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LCO No. 1858



Referred to Committee on EDUCATION

Introduced by:  
(ED)

***AN ACT CONCERNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN PATHWAYS PROGRAMS AND THE PROVISION OF INFORMATION ABOUT THE AVAILABILITY OF TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND CAREER SCHOOLS AND REGIONAL AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION CENTERS.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 10-21k of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

3 [A local or regional board of education may establish a] The  
4 Department of Education, in collaboration with the Labor Department's  
5 office of apprenticeship training, shall administer the Pipeline for  
6 Connecticut's Future program. Under the program, [a local or regional  
7 board of education shall partner] the department shall (1) assist local  
8 and regional boards of education in enhancing existing partnerships or  
9 establishing new partnerships with one or more local businesses to offer  
10 a pathways program (A) that assists students in (i) obtaining  
11 occupational licenses, (ii) participating in apprenticeship opportunities,  
12 and (iii) gaining immediate job skills, (B) that provides (i) industry-

13 specific class time and cooperative work placements, (ii) on-site and  
14 apprenticeship training, and (iii) course credit and occupational licenses  
15 to students upon completion, and (C) in one or more fields, such as  
16 manufacturing, computer programming or the culinary arts, and that  
17 may lead to a diploma and a certificate or license upon graduation, and  
18 (2) provide incentives to local and regional boards of education for  
19 establishing such partnerships.

20       Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2022*) Not later than July 1, 2023, the  
21 Department of Education shall develop best practices that may be used  
22 by local and regional boards of education when establishing a pathways  
23 program with local businesses under the Pipeline for Connecticut's  
24 Future program, pursuant to section 10-21k of the general statutes, as  
25 amended by this act. In developing such best practices, the department  
26 shall collaborate with stakeholders and other boards of education that  
27 have implemented a successful pathways program. The department  
28 shall make such best practice available upon request of a local or  
29 regional board of education.

30       Sec. 3. (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of Education shall  
31 review existing state laws and regulations related to the establishment  
32 of pathways programs by local and regional boards of education to  
33 identify any obstacles or prohibitions that may limit the ability of a  
34 board of education to build partnerships with local businesses for the  
35 purpose of establishing a successful pathways program. Such laws and  
36 regulations may include, but need not be limited to, those governing  
37 attendance, course credit for school work performed out of the  
38 classroom or in an apprenticeship setting and educator certification. Not  
39 later than January 1, 2023, the commissioner shall submit any  
40 recommendations for legislation to the joint standing committee of the  
41 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education  
42 and employment advancement, in accordance with the provisions of  
43 section 11-4a of the general statutes.

44       Sec. 4. Section 10-220d of the general statutes is repealed and the  
45 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

46 Each local and regional board of education shall provide full access  
 47 to technical education and career schools, regional agricultural science  
 48 and technology education centers, interdistrict magnet schools, charter  
 49 schools and interdistrict student attendance programs for the  
 50 recruitment of students attending the schools under the board's  
 51 jurisdiction, provided such recruitment is not for the purpose of  
 52 interscholastic athletic competition. Each local and regional board of  
 53 education shall provide information relating to technical education and  
 54 career schools, regional agricultural science and technology education  
 55 centers, interdistrict magnet schools, charter schools, alternative high  
 56 schools and interdistrict student attendance programs on the board's  
 57 web site. Each local and regional board of education shall [inform]  
 58 require school counselors to provide information to students and  
 59 parents of students in middle and high schools within such board's  
 60 jurisdiction of the availability of (1) vocational, technical, technological  
 61 and postsecondary education and training at technical education and  
 62 career schools, and (2) agricultural science and technology education at  
 63 regional agricultural science and technology education centers, and  
 64 publish such information on the Internet web site of such board.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2022</i>	10-21k
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2022</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2022</i>	10-220d

**Statement of Purpose:**

To require the Department of Education to administer the Pipeline for Connecticut's Future program in which the department will assist local and regional boards of education in enhancing existing partnerships or establishing new partnerships with one or more local businesses to offer a pathways program, and to require school counselors to provide information to students in middle school and high school about technical education and career schools and regional agricultural science and technology education centers.

*[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.]*