

**AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY TO PROMOTE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT USING THE GLOBAL
ENTREPRENEUR IN RESIDENCE PROGRAM AS A MODEL.**

Citation: SA 23-11 sec. 1

Effective Date: 06/28/23

Termination Date: January 1, 2024 (Or date of report submission, whichever is later)

Composition: 17 Members

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Working Group Purpose: Conduct a study and make recommendations regarding the feasibility of state universities leveraging the H1-B visa cap exemption process to fill high-value job openings and promote workforce development, using the Global Entrepreneur In Residence program as a model. The study shall include, but need not be limited to: (1) The development of recommendations for creating an international pipeline that would expand the size of the eligible workforce population; (2) an examination of any barriers to establishing such a pipeline; (3) an examination of any barriers faced by the business community when hiring international students; (4) an evaluation of international workforce pipeline programs used in other states; (5) the creation of a best practices document regarding current international workforce pipelines; (6) an examination of how to promote such a pipeline for in demand jobs outlined by the Office of Workforce Strategy; and (7) an examination of how the state can be more competitive in recruiting an international workforce.

Report Info: Not later than January 1, 2024, the working group shall submit a report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes

Chair info: The chairpersons of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to commerce shall appoint cochairpersons from among the members of the working group

Terms: All initial appointments to the working group shall be made not later than thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be filled by the appointing authority.

The chairpersons of the working group shall schedule the first meeting of the working group, which shall be held not later than sixty days after the effective date of this section.

The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to commerce shall serve as administrative staff of the working group.

Not later than January 1, 2024, the working group shall submit a report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to commerce, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes. The working group shall terminate on the date that it submits such report or January 1, 2024, whichever is later.

No.	Appointing Authority	Specific Qualifications	Appointee
1	Sen. Hartley Sen. Meskers	The chairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to commerce and higher education	Sen. Hartley
2	Sen. Hartley Sen. Meskers	The chairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to commerce and higher education	Rep. Meskers
3	Sen. Hartley Sen. Meskers	The chairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to commerce and higher education	Sen. Martin
4	Sen. Hartley Sen. Meskers	The chairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to commerce and higher education	Rep. Harrison
5	Sen. Hartley Sen. Meskers	The president of The University of Connecticut, or the president's designee	Rae Alexander
6	Sen. Hartley Sen. Meskers	The president of the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities, or the president's designee (Chancellor)	Terrence Cheng
7	Sen. Hartley Sen. Meskers	A representative from an independent institution of higher education, who shall be appointed by the chairpersons of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to commerce	Jennifer Widness
8	Sen. Hartley Sen. Meskers	The Chief Workforce Officer, or the officer's designee	Kelli-Marie Vallieres
9	Sen. Hartley Sen. Meskers	The Labor Commissioner, or the commissioner's designee	Kathi Marioni
10	Sen. Hartley Sen. Meskers	Immigration attorney representing different immigration populations	Dana Bucin
11	Sen. Hartley Sen. Meskers	Immigration attorney representing different immigration populations	Brenda Eckert
12	Sen. Hartley Sen. Meskers	Five representatives from businesses with experience in hiring and sponsoring international students	Paul Pescatello
13	Sen. Hartley Sen. Meskers	Five representatives from businesses with experience in hiring and sponsoring international students	Bailey Seeger
14	Sen. Hartley Sen. Meskers	Five representatives from businesses with experience in hiring and sponsoring international students	Heather Hiddleston
15	Sen. Hartley Sen. Meskers	Five representatives from businesses with experience in hiring and sponsoring international students	
16	Sen. Hartley Sen. Meskers	Five representatives from businesses with experience in hiring and sponsoring international students	
17	Sen. Hartley Sen. Meskers	A representative from an association representing businesses and industries in this state,	Ashley Zane