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AN ACT MAKING MINOR AND TECHNICAL CHANGES TO LABOR DEPARTMENT STATUTES.

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

1 Section 1. Section 10-95h of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 (a) Not later than November thirtieth each year, the joint standing
4 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
5 relating to education, higher education and employment advancement
6 and labor shall meet with the chairperson of the Technical Education
7 and Career System board and the superintendent of the Technical
8 Education and Career System, the Labor Commissioner and such other
9 persons as they deem appropriate to consider the items submitted
10 pursuant to subsection (b) of this section.

11 (b) On or before November fifteenth, annually:

12 (1) The Labor Commissioner shall submit the following to the joint
13 standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of
14 matters relating to education, higher education and employment

15 advancement and labor: (A) Information identifying general economic
16 trends in the state; (B) occupational information regarding the public
17 and private sectors, such as continuous data on occupational
18 movements; and (C) information identifying emerging regional, state
19 and national workforce needs over the next [~~thirty~~] ten years.

20 (2) The superintendent of the Technical Education and Career System
21 shall submit the following to the joint standing committees of the
22 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education,
23 higher education and employment advancement and labor: (A)
24 Information ensuring that the curriculum of the Technical Education
25 and Career System is incorporating those workforce skills that will be
26 needed for the next [~~thirty~~] ten years, as identified by the Labor
27 Commissioner in subdivision (1) of this subsection, into the technical
28 education and career schools; (B) information regarding the
29 employment status of students who graduate from or complete an
30 approved program of study at the Technical Education and Career
31 System, including, but not limited to: (i) Demographics such as age and
32 gender, (ii) course and program enrollment and completion, (iii)
33 employment status, and (iv) wages prior to enrolling and after
34 graduating; (C) an assessment of the adequacy of the resources available
35 to the Technical Education and Career System as the system develops
36 and refines programs to meet existing and emerging workforce needs;
37 (D) recommendations to the Technical Education and Career System
38 board to carry out the provisions of subparagraphs (A) to (C), inclusive,
39 of this subdivision; (E) information regarding staffing at each technical
40 education and career school for the current academic year; and (F)
41 information regarding the transition process of the Technical Education
42 and Career System as an independent agency, including, but not limited
43 to, the actions taken by the Technical Education and Career System
44 board and the superintendent to create a budget process and maintain
45 programmatic consistency for students enrolled in the technical
46 education and career system. The superintendent shall collaborate with
47 the Labor Commissioner to obtain information as needed to carry out

48 the provisions of this subsection.

49 Sec. 2. Section 31-3b of the general statutes is repealed and the
50 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

51 [(a) The Labor Commissioner shall appoint a job training coordinator
52 who shall develop and implement innovative programs which will
53 provide (1) job training for (A) workers who are needed by industries
54 planning to locate in Connecticut or by industries located in this state,
55 (B) unskilled entry level workers, (C) workers in need of retraining due
56 to the obsolescence of their skills and (D) workers who need skill
57 training to qualify for advancement, (2) an incentive for the
58 establishment of apprenticeship programs in selected occupations;
59 provided no program shall be developed for occupations where prior
60 skill or training is not typically a prerequisite to hiring, and (3) work
61 training opportunities and placement of the chronically unemployed
62 under section 31-3d.

63 (b) The Labor Commissioner is authorized to establish an interagency
64 program coordinating committee to coordinate the application of all
65 available resources for the purposes of this section. Said committee shall
66 consist of representatives of various employment and training agencies
67 within the Labor Department and representatives of the Department of
68 Education and the Department of Economic and Community
69 Development.]

70 [(c)] (a) The Labor Commissioner may contract with any public or
71 private agency for educational and job training services.

72 [(d)] (b) The Labor Commissioner may accept and receive funds from
73 any public or private source which become available for the purposes of
74 this section and section 31-3d.

75 Sec. 3. Section 31-3h of the general statutes is repealed and the
76 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

77 (a) There is created, within the Labor Department, the Connecticut
78 Employment and Training Commission.

