



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 5356**

LCO No. 2159



Referred to Committee on HIGHER EDUCATION AND  
EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT

Introduced by:  
(HED)

***AN ACT CONCERNING EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL  
PROGRAMS.***

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force  
2 to study the feasibility of establishing a pathways in technology early  
3 college high school program in school districts designated as alliance  
4 districts pursuant to section 10-262u of the general statutes, which  
5 program would enroll students from towns surrounding such school  
6 districts. Such study shall include, but need not be limited to, (1)  
7 identification of alliance districts where such programs may be placed,  
8 (2) identification of companies or business entities with whom an  
9 alliance district may partner to develop such program, and (3)  
10 identification of sources of funding to establish such programs.

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

12 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives;

13 (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate;

14 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of  
15 Representatives;

16 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate;

17 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of  
18 Representatives;

19 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate;

20 (7) The Commissioner of Education, or the commissioner's designee;  
21 and

22 (8) The president of the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities,  
23 or the president's designee.

24 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),  
25 (2), (3), (4), (5) or (6) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member  
26 of the General Assembly.

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

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

35 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the  
36 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education  
37 shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

38 (g) Not later than January 1, 2021, the task force shall submit a report  
39 on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of  
40 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to  
41 education, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the

42 general statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date that it  
43 submits such report or January 1, 2021, whichever is later.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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**Statement of Purpose:**

To establish a task force to study the feasibility of establishing a pathways in technology early college high school program in alliance districts which would enroll students from surrounding towns.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*