



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 881**

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**AN ACT CONCERNING WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 4-124w of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

3 (a) There shall be within the [Labor Department an Office of  
4 Workforce Competitiveness] Department of Economic and Community  
5 Development, for administrative purposes only, an Office of Workforce  
6 Strategy.

7 (b) The Office of Workforce Strategy shall be under the direction of  
8 the Chief Workforce Officer, who shall report directly to the Governor.  
9 The Governor, with the approval of the General Assembly, shall appoint  
10 a person with knowledge of public sector workforce training programs  
11 to the position of Chief Workforce Officer. Such person shall be qualified  
12 by training and experience to perform the duties of the office as set forth  
13 in this section. The [Labor Commissioner shall, with the assistance of the  
14 Office of Workforce Competitiveness] Chief Workforce Officer shall:

15 (1) Be the [Governor's principal workforce development policy  
16 advisor] principal advisor for workforce development policy, strategy  
17 and coordination to the Governor;

18 (2) Be the lead state official for the development of employment and  
19 training strategies and initiatives;

20 (3) Be the chairperson of the Workforce Cabinet, which shall consist  
21 of agencies involved with employment and training, as identified by the  
22 Governor pursuant to section 31-3m. The Workforce Cabinet shall meet  
23 at the direction of the Governor or the Chief Workforce Officer;

24 ~~[(2)]~~ (4) Be the liaison between the Governor, the Governor's  
25 Workforce Council, established pursuant to section 31-3h, as amended  
26 by this act, and any local, regional, state or federal organizations and  
27 entities with respect to workforce development [matters] policy,  
28 strategy and coordination, including, but not limited to, implementation  
29 of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014, P.L. 113-128,  
30 as [from time to time] amended from time to time;

31 [(3) Coordinate the workforce development activities of all state  
32 agencies;] (5) Develop, and update as necessary, a state workforce  
33 strategy in consultation with the Governor's Workforce Council and the  
34 Workforce Cabinet and subject to the approval of the Governor;

35 ~~[(4)]~~ (6) Coordinate and align [the state's implementation of the  
36 federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014, P.L. 113-  
37 128, as from time to time amended, and advise and assist the Governor  
38 with matters related to said act] each workforce development activity  
39 funded by the state through funds received pursuant to the Workforce  
40 Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014, P.L. 113-128, as amended from  
41 time to time, or state grant programs that are administered by or in  
42 collaboration with any state agency for the purpose of furthering the  
43 goals and outcomes of the state workforce strategy approved by the  
44 Governor pursuant to subdivision (5) of this subsection and the  
45 workforce development plan developed by the Governor's Workforce  
46 Council pursuant to the provisions of section 31-11p, as amended by this  
47 act;

48 (7) Collaborate with the regional workforce development boards to

49 adapt the best practices for workforce development established by such  
50 boards for statewide implementation, if possible;

51 (8) Coordinate measurement and evaluation of outcomes across  
52 education and workforce development programs, in conjunction with  
53 state agencies, including, but not limited to, the Labor Department, the  
54 Department of Education and the Office of Policy and Management;

55 (9) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, review any  
56 state plan for each program set forth in section 103 (b) of the Workforce  
57 Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014, P.L. 113-128, as amended from  
58 time to time, before such plan is submitted to the Governor;

59 ~~[(5)]~~ (10) Establish methods and procedures to ensure the maximum  
60 involvement of members of the public, the legislature and local officials  
61 in workforce development [matters, including implementation of the  
62 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014, P.L. 113-128, as  
63 from time to time amended] policy, strategy and coordination;

64 ~~[(6)]~~ (11) [Enter] In conjunction with one or more state agencies enter  
65 into such contractual agreements, in accordance with established  
66 procedures and the approval of the Secretary of the Office of Policy and  
67 Management, as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this  
68 section;

69 (12) Market and communicate the state workforce strategy to ensure  
70 maximum engagement with students, trainees, job seekers and  
71 businesses while effectively elevating the state's workforce profile  
72 nationally;

73 (13) For the purposes of subsection (a) of section 10-21c, as amended  
74 by this act, identify subject areas, courses, curriculum, content and  
75 programs that may be offered to students in elementary and high school  
76 in order to improve student outcomes and meet the workforce needs of  
77 the state;

78 (14) Issue guidance to state agencies, the Governor's Workforce

79 Council and regional workforce development boards in furtherance of  
80 the state workforce strategy. Such guidance shall be in compliance with  
81 state and federal laws, approved by the Secretary of the Office of Policy  
82 and Management and take effect not less than fourteen days from such  
83 approval. The Chief Workforce Officer shall consult on the  
84 implementation of any guidance with the agency, council or board  
85 impacted by such guidance;

86 (15) Coordinate, in consultation with the Labor Department, with  
87 regional workforce development boards and community action  
88 agencies to ensure compliance with state and federal laws for the  
89 purpose of furthering the service capabilities of programs offered  
90 pursuant to the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, P.L. 113-  
91 128, as amended from time to time, and the United States Department  
92 of Labor's American Job Center system; and

93 ~~[(7)]~~ (16) Take any other action necessary to carry out the provisions  
94 of this section. [; and]

95 [(8) Not later than October 1, 2012, and annually thereafter, submit a  
96 report, with the assistance of the Labor Department, to the Governor  
97 and the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having  
98 cognizance of matters relating to education, economic development,  
99 labor and higher education and employment advancement specifying a  
100 forecasted assessment by the Labor Department of workforce shortages  
101 in occupations in this state for the succeeding two and five-year periods.  
102 The report shall also include recommendations concerning (A) methods  
103 to generate a sufficient number of workers to meet identified workforce  
104 needs, including, but not limited to, scholarship, school-to-career and  
105 internship programs, and (B) methods secondary and higher education  
106 and private industry can use to address identified workforce needs.]