79 (b) The duties and responsibilities of the commission shall include:

80 (1) Carrying out the duties and responsibilities of a state [job training
81 coordinating council] workforce development board pursuant to the
82 federal [Job Training Partnership Act, 29 USC 1532] Workforce
83 Innovation and Opportunity Act, 29 USC 3101, et seq., as amended from
84 time to time, [a state human resource investment council pursuant to 29
85 USC 1501 et seq., as amended from time to time,] and such other related
86 entities as the Governor may direct;

87 (2) Reviewing all employment and training programs in the state to
88 determine their success in leading to and obtaining the goal of economic
89 self-sufficiency and to determine if such programs are serving the needs
90 of Connecticut's workers, employers and economy;

91 (3) Reviewing and commenting on all employment and training
92 programs enacted by the General Assembly;

93 (4) Implementing the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity
94 Act of 2014, P.L. 113-128, as amended from time to time. Such
95 implementation shall include (A) developing, in consultation with the
96 regional workforce development boards, a single Connecticut
97 workforce development plan that (i) complies with the provisions of
98 said act and section 31-11p, and (ii) includes comprehensive state
99 performance measures for workforce development activities specified
100 in Title I of the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of
101 2014, P.L. 113-128, as amended from time to time, which performance
102 measures comply with the requirements of 20 CFR Part 666.100, (B)
103 making recommendations to the General Assembly concerning the
104 allocation of funds received by the state under said act and making
105 recommendations to the regional workforce development boards
106 concerning the use of formulas in allocating such funds to adult
107 employment and job training activities and youth activities, as specified

108 in said act, (C) providing oversight and coordination of the state-wide
109 employment statistics system required by said act, (D) as appropriate,
110 recommending to the Governor that the Governor apply for workforce
111 flexibility plans and waiver authority under said act, after consultation
112 with the regional workforce development boards, (E) developing
113 performance criteria for regional workforce development boards to
114 utilize in creating a list of eligible providers, and (F) on or before
115 December 31, 1999, developing a uniform individual training accounts
116 voucher system that shall be used by the regional workforce
117 development boards to pay for training of eligible workers by eligible
118 providers, as required under said act;

119 (5) Developing and overseeing a plan for the continuous
120 improvement of the regional workforce development boards
121 established pursuant to section 31-3k, as amended by this act;

122 (6) Developing incumbent worker, and vocational and manpower
123 training programs, including customized job training programs to
124 enhance the productivity of Connecticut businesses and to increase the
125 skills and earnings of underemployed and at-risk workers, and other
126 programs administered by the regional workforce development boards.
127 The Labor Department, in collaboration with the regional workforce
128 development boards, shall implement any incumbent worker and
129 customized job training programs developed by the commission
130 pursuant to this subdivision; and

131 (7) Developing a strategy for providing comprehensive services to
132 eligible youths, which strategy shall include developing youth
133 preapprentice and apprentice programs through, but not limited to,
134 technical education and career schools, and improving linkages
135 between academic and occupational learning and other youth
136 development activities.]; and

137 (8) Coordinating an electronic state hiring campaign to encourage the
138 reemployment of workers fifty years of age or older to be administered

139 through the Labor Department's Internet web site, which shall include
140 testimony from various employers that demonstrates the value of hiring
141 and retaining workers fifty years of age or older. Not later than January
142 1, 2015, the commission shall submit a report, in accordance with section
143 11-4a, to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
144 cognizance of matters relating to labor on the status of such campaign.]

145 Sec. 4. Section 31-3j of the general statutes is repealed and the
146 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

147 As used in sections 31-3j to 31-3r, inclusive, as amended by this act:

148 (1) "Board" means a regional work force development board
149 established under section 31-3k, as amended by this act;

150 (2) "Commission" means the Connecticut Employment and Training
151 Commission created under section 31-3h, as amended by this act;

152 (3) "Commissioner" means the Labor Commissioner;

153 (4) ["Job Training Partnership Act"] "Workforce Innovation and
154 Opportunity Act" means the federal [Job Training Partnership Act, 29
155 USC 1501] Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, 29 USC 3101, et
156 seq., as from time to time amended;

157 (5) "Municipality" means a town, city, borough, consolidated town
158 and city or consolidated town and borough;

159 (6) "Work force development region" or "region" means an area
160 designated as a service delivery area in accordance with the provisions
161 of the [Job Training Partnership Act] Workforce Innovation and
162 Opportunity Act.

