
OLR Bill Analysis

sHB 6956

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)