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Substitute House Bill No. 6956

House of Representatives, March 24, 2025

The Committee on Labor and Public Employees reported through REP. SANCHEZ, E. of the 24th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING YOUTH EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING FUNDS.

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

1 Section 1. Section 31-3mm of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

3 (a) The Labor Department, within available appropriations, shall
4 establish a program to distribute youth employment and training funds
5 to regional workforce development boards.

6 (b) Funds provided for in this section shall be allocated [as follows:
7 (1) Thirty-two and five-tenths per cent to Capitol Workforce Partners;
8 (2) twenty-two and five-tenths per cent to The Workforce Alliance; (3)
9 twelve and five-tenths per cent to The Workplace, Inc.; (4) twenty-two
10 and five-tenths per cent to the Northwest Regional Workforce
11 Investment Board, Inc.; and (5) ten per cent to the Eastern Connecticut
12 Workforce Investment Board.] to the regional workforce development

13 boards by the Labor Commissioner based on the percentage of
 14 disadvantaged youth, as defined in 29 USC 3162(b)(2), in each
 15 workforce development region. The percentage of disadvantaged youth
 16 in each workforce development region shall be based on the census data
 17 for persons defined as disadvantaged youth and adults, as published by
 18 the United States Department of Labor, Employment and Training
 19 Administration, or any successor data.

20 (c) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and any fiscal year
 21 thereafter in which new census data is released, if any regional
 22 workforce development board faces a reduction in such board's
 23 allocation of funds pursuant to subsection (b) of this section that exceeds
 24 fifteen per cent of the prior fiscal year's allocation, the allocation for the
 25 other regional workforce development boards shall be reduced
 26 proportionately so that the reduction for such board's allocation may
 27 not exceed fifteen per cent.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2025	31-3mm

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In Subsec. (c), "funding" was changed to "allocation" for clarity and accuracy.

LAB *Joint Favorable Subst. -LCO*

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

The bill, which updates the allocation methodology governing the distribution of the Connecticut Youth Employment Program funds to the workforce development boards, does not result in any fiscal impact to the state or municipalities.

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

OLR Bill Analysis

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AN ACT CONCERNING YOUTH EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING FUNDS.

SUMMARY

This bill changes how the Department of Labor must allocate youth employment and training funds for the regional workforce development boards. Current law specifies the percentage that each board must receive (32.5% to Capitol Workforce Partners; 22.5% to The Workforce Alliance; 12.5% to The Workplace, Inc.; 22.5% to the Northwest Regional Workforce Investment Board, Inc.; and 10% to the Eastern Connecticut Workforce Investment Board).

The bill instead requires the funds to be allocated based on the percentage of disadvantaged youth (as defined in federal law and based on census data) in each workforce development region. If, under this new method, a board's allocation would be reduced by more than 15% from the previous year, the allocations for the other boards must be proportionally reduced so that the board's reduction does not exceed 15%.

Under the bill and federal law, a "disadvantaged youth" is someone ages 16 through 21 who received an income, or is a member of a family that received a total family income, that in relation to family size, does not exceed the higher of the poverty line or 70% of the lower living standard income level (an income level determined annually by the federal labor secretary based on the most recent lower living family budget).

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2025

COMMITTEE ACTION

Labor and Public Employees Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 12 Nay 1 (03/06/2025)