163 Sec. 5. Section 31-3k of the general statutes is repealed and the
164 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

165 (a) There is established within the Labor Department a regional work

166 force development board for each work force development region in the
167 state. Each board shall assess the needs and priorities for investing in
168 the development of human resources within the region and shall
169 coordinate a broad range of employment, education, training and
170 related services that shall be focused on client-centered, lifelong
171 learning and shall be responsive to the needs of local business, industry,
172 the region, its municipalities and its citizens.

173 (b) Each board, within its region, shall:

174 (1) Carry out the duties and responsibilities of a [private industry
175 council under the Job Training Partnership Act, provided the private
176 industry council within the region elects by a vote of its members to
177 become a board and the Labor Commissioner approves the council as a
178 regional work force development board] workforce development board
179 pursuant to the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act.

180 (2) Within existing resources and consistent with the state
181 employment and training information system and any guidelines issued
182 by the commissioner under subsection (b) of section 31-2, (A) assess
183 regional needs and identify regional priorities for employment and
184 training programs, including, but not limited to, an assessment of the
185 special employment needs of unskilled and low-skilled unemployed
186 persons, including persons receiving state-administered general
187 assistance or short-term unemployment assistance, (B) conduct
188 planning for regional employment and training programs, (C)
189 coordinate such programs to ensure that the programs respond to the
190 needs of labor, business and industry, municipalities within the region,
191 the region as a whole, and all of its citizens, (D) serve as a clearinghouse
192 for information on all employment and training programs in the region,
193 (E) prepare and submit an annual plan containing the board's priorities
194 and goals for regional employment and training programs to the
195 commissioner and the commission for their review and approval, (F)
196 review grant proposals and plans submitted to state agencies for
197 employment and training programs that directly affect the region to

198 determine whether such proposals and plans are consistent with the
199 annual regional plan prepared under subparagraph (E) of this
200 subdivision and inform the commission and each state agency
201 concerned of the results of the review, (G) evaluate the effectiveness of
202 employment and training programs within the region in meeting the
203 goals contained in the annual regional plan prepared under
204 subparagraph (E) of this subdivision and report its findings to the
205 commissioner and the commission on an annual basis, (H) ensure the
206 effective use of available employment and training resources in the
207 region, and (I) allocate funds where applicable for program operations
208 in the region.

209 (3) Provide information to the commissioner concerning (A) all
210 employment and training programs, grants or funds to be effective or
211 available in the region in the following program year, (B) the source and
212 purpose of such programs, grants or funds, (C) the projected amount of
213 such programs, grants or funds, (D) persons, organizations and
214 institutions eligible to participate in such programs or receive such
215 grants or funds, (E) characteristics of clients eligible to receive services
216 pursuant to such programs, grants or funds, (F) the range of services
217 available pursuant to such programs, grants or funds, (G) goals of such
218 programs, grants or funds, (H) where applicable, schedules for
219 submitting requests for proposals, planning instructions, proposals and
220 plans, in connection with such programs, grants or funds, (I) the
221 program period for such programs, grants or funds, and (J) any other
222 data relating to such programs, grants or funds that the commissioner
223 or the commission deems essential for effective state planning.

224 (4) Carry out the duties and responsibilities of the local board for
225 purposes of the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, [of
226 2014, P.L. 113-128, as from time to time amended.

227 (5) Establish a worker training education committee comprised of
228 persons from the education and business communities within the
229 region, including, but not limited to, regional community-technical

230 colleges and technical education and career schools.]

