



**Substitute House Bill No. 6354**

**Public Act No. 23-61**

**AN ACT ESTABLISHING A GREEN JOBS CORPS PROGRAM.**

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

Section 1. Section 31-3rr of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

(a) As used in this section and section 10a-55g:

(1) "Green jobs" has the same meaning as provided in section 10a-55d;

(2) "Green technology" has the same meaning as provided in section 10a-55d; and

(3) "Career ladder" means a description of the progression from an entry level position to higher levels of pay, skill, responsibility or authority.

(b) Not later than January 1, 2020, the [Office of Workforce Strategy] Connecticut Clean Economy Council, in consultation with the Office of Higher Education, Department of Education, Labor Department, Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, regional workforce development boards and employers, shall, within available appropriations, identify a career ladder for jobs in the green technology industry, including, but not limited to, a listing of (1) careers at each

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level of the green technology industry and the requisite level of education and the salary offered for such career, (2) all course, certificate and degree programs in green jobs offered by technical education and career schools within the Technical Education and Career System and institutions of higher education in the state, and (3) jobs available in the green technology industry in the state. The [Office of Workforce Strategy] Connecticut Clean Economy Council shall update the green jobs career ladder established pursuant to this section on an as needed basis.

(c) Not later than January 1, 2024, the Connecticut Clean Economy Council shall develop a plan for green jobs workforce training to accomplish the greenhouse gas emissions goals set forth in subsection (a) of section 22a-200a. Such plan shall include, but need not be limited to, (1) development of work-based learning programs for green jobs with workforce shortages; (2) development of certificate and degree programs related to the green technology industry at technical education and career schools and institutions of higher education in the state; (3) identification of available funding, whether from a public or private source, to fund the development of such work-based learning and certificate and degree programs and provide grants to apprentices and students; and (4) a strategy to market and recruit individuals, especially from underrepresented populations, to existing and newly developed green jobs work-based learning programs and certificate and degree programs related to the green technology industry at job centers, technical education and career schools and institutions of higher education. Not later than January 1, 2025, and annually thereafter, said council shall update such plan as necessary.

(d) Not later than February 1, 2024, and annually thereafter, the Connecticut Clean Economy Council shall submit, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a, to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to higher

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education and employment advancement the plan developed or updated pursuant to subsection (c) of this section.