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**"AN ACT CONCERNING CLINICAL PLACEMENTS FOR NURSING STUDENTS, THE ESTABLISHMENT OF REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIPS FOR TEACHERS, REPORTING BY THE OFFICE OF WORKFORCE STRATEGY, PROMOTION OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE INSURANCE INDUSTRY AND A STUDENT LOAN SUBSIDY FOR HIGH-DEMAND PROFESSIONS."**

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the  
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force  
4 to develop a plan for establishing clinical placements at state facilities  
5 for nursing students at public and independent institutions of higher  
6 education. The task force shall examine (1) the types of state facilities  
7 that can accommodate such clinical placements, including, but not  
8 limited to, state correctional facilities and facilities operated by the  
9 Departments of Mental Health and Addiction Services, Children and  
10 Families, and Developmental Services, (2) the number and types of

11 clinical placements that may be established at each state facility, (3) the  
12 staffing requirements for providing such clinical placements and  
13 whether state facilities meet such staffing requirements, and (4) the total  
14 and per-student cost to state facilities to provide such clinical  
15 placements.

16 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

17 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,  
18 one of whom has expertise in clinical nursing and one of whom is a  
19 nursing education program administrator at The University of  
20 Connecticut;

21 (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, one of  
22 whom is a nurse administrator at a state agency or a state facility and  
23 one of whom has expertise in clinical placements for nursing students;

24 (3) Two appointed by the majority leader of the House of  
25 Representatives, one of whom is a representative of the Department of  
26 Public Health and is a registered nurse and one of whom is a nursing  
27 education program administrator at a state university within the  
28 Connecticut State University System;

29 (4) Two appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, one of whom  
30 is a representative of the Department of Mental Health and Addiction  
31 Services and is a registered nurse and one of whom is a nursing  
32 education program administrator at a regional community-technical  
33 college;

34 (5) Two appointed by the minority leader of the House of  
35 Representatives, one of whom is a representative of the Department of  
36 Developmental Services and is a registered nurse and one of whom is a  
37 nursing education program administrator at an independent institution  
38 of higher education, as defined in section 10a-173 of the general statutes;  
39 and

40 (6) Two appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, one of whom

41 is a representative of the Department of Children and Families and is a  
42 registered nurse and one of whom is a representative of the Department  
43 of Correction and is a licensed medical provider.

44 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivisions (1)  
45 and (2) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member of the General  
46 Assembly.

47 (d) All initial appointments to the task force shall be made not later  
48 than thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall  
49 be filled by the appointing authority.

50 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president pro  
51 tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force from  
52 among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall schedule  
53 the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not later than sixty  
54 days after the effective date of this section.

55 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the  
56 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to higher  
57 education and employment advancement shall serve as administrative  
58 staff of the task force.

59 (g) Not later than January 1, 2024, the task force shall submit a report  
60 on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of  
61 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to higher  
62 education and employment advancement, in accordance with the  
63 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes. The task force shall  
64 terminate on the date that it submits such report or January 1, 2024,  
65 whichever is later.

66 Sec. 2. Subsection (b) of section 4-124jj of the general statutes is  
67 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
68 *2023*):

69 (b) Not later than October 1, 2022, and annually thereafter, [until  
70 October 1, 2025,] the Chief Workforce Officer shall submit to the

71 Governor and, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a, to the  
72 joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance  
73 of matters relating to finance, higher education and employment  
74 advancement, education, commerce, and labor and public employees a  
75 report regarding the workforce training programs funded through the  
76 Office of Workforce Strategy account. Such report shall include, but not  
77 be limited to, information on the number of individuals served,  
78 demographic information about such individuals and outcomes of such  
79 individuals after completion of a workforce training program.

80 Sec. 3. Section 38a-8 of the general statutes is amended by adding  
81 subsection (h) as follows (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

82 (NEW) (h) The commissioner shall promote the development and  
83 growth of, and employment opportunities within, the insurance  
84 industry in the state.