231 (c) Each board shall make use of grants or contracts with appropriate
232 service providers to furnish all program services under sections 31-3j to
233 31-3r, inclusive, as amended by this act, unless the commission concurs
234 with the board that direct provision of a service by the board is
235 necessary to assure adequate availability of the service or that a service
236 of comparable quality can be provided more economically by the board.
237 Any board seeking to provide services directly shall include in the
238 annual regional plan submitted to the commissioner and the
239 commission under subparagraph (E) of subdivision (2) of subsection (b)
240 of this section its plan to provide services directly and appropriate
241 justification for the need to do so. When the decision to provide services
242 directly must be made between annual planning cycles, the board shall
243 submit to the commissioner and the commission a plan of service and
244 appropriate justification for the need to provide services directly. Such
245 plan of service shall be subject to review and approval by the
246 commission.

247 (d) On October 1, 2002, and annually thereafter, each board shall
248 submit to the Labor Department comprehensive performance measures
249 detailing the results of any education, employment or job training
250 program or activity funded by moneys allocated to the board, including,
251 but not limited to, programs and activities specified in the federal
252 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014, P.L. 113-128, as
253 from time to time amended. Such performance measures shall include,
254 but shall not be limited to, the identity and performance of any vendor
255 that enters into a contract with the board to conduct, manage or assist
256 with such programs or activities, the costs associated with such
257 programs or activities, the number, gender and race of persons served
258 by such programs or activities, the number, gender and race of persons
259 completing such programs or activities, occupational skill types, the
260 number, gender and race of persons who enter unsubsidized
261 employment upon completion of such programs or activities, the
262 number, gender and race of persons who remain in unsubsidized

263 employment six months later and the earnings received by such
264 persons.

265 Sec. 6. Section 31-3l of the general statutes is repealed and the
266 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

267 The members of a board shall be appointed by the chief elected
268 officials of the municipalities in the region in accordance with the
269 provisions of an agreement entered into by such municipalities. In the
270 absence of an agreement the appointments shall be made by the
271 Governor. The membership of each board shall satisfy the requirements
272 [for a private industry council as provided under the Job Training
273 Partnership Act and the requirements of the federal] of the Workforce
274 Innovation and Opportunity Act, [of 2014, P.L. 113-128, as from time to
275 time amended. To the extent consistent with such requirements: (1)
276 Business members shall constitute a majority of each board and shall
277 include owners of businesses, chief executives or chief operating officers
278 of nongovernmental employers, or other business executives who have
279 substantial management or policy responsibilities. Whenever possible,
280 at least one-half of the business and industry members shall be
281 representatives of small businesses, including minority businesses; (2)
282 the nonbusiness members shall include representatives of community-
283 based organizations, state and local organized labor, state and
284 municipal government, human service agencies, economic
285 development agencies and regional community-technical colleges and
286 other educational institutions, including secondary and postsecondary
287 institutions and regional vocational technical schools; (3) the
288 nonbusiness representatives shall be selected by the appointing
289 authority from among individuals nominated by the commissioner and
290 the organizations, agencies, institutions and groups set forth in
291 subdivisions (2) and (5) of this section, and each appointing authority
292 shall solicit nominations from the commissioner and the organizations,
293 agencies, institutions and groups set forth in subdivisions (2) and (5) of
294 this section; (4) labor representatives shall be selected from individuals
295 recommended by recognized state and local labor federations in a

296 manner consistent with the federal Job Training Partnership Act and the
297 federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014, P.L. 113-
298 128, as from time to time amended; (5) the board shall represent the
299 interests of a broad segment of the population of the region, including
300 the interests of welfare recipients, persons with disabilities, veterans,
301 dislocated workers, younger and older workers, women, minorities and
302 displaced homemakers; and (6) in each region where a private industry
303 council has elected by a vote of its members to become a regional work
304 force development board and the commissioner has approved the
305 council as a board, the initial membership of each board shall include,
306 but not be limited to, the business members of the private industry
307 council in the region.]

308 Sec. 7. Section 31-3n of the general statutes is repealed and the
309 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

310 (a) The commissioner, in consultation with the commission, [shall]
311 may adopt regulations in accordance with chapter 54 to carry out the
312 provisions of sections 31-3j to 31-3r, inclusive, as amended by this act.
313 The regulations [shall] may establish criteria for the organization and
314 operation of the board and for ensuring that the membership of each
315 board satisfies the requirements of section 31-3l, as amended by this act.