107 [(c) The Labor Department shall be the lead state agency for the  
108 development of employment and training strategies and initiatives  
109 required to support the state's position in the knowledge economy.]

110       (c) The [Labor Commissioner, with the assistance of the Office of  
111 Workforce Competitiveness,] Chief Workforce Officer may call upon  
112 any office, department, board, commission, public institution of higher  
113 education or other agency of the state to supply such reports,  
114 information, data and assistance as may be reasonable, necessary [or]  
115 and appropriate in order to carry out [its] the Chief Workforce Officer's  
116 or the Office of Workforce Strategy's duties and requirements. Each  
117 officer or employee of such office, department, board, commission,  
118 public institution of higher education or other agency of the state [is  
119 authorized and directed to cooperate with the Labor Commissioner and  
120 to] shall furnish such reports, information, data and assistance as  
121 requested by the Chief Workforce Officer, to the extent permitted under  
122 state and federal law. Any request for data from a participating agency  
123 in CP20 WIN, established pursuant to section 10a-57g, shall be  
124 submitted through CP20 WIN in accordance with the policies and  
125 procedures established by CP20 WIN.

126       (d) The Office of Workforce Strategy shall provide staff to the  
127 Governor's Workforce Council and such other resources as the Chief  
128 Workforce Officer can make available, and shall coordinate all necessary  
129 support that other state agencies make available, as needed by the  
130 Governor's Workforce Council.

131       (e) The Chief Workforce Officer, on behalf of the Governor and the  
132 Governor's Workforce Council and in consultation with the Labor  
133 Commissioner, shall coordinate the state plan, budget and  
134 implementation of the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity  
135 Act, P.L. 113-128, as amended from time to time, and may issue  
136 guidance to this effect. The Labor Commissioner shall offer such  
137 resources as the commissioner can make available for such purpose.

138       (f) Not later than October 1, 2022, and annually thereafter, the Chief  
139 Workforce Officer shall submit to the Governor and, in accordance with  
140 the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint  
141 standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
142 matters relating to higher education and employment advancement,

143 education, commerce and labor and public employees, a report  
144 regarding workforce development in the state. Such report shall include  
145 but not be limited to, any programs undertaken by the Office of  
146 Workforce Strategy, information on the number of individuals served  
147 by such programs, demographic information about such individuals  
148 and outcomes of such individuals after completion of a workforce  
149 development program.

150       Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2021*) (a) There is established an account  
151 to be known as the "CareerConneCT account" which shall be a separate,  
152 nonlapsing account within the General Fund. The account shall contain  
153 any moneys required by law to be deposited in the account. Moneys in  
154 the account shall be expended by Department of Economic and  
155 Community Development for the purposes of funding workforce  
156 training programs recommended by the Office of Workforce Strategy.  
157 The Chief Workforce Officer, in coordination with the Labor  
158 Commissioner and the regional workforce development boards, shall  
159 ensure that, to the extent possible, participants in a workforce training  
160 program funded through the CareerConneCT account also enroll in any  
161 federally funded workforce development program.

162       (b) Not later than October 1, 2022, and annually thereafter until  
163 October 1, 2024, the Chief Workforce Officer shall submit to the  
164 Governor and, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the  
165 general statutes, to the joint standing committees of the General  
166 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to higher education  
167 and employment advancement, education, commerce and labor and  
168 public employees a report regarding the workforce training programs  
169 funded through the CareerConneCT account. Such report shall include  
170 but not be limited to, information on the number of individuals served,  
171 demographic information about such individuals and outcomes of such  
172 individuals after completion of a workforce training program.

173       Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2021*) (a) As used in this section and  
174 sections 4, 7, 14 and 15 of this act:

175 (1) "Credential" means a documented award issued by an authorized  
176 body, including, but not limited to, a (A) degree or certificate awarded  
177 by an institution of higher education, private occupational school or  
178 provider of an alternate route to certification program approved by the  
179 State Board of Education for teachers, (B) certification awarded through  
180 an examination process designed to demonstrate acquisition of  
181 designated knowledge, skill and ability to perform a specific job, (C)  
182 license issued by a governmental agency which permits an individual  
183 to practice a specific occupation upon verification that such individual  
184 meets a predetermined list of qualifications, and (D) documented  
185 completion of an apprenticeship or job training program; and

186 (2) "Credential status type" means the official status of a credential  
187 which is either active, deprecated, probationary or superseded.

