



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

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Substitute House Bill No. 6755

*House of Representatives, March 29, 2023*

The Committee on Commerce reported through REP. MESKERS of the 150th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

## ***AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN ADVANCED MANUFACTURING EDUCATION CENTER ADVISORY GROUP.***

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established an advisory  
2 group to facilitate the expansion of an advanced manufacturing  
3 technology center at a regional community-technical college in the state,  
4 and to maximize the economic, educational and workforce benefits  
5 provided to the state by the center.

6 (1) The advisory group shall develop an implementation plan  
7 concerning the budget of, timeline for and the state, federal and private  
8 sector funding mechanisms for the following:

9 (A) Completing the necessary infrastructure at the center;

10 (B) Establishing an Industry 4.0 manufacturing technology career  
11 pathway model that may be duplicated at secondary and regional  
12 community-technical college level institutions throughout the state;

13 (C) Establishing sustainable public-private partnerships to provide  
14 the latest equipment, training and apprenticeship opportunities for  
15 students and instructors;

16 (D) Establishing a community robotics center at the advanced  
17 manufacturing technology center to support program awareness,  
18 enrollment and community involvement;

19 (E) Establishing, in underserved communities in municipalities with  
20 populations of at least one hundred thousand, robotics programs to  
21 engage students in grades kindergarten to twelve, inclusive, in team-  
22 based and mentor-based science, technology, engineering and  
23 mathematics events and competitions; and

24 (F) Incorporating mechanisms to maximize opportunities for  
25 traditionally underserved communities.

26 (2) The plan shall include metrics to measure success, including, but  
27 not limited to, key performance indicators and targets for each part of  
28 the implementation plan described in subdivision (1) of this subsection.

29 (3) The advisory group may utilize industry partners, employers,  
30 association boards, classroom teachers of students in grades  
31 kindergarten to twelve, inclusive, and others to develop the plan.

32 (4) The advisory group shall include in the implementation plan a  
33 recommendation as to whether said group should be reestablished after  
34 said group terminates pursuant to subsection (e) of this section. The  
35 advisory group shall, if said group recommends such reestablishment,  
36 include in the implementation plan a recommendation concerning for  
37 what purposes and for what duration said group should be  
38 reestablished.

39 (b) The advisory group members shall be appointed by the  
40 cochairpersons of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly  
41 having cognizance of matters relating to commerce, and shall consist of  
42 the following members:

43 (1) An executive vice president of workforce and economic  
44 development of the regional community-technical college system;

45 (2) An executive director of an advanced manufacturing technology  
46 center that has a mission of cultivating relationships among  
47 stakeholders with an interest in developing a diverse technical  
48 workforce;

49 (3) An associate dean of an advanced manufacturing technology  
50 program of the regional community-technical college system;

51 (4) A coordinator of counseling and career pathways for a public  
52 school system, consisting of grades kindergarten to twelve, inclusive, in  
53 a municipality in the state;

54 (5) A professor of robotics and mechatronics from a university within  
55 the Connecticut State University System;

56 (6) An associate dean of an advanced manufacturing center at a  
57 regional community-technical college in the state;

58 (7) An individual who is a current or former representative of a state-  
59 wide business organization and who is experienced in collaborating  
60 with manufacturers, manufacturing organizations, regional vocational-  
61 technical schools and regional community-technical colleges in the state;

62 (8) A technical talent development advisor from a product assembly  
63 company in the state; and

64 (9) Not more than two members of the manufacturing industry.

65 (c) All initial appointments to the advisory group shall be made not  
66 later than thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy  
67 shall be filled by the appointing authority.

68 (d) The cochairpersons of the joint standing committee of the General  
69 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to commerce shall  
70 select the cochairpersons of the advisory group from among the  
71 members of the advisory group. Such cochairpersons of the advisory

72 group shall schedule the first meeting of the advisory group, which shall  
73 be held not later than sixty days after the effective date of this section.

74 (e) Not later than January 1, 2024, the advisory group shall submit a  
75 report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general  
76 statutes, on its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the  
77 joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance  
78 of matters relating to commerce, education and higher education and  
79 employment advancement. The advisory group shall terminate on the  
80 date that it submits such report or January 1, 2024, whichever is later.

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

**Statement of Legislative Commissioners:**

In Subsec. (b)(1), "The executive" was changed to "An executive" for internal consistency.

**CE**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*

*The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.*

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**OFA Fiscal Note****State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None**Explanation**

The bill establishes an advisory group to facilitate the expansion of an advanced manufacturing technology center at a regional community-technical college resulting in no fiscal impact to the state because the advisory group has the expertise to meet the requirements of the bill.

**The Out Years****State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None



**OLR Bill Analysis**

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**SUMMARY**

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Commerce Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

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