316 (b) The commissioner, acting through the commission, shall facilitate
317 communication and exchange of information between the boards and
318 state agencies involved in employment and training.

319 (c) The commissioner shall distribute all information received under
320 the provisions of sections 31-3j to 31-3r, inclusive, as amended by this
321 act, to the commission in order to ensure that the review and
322 coordination duties of the commission are effectively carried out.

323 (d) The commissioner shall submit each annual regional plan
324 prepared pursuant to subparagraph (E) of subdivision (2) of subsection
325 (b) of section 31-3k, as amended by this act, together with the
326 recommendations of the commissioner and the commission, to the

327 Governor for final approval.

328 (e) The commissioner shall approve, in consultation with the
329 commission, each board established pursuant to section 31-3k, as
330 amended by this act, which meets the requirements of sections 31-3j to
331 31-3r, inclusive, as amended by this act.

332 Sec. 8. Section 31-3r of the general statutes is repealed and the
333 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

334 Nothing in sections 31-3j to 31-3r, inclusive, as amended by this act,
335 shall be construed or administered in any manner that would conflict
336 with the requirements of the [Job Training Partnership Act] Workforce
337 Innovation and Opportunity Act or supersede any statutory duties,
338 responsibilities or obligations of any agency or board, including, but not
339 limited to, any local board of education.

340 Sec. 9. Subsection (e) of section 31-3pp of the general statutes is
341 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
342 *passage*):

343 (e) (1) An eligible small business or eligible small manufacturer may
344 apply to the department for a grant to subsidize on-the-job training for
345 a preapprentice, where "preapprentice" means a person, [who is (A) a
346 current student at a public or private high school, preparatory school or
347 institution of higher education, or (B) not more than eighteen years of
348 age and] student or minor employed under a written agreement with an
349 apprenticeship program sponsor for a term of training and employment
350 not exceeding two thousand hours or twenty-four months in duration,
351 and registered with the Labor Department. "Preapprentice" does not
352 include a person who was employed in this state by a related person
353 with respect to the eligible small business during the prior twelve
354 months or a person employed on a temporary or seasonal basis by a
355 retailer, as defined in section 42-371.

356 (2) Grants to eligible small businesses or eligible small manufacturers

357 under the Subsidized Training and Employment program shall be in the
358 following amounts: (A) For the first thirty calendar days a preapprentice
359 is employed, one hundred per cent of an amount representing the cost
360 of on-the-job training for such preapprentice, but in no event shall such
361 amount exceed ten dollars per hour; (B) for the thirty-first to ninetieth,
362 inclusive, calendar days, seventy-five per cent of such amount; (C) for
363 the ninety-first to one hundred fiftieth, inclusive, calendar days, fifty per
364 cent of such amount; and (D) for the one hundred fifty-first to one
365 hundred eightieth, inclusive, calendar days, twenty-five per cent of such
366 amount. Grants shall be cancelled as of the date the preapprentice leaves
367 his or her apprenticeship with the eligible small business or eligible
368 small manufacturer.

369 Sec. 10. Section 31-22m of the general statutes is repealed and the
370 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

371 When used in sections 31-22m to 31-22q, inclusive, as amended by
372 this act, and 31-22u, "apprentice" means a person employed under a
373 written agreement to work at and learn a specific trade and registered
374 with the Labor Department; "apprentice agreement" means a written
375 agreement entered into by an apprentice, or on his behalf by his parent
376 or guardian, with an employer, or with an association of employers and
377 an organization of employees acting as a joint apprenticeship
378 committee, which agreement provides for not less than two thousand
379 hours of work experience in approved trade training consistent with
380 recognized requirements established by industry or joint labor-industry
381 practice and for the number of hours of related and supplemental
382 instructions prescribed by the Connecticut State Apprenticeship
383 Council or which agreement meets requirements of the federal
384 government for on-the-job training schedules which are essential, in the
385 opinion of the Labor Commissioner, for the development of manpower
386 in Connecticut industries; "council" means the Connecticut State
387 Apprenticeship Council and "preapprentice" means a person, student or
388 minor (1) employed under a written agreement with an apprenticeship
389 sponsor for a term of training and employment not exceeding two

390 thousand hours or twenty-four months in duration, and (2) registered
391 with the Labor Department.

