022



**AN ACT REQUIRING THE BOARD OF REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION TO DEVELOP SEMINAR PROGRAMS FOR SMALL BUSINESSES.**

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2022*) (a) For the purposes of this  
2 section:

3 (1) "Small business" means a business located in the state with  
4 twenty-five employees or less;

5 (2) "Cybersecurity" means the detection, prevention or response to  
6 activity intended to result in unauthorized access to, exfiltration of,  
7 manipulation of, or impairment to the integrity, confidentiality or  
8 availability of an information technology system or information stored  
9 on, or transiting, an information technology system; and

10 (3) "Virtual currency" has the same meaning as provided in section  
11 36a-596 of the general statutes.

12 (b) Not later than September 1, 2022, the Board of Regents for Higher  
13 Education shall, within available funds, develop seminar programs to  
14 assist small businesses with adapting to the business environment in the  
15 aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic, as defined in section 4-216a of the

16 general statutes, through courses in subject areas, including, but not  
17 limited to, electronic commerce, social media, cybersecurity and virtual  
18 currency. Said board shall prescribe forms and procedures by which not  
19 more than two employees of any small business may enroll in not more  
20 than five seminar programs or any course within such seminar  
21 programs at the Northwestern Connecticut Community College  
22 Entrepreneurial Center or the Werth Innovation and Entrepreneurial  
23 Center at Housatonic Community College at no cost to such small  
24 business.

25       Sec. 2. (*Effective July 1, 2022*) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2023,  
26 and June 30, 2024, the Board of Regents for Higher Education may  
27 expend funds received by the state pursuant to the American Rescue  
28 Plan Act of 2021, P.L. 117-2, as amended from time to time, for the  
29 purpose of developing seminar programs for small businesses pursuant  
30 to section 1 of this act.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2022</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2022</i>	New section

**HED**       *Joint Favorable Subst.*