188 (b) Not later than January 1, 2023, the executive director of the Office  
189 of Higher Education, in consultation with the advisory council  
190 established pursuant to subsection (c) of this section, shall create a  
191 database of credentials offered in the state for the purpose of explaining  
192 the skills and competencies earned through a credential in uniform  
193 terms and plain language. In creating the database, the executive  
194 director shall utilize the minimum data policy of the New England  
195 Board of Higher Education's High Value Credentials for New England  
196 initiative, the uniform terms and descriptions of Credentials Engine's  
197 Credential Transparency Description Language and the uniform  
198 standards for comparing and linking credentials in Credential Engine's  
199 Credential Transparency Description Language-Achievement  
200 Standards Network. At a minimum, the database shall include the  
201 following data for each credential: (1) Credential status type, (2) the  
202 entity that owns or offers the credential, (3) the type of credential being  
203 offered, (4) a short description of the credential, (5) the name of the  
204 credential, (6) the Internet web site that provides information relating to  
205 the credential, (7) the language in which the credential is offered, (8) the  
206 estimated duration for completion, (9) the industry related to the  
207 credential which may include its code under the North American

208 Industry Classification System, (10) the occupation related to the  
209 credential which may include its code under the standard occupational  
210 classification system of the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United  
211 States Department of Labor or under The Occupational Information  
212 Network, (11) the estimated cost for earning the credential, and (12) a  
213 listing of online or physical locations where the credential is offered.

214 (c) There is established an advisory council for the purpose of  
215 advising the executive director of the Office of Higher Education on the  
216 implementation of the database created pursuant to subsection (b) of  
217 this section. The advisory council shall consist of representatives from  
218 the Office of Workforce Strategy established pursuant to section 4-124w  
219 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, Office of Higher  
220 Education, Office of Policy and Management, Labor Department,  
221 Department of Education, Connecticut State Colleges and Universities,  
222 The University of Connecticut and independent institutions of higher  
223 education and shall include the Chief Data Officer. The Chief Workforce  
224 Officer, the Chief Data Officer and the executive director of the Office of  
225 Higher Education, or their designees, shall be cochairpersons of the  
226 advisory council and shall make any necessary appointments to the  
227 advisory council and schedule the meetings of the advisory council.

228 (d) Not later than July 1, 2024, and annually thereafter, each  
229 institution of higher education, private occupational school, provider of  
230 an alternate route to certification program approved by the State Board  
231 of Education and provider of a training program listed on the Labor  
232 Department's Eligible Training Provider List shall submit information,  
233 in the form and manner prescribed by the executive director of the  
234 Office of Higher Education, about any credential offered by such  
235 institution, school or provider for inclusion in the database created  
236 pursuant to subsection (b) of this section. Such information shall  
237 include, but need not be limited to, the data described in subdivisions  
238 (1) to (12), inclusive, of subsection (b) of this section, except an  
239 institution of higher education may omit the data required pursuant to  
240 subdivisions (9) and (10) of subsection (b) of this section if such data is



241 not applicable to a credential offered by such institution.

242 (e) Nothing in this section shall be construed to require any state  
243 agency or department to submit credential information to the database  
244 created pursuant to subsection (b) of this section.

245 (f) The Labor Department may, in consultation with the advisory  
246 council established pursuant to subsection (c) of this section, require any  
247 program sponsor of a preapprenticeship or apprenticeship program  
248 registered with the department to submit information about such  
249 program to the Office of Higher Education for inclusion in such  
250 database.

251 Sec. 4. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2021*) (a) The Office of Workforce  
252 Strategy, established pursuant to section 4-124w of the general statutes,  
253 as amended by this act, shall establish standards for designating certain  
254 credentials as credentials of value. Such standards may include, but  
255 need not be limited to, meeting the workforce needs of employers in the  
256 state, enrollment rates, completion rates, net cost, whether the credential  
257 transfers to or stacks onto another credential of value, duration until  
258 completion, types of employment opportunities available upon  
259 completion and earnings upon completion.

260 (b) The office shall compile, and annually update, a list of credentials  
261 designated as credentials of value, and include such list in the database  
262 established pursuant to section 3 of this act.

263 Sec. 5. Subsection (l) of section 10a-34 of the general statutes is  
264 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
265 *2021*):

266 (l) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (b) to (j), inclusive,  
267 of this section and subject to the authority of the State Board of  
268 Education to regulate teacher education programs, up to twelve new  
269 programs of higher learning in any academic year and any program  
270 modifications proposed by an independent institution of higher  
271 education, as defined in section 10a-173, shall not be subject to approval