392 Sec. 11. Section 31-230 of the 2020 supplement to the general statutes
393 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
394 *passage*):

395 (a) An individual's benefit year shall commence with the beginning
396 of the week with respect to which the individual has filed a valid
397 initiating claim and shall continue through the Saturday of the fifty-first
398 week following the week in which it commenced, provided no benefit
399 year shall end until after the end of the third complete calendar quarter,
400 plus the remainder of any uncompleted calendar week that began in
401 such quarter, following the calendar quarter in which it commenced,
402 and provided further, the benefit year of an individual who has filed a
403 combined wage claim, as described in subsection (b) of section 31-255,
404 shall be the benefit year prescribed by the law of the paying state. In no
405 event shall a benefit year be established before the termination of an
406 existing benefit year previously established under the provisions of this
407 chapter. Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, the base
408 period of a benefit year shall be the first four of the five most recently
409 completed calendar quarters prior to such benefit year, provided such
410 quarters were not previously used to establish a prior valid benefit year
411 and provided further, the base period with respect to a combined wage
412 claim, as described in subsection (b) of section 31-255, shall be the base
413 period of the paying state, except that for any individual who is eligible
414 to receive or is receiving workers' compensation or who is properly
415 absent from work under the terms of the employer's sick leave or
416 disability leave policy, the base period shall be the [first four of the five
417 most recently worked quarters] four consecutive quarters immediately
418 preceding the most recently worked prior to such benefit year, provided
419 such quarters were [consecutive and] not previously used to establish a
420 prior valid benefit year and provided further, the last most recently
421 worked calendar quarter is no more than twelve calendar quarters prior
422 to the date such individual makes an initiating claim. As used in this

423 section, an initiating claim shall be deemed valid if the individual is
424 unemployed and meets the requirements of subdivisions (1) and (3) of
425 subsection (a) of section 31-235. The base period of an individual's
426 benefit year shall include wages paid by any nonprofit organization
427 electing reimbursement in lieu of contributions, or by the state and by
428 any town, city or other political or governmental subdivision of or in
429 this state or of any municipality to such person with respect to whom
430 such employer is subject to the provisions of this chapter. With respect
431 to weeks of unemployment beginning on or after January 1, 1978, wages
432 for insured work shall include wages paid for previously uncovered
433 services. For purposes of this section, the term "previously uncovered
434 services" means services that (1) were not employment, as defined in
435 section 31-222, and were not services covered pursuant to section 31-
436 223, at any time during the one-year period ending December 31, 1975;
437 and (2) (A) are agricultural labor, as defined in subparagraph (H) of
438 subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 31-222, or domestic service,
439 as defined in subparagraph (J) of subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of
440 section 31-222, or (B) are services performed by an employee of this state
441 or a political subdivision of this state, as provided in subparagraph (C)
442 of subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 31-222, or by an employee
443 of a nonprofit educational institution that is not an institution of higher
444 education, as provided in subparagraph (E)(iii) of subdivision (1) of
445 subsection (a) of section 31-222, except to the extent that assistance
446 under Title II of the Emergency Jobs and Unemployment Assistance Act
447 of 1974 was paid on the basis of such services.

448 (b) The base period of a benefit year for any individual who is
449 ineligible to receive benefits using the base period set forth in subsection
450 (a) of this section shall be the four [most recently completed calendar]
451 consecutive quarters immediately preceding the most recently worked
452 quarters prior to the individual's benefit year, provided such quarters
453 were not previously used to establish a prior valid benefit year, except
454 that for any such individual who is eligible to receive or is receiving
455 workers' compensation or who is properly absent from work under the

456 terms of an employer's sick leave or disability leave policy, the base
457 period shall be the four most recently worked calendar quarters prior to
458 such benefit year, provided such quarters were consecutive and not
459 previously used to establish a prior valid benefit year and provided
460 further, the last most recently worked calendar quarter is not more than
461 twelve calendar quarters prior to the date such individual makes the
462 initiating claim. If the wage information for an individual's most
463 recently worked calendar quarter is unavailable to the administrator
464 from regular quarterly reports of systematically accessible wage
465 information, the administrator shall promptly contact the individual's
466 employer to obtain such wage information.