85 Sec. 4. Section 10a-247 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
86 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2024*):

87 (a) The Connecticut Higher Education Supplemental Loan Authority  
88 shall establish, subject to available funding pursuant to section 10a-247a,  
89 as amended by this act, an Alliance District [Teacher] Educator and  
90 Counselor Loan Subsidy Program for the purpose of subsidizing  
91 interest rates on authority loans, as defined in section 10a-223, to  
92 teachers, paraeducators and school counselors who are employed in a  
93 district designated as an alliance district pursuant to section 10-262u and  
94 who meet the eligibility criteria as established by the authority and the  
95 Commissioner of Education.

96 (b) The authority shall enter into a memorandum of agreement with  
97 the Commissioner of Education to establish the eligibility criteria and  
98 administrative guidelines for the Alliance District [Teacher] Educator  
99 and Counselor Loan Subsidy Program. Such eligibility criteria and  
100 guidelines shall include, but need not be limited to, (1) applicant  
101 eligibility, (2) interest rate subsidies and principal limits on authority  
102 loans subject to the Alliance District [Teacher] Educator and Counselor

103 Loan Subsidy Program, (3) the process for verifying the employment of  
104 applicants, and (4) the requirement that an interest rate subsidy through  
105 the Alliance District [Teacher] Educator and Counselor Loan Subsidy  
106 Program shall terminate for any subsidy recipient who ceases to meet  
107 the employment requirements of such program during the term of such  
108 recipient's loan from the authority.

109 Sec. 5. Section 10a-247a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
110 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2024*):

111 The Connecticut Higher Education Supplemental Loan Authority  
112 shall maintain a separate, nonlapsing account to hold funds for the  
113 Alliance District [Teacher] Educator and Counselor Loan Subsidy  
114 Program established pursuant to section 10a-247, as amended by this  
115 act. The account shall contain any moneys required by law to be  
116 deposited in the account, including, but not limited to, any state  
117 appropriation or the proceeds from the sale of bonds issued for the  
118 purpose of section 10a-247, as amended by this act. Moneys in the  
119 account shall be used (1) for the purposes of the Alliance District  
120 [Teacher] Educator and Counselor Loan Subsidy Program and for  
121 reasonable and necessary expenses for the administration of such  
122 program, (2) for the issuance of authority loans to refinance one or more  
123 eligible loans, and (3) to maintain a reserve held by the authority to  
124 cover any losses incurred by the authority from the issuance of such  
125 authority loans. For the purposes of this section, "authority loans" and  
126 "eligible loans" have the same meaning as provided in section 10a-223.

127 Sec. 6. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2024*) (a) As used in this section:

128 (1) "Police officer" means a sworn member of a municipal police  
129 department;

130 (2) "Distressed municipality" has the same meaning as provided in  
131 section 32-9p of the general statutes;

132 (3) "Authority loans" has the same meaning as provided in section  
133 10a-223 of the general statutes; and

134 (4) "Eligible loans" has the same meaning as provided in section 10a-  
135 223 of the general statutes.

136 (b) On and after July 1, 2024, the Connecticut Higher Education  
137 Supplemental Loan Authority shall establish, subject to available  
138 funding pursuant to subsection (d) of this section, a Police Officer Loan  
139 Subsidy Program for the purpose of subsidizing interest rates on  
140 authority loans to police officers who are employed in a distressed  
141 municipality and who meet the eligibility criteria as established by the  
142 authority.

143 (c) The Connecticut Higher Education Supplemental Loan Authority  
144 shall, in consultation with the Police Officer Standards Training Council,  
145 establish the eligibility criteria and administrative guidelines for the  
146 Police Officer Loan Subsidy Program. Such eligibility criteria and  
147 guidelines shall include, but need not be limited to, (1) applicant  
148 eligibility, (2) interest rate subsidies and principal limits on authority  
149 loans subject to the Police Officer Loan Subsidy Program, (3) the process  
150 for verifying the employment of applicants, and (4) the requirement that  
151 an interest rate subsidy through the Police Officer Loan Subsidy  
152 Program shall terminate for any subsidy recipient who ceases to meet  
153 the employment requirements of such program during the term of such  
154 recipient's loan from the authority.

155 (d) The Connecticut Higher Education Supplemental Loan Authority  
156 shall maintain a separate, nonlapsing account to hold funds for the  
157 Police Officer Loan Subsidy Program. The account shall contain any  
158 moneys required by law to be deposited in the account, including, but  
159 not limited to, any state appropriation or the proceeds from the sale of  
160 bonds issued for the purpose of the program. Moneys in the account  
161 shall be used (1) for the purposes of the Police Officer Loan Subsidy  
162 Program and for reasonable and necessary expenses for the  
163 administration of such program, (2) for the issuance of authority loans  
164 to refinance one or more eligible loans, and (3) to maintain a reserve held  
165 by the authority to cover any losses incurred by the authority from the  
166 issuance of such authority loans.