272 by the Office of Higher Education, provided (1) the institution maintains  
273 eligibility to participate in financial aid programs governed by Title IV,  
274 Part B of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended from time to  
275 time, (2) the United States Department of Education has not determined  
276 that the institution has a financial responsibility score that is less than  
277 1.5 for the most recent fiscal year for which the data necessary for  
278 determining the score is available, and (3) the institution has been  
279 located in the state and accredited as a degree-granting institution in  
280 good standing for ten years or more by a regional accrediting association  
281 recognized by the Secretary of the United States Department of  
282 Education and maintains such accreditation status. Each institution that  
283 is exempt from program approval by the Office of Higher Education  
284 under this subsection shall file with the office (A) an application for  
285 approval of any new program of higher learning in excess of twelve new  
286 programs in any academic year, (B) a program actions form, as created  
287 by the office, prior to students enrolling in any new program of higher  
288 learning or any existing program subject to a program modification, and  
289 (C) not later than July first, and annually thereafter, (i) until June 30,  
290 2024, a list and brief description of any new programs of higher learning  
291 introduced by the institution in the preceding academic year and any  
292 existing programs of higher learning discontinued by the institution in  
293 the preceding academic year, (ii) the institution's current program  
294 approval process and all actions of the governing board concerning  
295 approval of any new program of higher learning, and (iii) the  
296 institution's financial responsibility composite score, as determined by  
297 the United States Department of Education, for the most recent fiscal  
298 year for which the data necessary for determining the score is available.  
299 An institution that is exempt from program approval pursuant to this  
300 subsection may apply to the Office of Workforce Strategy, established  
301 pursuant to section 4-124w, as amended by this act, in the form and  
302 manner prescribed by said office, for additional exemptions from  
303 approval of a new program of higher learning over the twelve exempted  
304 in any academic year pursuant to this subsection. Said office may waive  
305 the requirement for program approval for any new program if it  
306 determines that the new program aligns with and furthers the goals of

307 the state workforce strategy approved by the Governor pursuant to  
308 subdivision (5) of subsection (b) of section 4-124w, as amended by this  
309 act.

310 Sec. 6. Section 10a-35a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
311 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

312 (a) Notwithstanding sections 10a-34 to 10a-35, inclusive, as amended  
313 by this act, the Board of Regents for Higher Education shall have the  
314 authority, in accordance with the provisions of said sections and the  
315 standards set forth in any regulations promulgated thereunder, to (1)  
316 review and approve recommendations for the establishment of new  
317 academic programs for the universities within the Connecticut State  
318 University System, the regional community-technical colleges and  
319 Charter Oak State College, and (2) until June 30, 2024, report all new  
320 programs and program changes to the Office of Higher Education.

321 (b) Notwithstanding sections 10a-34 to 10a-35, inclusive, as amended  
322 by this act, the Board of Trustees for The University of Connecticut shall  
323 (1) have the authority, in accordance with the provisions of said sections  
324 and the standards set forth in any regulations promulgated thereunder,  
325 to review and approve recommendations for the establishment of new  
326 academic programs at the university, and (2) until June 30, 2024, report  
327 all new programs and program changes to the Office of Higher  
328 Education.

329 Sec. 7. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2021*) (a) Not later than January 1, 2023,  
330 each private occupational school, as defined in section 10a-22a of the  
331 general statutes, and each provider of an alternate route to certification  
332 program approved by the State Board of Education shall submit, in a  
333 form and manner prescribed by the executive director of the Office of  
334 Higher Education, data for each student enrolled in such private  
335 occupational school or alternate route to certification program,  
336 including, but not limited to, course enrollment, course completion,  
337 credential completion, fees and tuition charged, federal student loans  
338 received, federal student loan balances, and for any student who has a

339 state-assigned student identifier pursuant to section 10-10a of the  
340 general statutes, such student identifier.

341 (b) No identifiable student information provided to the Office of  
342 Higher Education pursuant to subsection (a) of this section shall be  
343 released to the public by the office. The Office of Higher Education shall  
344 establish policies to protect any information provided pursuant to  
345 subsection (a) of this section as if such information were protected  
346 student data subject to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act  
347 of 1974, 20 USC 1232g, as amended from time to time.

348 Sec. 8. Subsection (j) of section 31-225a of the general statutes is  
349 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
350 *2021*):

351 (j) (1) (A) Each employer subject to this chapter shall submit  
352 quarterly, on forms supplied by the administrator, a listing of wage  
353 information, including the name of each employee receiving wages in  
354 employment subject to this chapter, such employee's Social Security  
355 account number and the amount of wages paid to such employee during  
356 such calendar quarter.

357 (B) Commencing with the third calendar quarter of 2024, unless  
358 waived pursuant to subdivision (5) of this subsection, any employer  
359 subject to this chapter, with one hundred or more employees, shall  
360 include in the quarterly filing submitted pursuant to subparagraph (A)  
361 of this subdivision, the following data for each employee receiving  
362 wages in employment subject to this chapter: Such employee's gender  
363 identity, age, race, ethnicity, veteran status, disability status, highest  
364 education completed, home address, address of primary work site,  
365 occupational code under the standard occupational classification  
366 system of the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department  
367 of Labor, hours worked, days worked, salary or hourly wage,  
368 employment start date in the current job title and, if applicable,  
369 employment end date. The information required pursuant to this  
370 subparagraph shall be included in the quarterly filings of employers

371 subject to this chapter with ninety-nine or fewer employees  
372 commencing with the third calendar quarter of 2025, except employers  
373 subject to this chapter with forty-nine or fewer employees without an  
374 electronic payroll system shall include such information commencing  
375 with the third calendar quarter of 2027. Nothing in this subparagraph  
376 shall be construed to require an employee to provide information about  
377 gender identity, age, race, ethnicity, veteran status or disability status if  
378 not otherwise required by law. The administrator may issue guidance  
379 defining each such data field.