467 Sec. 12. Subsection (a) of section 31-235 of the general statutes is
468 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
469 *passage*):

470 (a) An unemployed individual shall be eligible to receive benefits
471 with respect to any week only if it has been found that (1) such
472 individual has made claim for benefits in accordance with the
473 provisions of section 31-240 and has registered for work at the public
474 employment bureau or other agency designated by the administrator
475 within such time limits, with such frequency and in such manner as the
476 administrator may prescribe, provided failure to comply with this
477 condition may be excused by the administrator upon a showing of good
478 cause therefor; (2) except as provided in subsection (b) of this section,
479 such individual is physically and mentally able to work and is available
480 for work and has been and is making reasonable efforts to obtain work,
481 provided the individual shall not be considered to be unavailable for
482 work solely because the individual is attending a school, college or
483 university as a regularly enrolled student during the separation from
484 employment, within the limitations of subdivision (6) of subsection (a)
485 of section 31-236, and provided further, the individual shall not be
486 considered to be lacking in efforts to obtain work if, as a student, such
487 efforts are restricted to employment which does not conflict with the
488 individual's regular class hours as a student, and provided the

489 administrator shall not use prior "patterns of unemployment" of the
490 individual to determine whether the individual is available for work; (3)
491 such individual has been paid wages by an employer who was subject
492 to the provisions of this chapter during the base period of the current
493 benefit year in an amount at least equal to forty times the individual's
494 benefit rate for total unemployment, provided an unemployed
495 individual who is sixty-two years of age or older and is involuntarily
496 retired under a compulsory retirement policy or contract provision shall
497 be eligible for benefits with respect to any week, notwithstanding
498 subdivisions (1) and (2) of this subsection, if it is found by the
499 administrator that the individual has made claim for benefits in
500 accordance with the provisions of section 31-240, has registered for
501 work at the public employment bureau, is physically and mentally able
502 to work, is available for work, meets the requirements of this
503 subdivision and has not refused suitable work to which the individual
504 has been referred by the administrator; (4) such individual participates
505 in reemployment services, such as job search assistance services, if the
506 individual has been determined to be likely to exhaust regular benefits
507 and need reemployment services pursuant to a profiling or
508 reemployment services and eligibility assessment system established by
509 the administrator unless the administrator determines that (A) for
510 purposes of the profiling system only, the individual has completed
511 such services, or (B) there is justifiable cause for the individual's failure
512 to participate in such services. The administrator shall adopt
513 regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, for the
514 administration of the reemployment services and eligibility assessment
515 system and the profiling system. For purposes of subdivision (2) of this
516 subsection, "patterns of unemployment" means regularly recurring
517 periods of unemployment of the claimant in the years prior to filing the
518 claim in question.

519 Sec. 13. Sections 31-3a, 31-3g, 31-3u, 31-3ff, 31-3ii, 31-22s and 31-250a
520 of the general statutes are repealed. (*Effective from passage*)

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	10-95h
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	31-3b
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	31-3h
Sec. 4	<i>from passage</i>	31-3j
Sec. 5	<i>from passage</i>	31-3k
Sec. 6	<i>from passage</i>	31-3l
Sec. 7	<i>from passage</i>	31-3n
Sec. 8	<i>from passage</i>	31-3r
Sec. 9	<i>from passage</i>	31-3pp(e)
Sec. 10	<i>from passage</i>	31-22m
Sec. 11	<i>from passage</i>	31-230
Sec. 12	<i>from passage</i>	31-235(a)
Sec. 13	<i>from passage</i>	Repealer section

Statement of Purpose:

To make minor and technical changes to Labor Department statutes.

[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.]