



General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 797

LCO No. 2568



Referred to Committee on EDUCATION

Introduced by:
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AN ACT CONCERNING CAREER PATHWAYS AND WORKFORCE TRAINING.

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

1 That the general statutes be amended to (1) require the Department
2 of Education to (A) establish a rubric for career pathway training
3 programs; and (B) develop a new accelerated pathway to teacher
4 certification for people who work in the trades, (2) establish a task force
5 to examine any transportation barriers faced by participants in work-
6 based learning programs, (3) require the Commissioner of Consumer
7 Protection to (A) adopt regulations pursuant to section 20-332 of the
8 general statutes to specify a journeyman to apprentice ratio of two to
9 one for the period of July 1, 2023, until June 30, 2025, for the trades of
10 electrical, plumbing, heating, piping and cooling, sprinkler filter and
11 sheet metal work; and (B) jointly with the Labor Commissioner, (i)
12 increase fines for contractors who violate the journeyman to
13 apprentice ratio, and (ii) develop and publish standards for exceptions
14 to the journeyman to apprentice ratio requirement that accommodate
15 any workforce shortages, and (3) require the State Auditors of Public

- 16 Accounts to conduct an audit on the effectiveness of each workforce
17 development program funded by the state.

Statement of Purpose:

To develop a rubric for career pathway training programs and a new accelerated teacher certification pathway for people who work in the trades, establish a task force to examine transportation barriers related to work-based learning programs, amend the journey person to apprentice ratio until June 30, 2025, and require an audit of workforce development programs.