380 (2) [Commencing with the first calendar quarter of 2014, each] Each  
381 employer subject to this chapter who reports wages for employees  
382 receiving wages in employment subject to this chapter, and each person  
383 or organization that, as an agent, reports wages for employees receiving  
384 wages in employment subject to this chapter on behalf of one or more  
385 employers subject to this chapter shall submit quarterly the information  
386 required by subdivision (1) of this subsection [on magnetic tape,  
387 diskette, or other similar electronic means which the administrator may  
388 prescribe] electronically, in a format and manner prescribed by the  
389 administrator, unless such employer or agent receives a waiver  
390 pursuant to subdivision (5) of this subsection.

391 (3) Any employer that fails to submit the information required by  
392 subparagraph (A) of subdivision (1) of this subsection in a timely  
393 manner, as determined by the administrator, shall be liable to the  
394 administrator for a late filing fee of twenty-five dollars. Any employer  
395 that fails to submit the information required by subparagraph (A) of  
396 subdivision (1) of this subsection under a proper state unemployment  
397 compensation registration number shall be liable to the administrator  
398 for a fee of twenty-five dollars. All fees collected by the administrator  
399 under this subdivision shall be deposited in the Employment Security  
400 Administration Fund.

401 (4) [Commencing with the first calendar quarter of 2014, each] Each  
402 employer subject to this chapter who makes contributions or payments  
403 in lieu of contributions for employees receiving wages in employment

404 subject to this chapter, and each person or organization that, as an agent,  
405 makes contributions or payments in lieu of contributions for employees  
406 receiving wages in employment subject to this chapter on behalf of one  
407 or more employers subject to this chapter shall make such contributions  
408 or payments in lieu of contributions electronically.

409 (5) Any employer or any person or organization that, as an agent,  
410 [submits] is required to submit information pursuant to subdivision (2)  
411 of this subsection, [or makes] make contributions or payments in lieu of  
412 contributions pursuant to subdivision (4) of this subsection or submit  
413 information pursuant to subparagraph (B) of subdivision (1) of this  
414 subsection may request in writing, not later than thirty days prior to the  
415 date a submission of information or a contribution or payment in lieu of  
416 contribution is due, that the administrator waive [the] such  
417 requirement. [that such submission or contribution or payment in lieu  
418 of contribution be made electronically.] The administrator shall grant  
419 such request if, on the basis of information provided by such employer  
420 or person or organization and on a form prescribed by the  
421 administrator, the administrator finds that there would be undue  
422 hardship for such employer or person or organization. The  
423 administrator shall promptly inform such employer or person or  
424 organization of the granting or rejection of the requested waiver. The  
425 decision of the administrator shall be final and not subject to further  
426 review or appeal. Such waiver shall be effective for twelve months from  
427 the date such waiver is granted.

428 (6) No identifiable information about an employer or an employee  
429 provided to the administrator pursuant to subparagraph (B) of  
430 subdivision (1) of this subsection may be released or disclosed to the  
431 public by the administrator or the Labor Department. The administrator  
432 or the department may share nonidentifiable information provided  
433 pursuant to subparagraph (B) of subdivision (1) of this subsection with  
434 another state agency, another state or territory, the federal government  
435 or to support a data request submitted through CP20 WIN in accordance  
436 with the policies and procedures of CP20 WIN, established pursuant

437 section 10a-57g, for the purposes of program administration, audit,  
438 evaluation or research.

439 Sec. 9. Subsection (b) of section 12-15 of the general statutes is  
440 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*  
441 *1, 2021*):

442 (b) The commissioner may disclose (1) returns or return information  
443 to (A) an authorized representative of another state agency or office,  
444 upon written request by the head of such agency or office, when  
445 required in the course of duty or when there is reasonable cause to  
446 believe that any state law is being violated, or (B) an authorized  
447 representative of an agency or office of the United States, upon written  
448 request by the head of such agency or office, when required in the course  
449 of duty or when there is reasonable cause to believe that any federal law  
450 is being violated, provided no such agency or office shall disclose such  
451 returns or return information, other than in a judicial or administrative  
452 proceeding to which such agency or office is a party pertaining to the  
453 enforcement of state or federal law, as the case may be, in a form which  
454 can be associated with, or otherwise identify, directly or indirectly, a  
455 particular taxpayer except that the names and addresses of jurors or  
456 potential jurors and the fact that the names were derived from the list of  
457 taxpayers pursuant to chapter 884 may be disclosed by the Judicial  
458 Branch; (2) returns or return information to the Auditors of Public  
459 Accounts, when required in the course of duty under chapter 23; (3)  
460 returns or return information to tax officers of another state or of a  
461 Canadian province or of a political subdivision of such other state or  
462 province or of the District of Columbia or to any officer of the United  
463 States Treasury Department or the United States Department of Health  
464 and Human Services, authorized for such purpose in accordance with  
465 an agreement between this state and such other state, province, political  
466 subdivision, the District of Columbia or department, respectively, when  
467 required in the administration of taxes imposed under the laws of such  
468 other state, province, political subdivision, the District of Columbia or  
469 the United States, respectively, and when a reciprocal arrangement

