



General Assembly

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**Committee Bill No. 6354**

LCO No. 4362



Referred to Committee on HIGHER EDUCATION AND  
EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT

Introduced by:  
(HED)

***AN ACT ESTABLISHING A GREEN JOBS CORPS PROGRAM.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 31-3rr of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

3 (a) As used in this section and section 10a-55g:

4 (1) "Green jobs" has the same meaning as provided in section 10a-55d;

5 (2) "Green technology" has the same meaning as provided in section  
6 10a-55d; and

7 (3) "Career ladder" means a description of the progression from an  
8 entry level position to higher levels of pay, skill, responsibility or  
9 authority.

10 (b) Not later than January 1, 2020, the Office of Workforce Strategy,  
11 in consultation with the Office of Higher Education, Department of  
12 Education, Labor Department, Department of Energy and  
13 Environmental Protection, regional workforce development boards and

14 employers, shall, within available appropriations, identify a career  
15 ladder for jobs in the green technology industry, including, but not  
16 limited to, a listing of (1) careers at each level of the green technology  
17 industry and the requisite level of education and the salary offered for  
18 such career, (2) all course, certificate and degree programs in green jobs  
19 offered by technical education and career schools within the Technical  
20 Education and Career System and institutions of higher education in the  
21 state, and (3) jobs available in the green technology industry in the state.  
22 The Office of Workforce Strategy shall update the green jobs career  
23 ladder established pursuant to this section on an as needed basis.

24 (c) Not later than January 1, 2024, the Chief Workforce Officer, Labor  
25 Commissioner, president of the Connecticut State Colleges and  
26 Universities, Commissioner of Education, executive director of the  
27 Technical Education and Career System and Commissioner of Energy  
28 and Environmental Protection shall jointly develop, and annually  
29 update, a plan for green jobs workforce training to accomplish the  
30 greenhouse gas emissions goals set forth in subsection (a) of section 22a-  
31 200a. Such plan shall include, but need not be limited to, (1)  
32 development of apprenticeship programs for green jobs with workforce  
33 shortages; (2) development of certificate and degree programs related to  
34 the green technology industry at technical education and career schools  
35 and institutions of higher education in the state; (3) identification of  
36 available funding, whether from a public or private source, to fund the  
37 development of such apprenticeship and certificate and degree  
38 programs, and provide grants to apprentices and students; and (4) a  
39 strategy to market existing and newly developed green jobs  
40 apprenticeship programs and certificate and degree programs related to  
41 the green technology industry at job centers, technical education, and  
42 career schools and institutions of higher education.

43 (d) Not later than February 1, 2024, and annually thereafter, the Chief  
44 Workforce Officer shall submit, in accordance with the provisions of  
45 section 11-4a, to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly  
46 having cognizance of matters relating to higher education and

47 employment advancement the plan developed or updated pursuant to  
48 subsection (c) of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	July 1, 2023	31-3rr
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**Statement of Purpose:**

To establish a green jobs corps program to outline a talent development strategy, help communities respond to climate change and reduce carbon emissions.

*[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.]*

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