



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 407***

LCO No. 2970



Referred to Committee on COMMERCE

Introduced by:  
(CE)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A POST-COVID-19 WOMEN'S RETURN TO WORK ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN.***

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2022*) Not later than January 1,  
2 2023, the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development, in  
3 consultation with the Office of Workforce Strategy and regional  
4 workforce development boards, shall develop and implement a Post-  
5 COVID-19 Women's Return to Work Economic Development Plan,  
6 which shall include, but need not be limited to, the establishment of (1)  
7 partnerships with institutions of higher education, nonprofit  
8 organizations, professional business associations and child care and  
9 transit providers to develop and promote return to work initiatives,  
10 paid internships in high-growth industries, job and career fairs,  
11 professional mentorships, experiential learning opportunities and  
12 educational and employment coaching services for women seeking to  
13 return to work after the COVID-19 pandemic; and (2) business  
14 incentives to increase apprenticeship and internship opportunities for  
15 women. For the purposes of this section, "COVID-19" means the

16 respiratory disease designated by the World Health Organization on  
17 February 11, 2020, as coronavirus 2019, and any related mutation thereof  
18 recognized by the World Health Organization as a communicable  
19 respiratory disease.

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

***Statement of Purpose:***

To require the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development, in consultation with the Office of Workforce Strategy and regional workforce development boards, to develop and implement a Post-COVID-19 Women's Return to Work Economic Development Plan.

*[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.]*