470 exists; (4) returns or return information in any action, case or proceeding  
471 in any court of competent jurisdiction, when the commissioner or any  
472 other state department or agency is a party, and when such information  
473 is directly involved in such action, case or proceeding; (5) returns or  
474 return information to a taxpayer or its authorized representative, upon  
475 written request for a return filed by or return information on such  
476 taxpayer; (6) returns or return information to a successor, receiver,  
477 trustee, executor, administrator, assignee, guardian or guarantor of a  
478 taxpayer, when such person establishes, to the satisfaction of the  
479 commissioner, that such person has a material interest which will be  
480 affected by information contained in such returns or return information;  
481 (7) information to the assessor or an authorized representative of the  
482 chief executive officer of a Connecticut municipality, when the  
483 information disclosed is limited to (A) a list of real or personal property  
484 that is or may be subject to property taxes in such municipality, or (B) a  
485 list containing the name of each person who is issued any license, permit  
486 or certificate which is required, under the provisions of this title, to be  
487 conspicuously displayed and whose address is in such municipality; (8)  
488 real estate conveyance tax return information or controlling interest  
489 transfer tax return information to the town clerk or an authorized  
490 representative of the chief executive officer of a Connecticut  
491 municipality to which the information relates; (9) estate tax returns and  
492 estate tax return information to the Probate Court Administrator or to  
493 the court of probate for the district within which a decedent resided at  
494 the date of the decedent's death, or within which the commissioner  
495 contends that a decedent resided at the date of the decedent's death or,  
496 if a decedent died a nonresident of this state, in the court of probate for  
497 the district within which real estate or tangible personal property of the  
498 decedent is situated, or within which the commissioner contends that  
499 real estate or tangible personal property of the decedent is situated; (10)  
500 returns or return information to the (A) Secretary of the Office of Policy  
501 and Management for purposes of subsection (b) of section 12-7a, and (B)  
502 Office of Fiscal Analysis for purposes of, and subject to the provisions  
503 of, subdivision (2) of subsection (f) of section 12-7b; (11) return  
504 information to the Jury Administrator, when the information disclosed



505 is limited to the names, addresses, federal Social Security numbers and  
506 dates of birth, if available, of residents of this state, as defined in  
507 subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 12-701; (12) returns or return  
508 information to any person to the extent necessary in connection with the  
509 processing, storage, transmission or reproduction of such returns or  
510 return information, and the programming, maintenance, repair, testing  
511 or procurement of equipment, or the providing of other services, for  
512 purposes of tax administration; (13) without written request and unless  
513 the commissioner determines that disclosure would identify a  
514 confidential informant or seriously impair a civil or criminal tax  
515 investigation, returns and return information which may constitute  
516 evidence of a violation of any civil or criminal law of this state or the  
517 United States to the extent necessary to apprise the head of such agency  
518 or office charged with the responsibility of enforcing such law, in which  
519 event the head of such agency or office may disclose such return  
520 information to officers and employees of such agency or office to the  
521 extent necessary to enforce such law; (14) names and addresses of  
522 operators, as defined in section 12-407, to tourism districts, as defined in  
523 section 10-397; (15) names of each licensed dealer, as defined in section  
524 12-285, and the location of the premises covered by the dealer's license;  
525 (16) to a tobacco product manufacturer that places funds into escrow  
526 pursuant to the provisions of subsection (a) of section 4-28i, return  
527 information of a distributor licensed under the provisions of chapter 214  
528 or chapter 214a, provided the information disclosed is limited to  
529 information relating to such manufacturer's sales to consumers within  
530 this state, whether directly or through a distributor, dealer or similar  
531 intermediary or intermediaries, of cigarettes, as defined in section 4-28h,  
532 and further provided there is reasonable cause to believe that such  
533 manufacturer is not in compliance with section 4-28i; (17) returns, which  
534 shall not include a copy of the return filed with the commissioner, or  
535 return information for purposes of section 12-217z; (18) returns or return  
536 information to the State Elections Enforcement Commission, upon  
537 written request by said commission, when necessary to investigate  
538 suspected violations of state election laws; [and] (19) returns or return  
539 information for purposes of, and subject to the conditions of, subsection

540 (e) of section 5-240; and (20) return information to another state agency  
541 or to support a data request submitted through CP20 WIN, established  
542 in section 10a-57g, in accordance with the policies and procedures of  
543 CP20 WIN for the purposes of evaluation or research, to the extent  
544 allowable under federal law.

545       Sec. 10. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2021*) No officer, employee or agent of  
546 a department, board, commission, public institution of higher education  
547 or any other agency of the state, or any officer, employee or agent of a  
548 local or regional board of education, shall share, disclose or make  
549 accessible in any manner records or information obtained by such  
550 officer, employee or agent from an application for institutional financial  
551 aid for students without legal immigration status, pursuant to section  
552 10a-161d of the general statutes, to any federal immigration authority,  
553 as defined in section 54-192h of the general statutes.