167 Sec. 7. Section 1 of substitute house bill 6689 of the current session is  
168 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
169 *2023*):

170 (a) For the purposes of this section, "authority loans" and "eligible  
171 loans" have the same meanings as provided in section 10a-223 of the  
172 general statutes.

173 (b) The Connecticut Higher Education Supplemental Loan Authority  
174 shall establish, subject to available funding in the account established  
175 and maintained pursuant to section 2 of [this act] substitute house bill  
176 6689 of the current session, as amended by this act, a Nursing, [and]  
177 Mental Health Care and Emergency Medical Professionals Loan  
178 Subsidy Program for the purpose of subsidizing interest rates on  
179 authority loans issued to refinance eligible loans for health care  
180 professionals who (1) are actively employed in a clinical or an  
181 emergency medical service setting, (2) are (A) licensed pursuant to  
182 chapter 378, 378a, 383, 383a, 383b or 383c of the general statutes, or (B)  
183 certified as an emergency medical responder or emergency medical  
184 technician under the provisions of section 20-206ll or 20-206mm of the  
185 general statutes or as an advanced emergency medical technician by the  
186 Department of Public Health, and (3) meet the eligibility criteria  
187 established pursuant to subsection (c) of this section.

188 (c) The Connecticut Higher Education Supplemental Loan Authority  
189 shall enter into a memorandum of agreement with the Commissioner of  
190 Education to establish eligibility criteria and administrative guidelines  
191 for the program established pursuant to subsection (b) of this section.  
192 Such eligibility criteria and guidelines shall include, but need not be  
193 limited to, (1) applicant eligibility criteria, (2) interest rate subsidies and  
194 principal limits on authority loans offered under the program, (3) a  
195 process for verifying that applicants are actively employed in a clinical  
196 or an emergency medical service setting, and (4) a requirement that an  
197 interest rate subsidy on an authority loan issued under the program be  
198 terminated if the subsidy recipient fails to meet the requirements of the  
199 program at any time during the term of such loan.

200 Sec. 8. Section 2 of substitute house bill 6689 of the current session is  
 201 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
 202 *2023*):

203 The Connecticut Higher Education Supplemental Loan Authority  
 204 shall establish and maintain a separate, nonlapsing account to hold  
 205 funds for the Nursing, [and] Mental Health Care and Emergency  
 206 Medical Professionals Loan Subsidy Program established pursuant to  
 207 section 1 of [this act] substitute house bill 6689 of the current session, as  
 208 amended by this act. The account shall contain any moneys required by  
 209 law to be deposited in the account, including, but not limited to, any  
 210 state appropriation and the proceeds from the sale of any bonds issued  
 211 for the purpose of section 1 of [this act] substitute house bill 6689 of the  
 212 current session, as amended by this act. Moneys in the account shall be  
 213 expended by the Connecticut Higher Education Supplemental Loan  
 214 Authority (1) for the purposes of the Nursing, [and] Mental Health Care  
 215 and Emergency Medical Professionals Loan Subsidy Program  
 216 established pursuant to section 1 of [this act] substitute house bill 6689  
 217 of the current session, as amended by this act, including, but not limited  
 218 to, for reasonable expenses necessary to administer said program, (2) to  
 219 issue authority loans under said program to refinance one or more  
 220 eligible loans, and (3) to maintain a reserve, held by the authority, to  
 221 cover any losses incurred by the authority in issuing authority loans  
 222 under said program. For the purposes of this section, "authority loans"  
 223 and "eligible loans" have the same meanings as provided in section 10a-  
 224 223 of the general statutes."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	4-124jj(b)
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	38a-8(h)
Sec. 4	<i>January 1, 2024</i>	10a-247
Sec. 5	<i>January 1, 2024</i>	10a-247a
Sec. 7	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	HB 6689 (current session), Sec. 1



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Sec. 8	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	HB 6689 (current session), Sec. 2
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