554       Sec. 11. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2021*) (a) As used in this section:

555       (1) "Eligible organization" means any provider of a training program,  
556 provider of an alternate route to certification program approved by the  
557 State Board of Education, institution of higher education, private  
558 occupational school, employer, state or municipal agency and public or  
559 nonprofit social service provider in the state; and

560       (2) "Approved class" means a set of employees, clients, students or  
561 customers of an eligible organization.

562       (b) Not later than January 1, 2022, the Commissioner of  
563 Transportation shall establish CTpass program to allow individuals in  
564 an approved class for an eligible organization to use certain public  
565 transit services without cost or at a reduced cost. The commissioner shall  
566 post information regarding the CTpass program and application  
567 process for such program on the Department of Transportation's  
568 Internet web site in a manner that, in the commissioner's discretion, will  
569 maximize awareness and participation by the greatest number of  
570 eligible organizations.

571 (c) Upon receipt of an application from an eligible organization to  
572 participate in the CTpass program, the commissioner may negotiate the  
573 terms and conditions and enter into a contract with such eligible  
574 organization. The commissioner may treat several eligible organizations  
575 as a single eligible organization for the purposes of a contract under the  
576 CTpass program. Such terms and conditions shall include, but not be  
577 limited to, the amount of compensation or reimbursement required  
578 from the eligible organization, the definition of approved class specific  
579 to the eligible organization and any limitations on times of use or types  
580 of public transit services available to the approved class. The  
581 compensation or reimbursement negotiated in the contract shall be in  
582 an amount as the commissioner deems necessary or advisable, provided  
583 the amount is sufficient to ensure that transit service expenditures  
584 incurred by the department do not increase as a result of the CTpass  
585 program and to cover any administrative costs incurred by the  
586 department in the operation of the CTpass program. A contract under  
587 the CTpass program shall be valid upon the approval of the Office of  
588 Policy and Management for a term of not more than two years, except  
589 the first contract with an eligible organization shall not exceed twelve  
590 months. Prior to any renewal of a contract with an eligible organization  
591 under the CTpass program, the commissioner shall consider prior pass  
592 utilization information and any transit service expenditure increases  
593 incurred by the department for the purpose of re-evaluating the amount  
594 of compensation or reimbursement required from such eligible  
595 organization.

596 (d) Not later than January 1, 2023, and annually thereafter, the  
597 Commissioner of Transportation shall submit a report to the Secretary  
598 of the Office of Policy and Management on the financial data and pass  
599 utilization information for each contract under the CTpass program.

600 Sec. 12. Section 10a-223 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
601 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2022*):

602 In this chapter, the following words and terms shall have the  
603 following meanings unless the context indicates another or different

604 meaning or intent:

605 (1) "Authority" means the Connecticut Higher Education  
606 Supplemental Loan Authority constituted as a subsidiary of the  
607 Connecticut Health and Educational Facilities Authority as provided in  
608 section 10a-179a;

609 (2) "Authorized officer" means an employee of the Connecticut  
610 Health and Educational Facilities Authority or of the authority who is  
611 authorized by the board of directors of the authority to execute and  
612 deliver documents and papers and to act in the name of and on behalf  
613 of the authority;

614 (3) "Authority loans" means education loans by the authority, or loans  
615 by the authority from the proceeds of bonds for the purpose of funding  
616 education loans;

617 (4) "Board" means the board of directors of the authority;

618 (5) "Bonds" or "revenue bonds" means revenue bonds or notes of the  
619 authority issued under the provisions of this chapter, including revenue  
620 refunding bonds or notes;

621 (6) "Bond resolution" means the resolution or resolutions of the  
622 authority and the trust agreement, if any, authorizing the issuance of  
623 and providing for the terms and conditions applicable to bonds;

624 (7) "Borrower" means (A) an individual who has an outstanding loan  
625 from the authority, (B) an individual who attends a Connecticut  
626 institution for higher education, enrolls in a Connecticut high-value  
627 certificate program or currently resides in the state, and has received or  
628 agreed to pay an education loan, or (C) any parent who has received or  
629 agreed to pay an education loan on behalf of an individual who attends  
630 a Connecticut institution for higher education or currently resides in the  
631 state;

632 (8) "Connecticut Health and Educational Facilities Authority" means

633 the quasi-public authority established pursuant to section 10a-179;

634 (9) "Connecticut institution for higher education" means an  
635 institution for higher education within the state;

636 (10) "Default insurance" means insurance insuring education loans,  
637 authority loans or bonds against default;

638 (11) "Default reserve fund" means a fund established pursuant to a  
639 bond resolution for the purpose of securing education loans, authority  
640 loans or bonds;

641 (12) "Education loan" means a loan which is made to a student in or  
642 from the state or a parent of such student to finance attendance at an  
643 institution for higher education or enrollment in a high-value certificate  
644 program, or to a borrower to refinance one or more eligible loans;

645 (13) "Loan funding deposit" means moneys or other property  
646 deposited by a Connecticut institution for higher education with the  
647 authority, a guarantor or a trustee for the purpose of (A) providing  
648 security for bonds, (B) funding a default reserve fund, (C) acquiring  
649 default insurance, or (D) defraying costs of the authority, such moneys  
650 or properties to be in such amounts as deemed necessary by the  
651 authority or guarantor as a condition for such institution's participation  
652 in the authority's programs;

653 (14) "Institution for higher education" means a degree-granting  
654 educational institution within the United States authorized by  
655 applicable law to provide a program of education beyond the high  
656 school level and (A) described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal  
657 Revenue Code of 1986, or any subsequent corresponding internal  
658 revenue code of the United States, as from time to time amended, and  
659 exempt from taxation under Section 501(a) of said code with respect to  
660 a trade or business carried on by such institution which is not an  
661 unrelated trade or business, determined by applying Section 513(a) of  
662 said code to such organization or a foundation established for its benefit,  
663 or (B) exempt from taxation under said code as a governmental unit;

664 (15) "Participating institution for higher education" means a  
665 Connecticut institution for higher education which, pursuant to the  
666 provisions of this chapter, undertakes the financing directly or  
667 indirectly of education loans as provided in this chapter;

668 (16) "Parent" means any parent, legal guardian or sponsor of a  
669 student at an institution for higher education or enrolled in a high-value  
670 certificate program;

671 (17) "Education loan series portfolio" means all education loans made  
672 by the authority or by or on behalf of a specific participating institution  
673 for higher education which are funded from the proceeds of a related  
674 specific bond issue of the authority;

675 (18) "Education assistance program" means a program to assist in  
676 financing the costs of education through education loans or education  
677 grants, or both;

678 (19) "Education grant" means a grant, scholarship, fellowship or other  
679 nonrepayable assistance awarded by the authority to a student currently  
680 residing in the state to finance the attendance of the student at a  
681 Connecticut institution for higher education or enrollment in a  
682 Connecticut high-value certificate program, or a grant, scholarship,  
683 fellowship or other nonrepayable assistance awarded by or on behalf of  
684 a Connecticut institution for higher education from the proceeds of  
685 funds provided by the authority to a student from the state to finance  
686 the student's attendance at such institution; [and]

687 (20) "Eligible loan" means any loan that is in repayment that was (A)  
688 made by the authority, or (B) made to a borrower by any other private  
689 or governmental lender to finance attendance at an institution for higher  
690 education [.] or enrollment in a high-value certificate program;

691 (21) "High-value certificate program" means a noncredit sub-  
692 baccalaureate certificate program offered by an institution of higher  
693 education or a private occupational school that the Office of Workforce  
694 Strategy designates to be a credential of value pursuant to section 4 of

695 this act; and

696 (22) "Connecticut high-value certificate program" means a high-value  
697 certificate program offered by an institution of higher education or a  
698 private occupational school in the state.

699 Sec. 13. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2021*) The Connecticut Higher  
700 Education Supplemental Loan Authority shall establish an account to be  
701 known as the Certificate Loan Loss Reserve and Funding account, which  
702 shall be a separate, nonlapsing account. The account shall contain any  
703 moneys required by law to be deposited in the account, including, but  
704 not limited to, state appropriations or proceeds from the sale of bonds.  
705 Moneys in the account shall be expended by the authority to (1) fund  
706 authority loans issued to a borrower to finance enrollment in a  
707 Connecticut high-value certificate program, as defined in section 10a-  
708 223 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, (2) to cover any losses  
709 incurred by the authority from issuing such authority loans, (3) for  
710 reasonable and necessary expenses for the administration of such  
711 authority loans, and (4) any initial implementation expenses prior to the  
712 origination of such authority loans.

713 Sec. 14. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2021*) Not later than September 1, 2022,  
714 and every two years thereafter until September 1, 2028, the Chief  
715 Workforce Officer shall submit to the Board of Regents for Higher  
716 Education and the Governor a report on credentials, as defined in  
717 section 3 of this act, and skills that are in demand in the labor market  
718 and that lead to quality jobs.

719 Sec. 15. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2021*) Not later than February 1, 2023,  
720 the Chief Workforce Officer, jointly with the Commissioners of  
721 Correction and Labor and the Undersecretary for Criminal Justice at the  
722 Office of Policy and Management, shall submit to the Governor, the  
723 Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, and, in accordance  
724 with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint  
725 standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
726 matters relating to the judiciary, higher education and employment

727 advancement, labor, and commerce, recommendations to improve  
728 workforce training and attainment of credentials, as defined in section  
729 3, for individuals incarcerated by the Department of Correction,  
730 including but not limited to (1) whether credential attainment shall be a  
731 factor for early release, and (2) credentials and skills that are in demand  
732 in the labor market and that lead to quality jobs, including any barriers  
733 to equitable access to such quality jobs.

734 Sec. 16. Subsection (b) of section 1-210 of the general statutes is  
735 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
736 *2021*):

737 (b) Nothing in the Freedom of Information Act shall be construed to  
738 require disclosure of:

739 (1) Preliminary drafts or notes provided the public agency has  
740 determined that the public interest in withholding such documents  
741 clearly outweighs the public interest in disclosure;

742 (2) Personnel or medical files and similar files the disclosure of which  
743 would constitute an invasion of personal privacy;

744 (3) Records of law enforcement agencies not otherwise available to  
745 the public which records were compiled in connection with the  
746 detection or investigation of crime, if the disclosure of such records  
747 would not be in the public interest because it would result in the  
748 disclosure of (A) the identity of informants not otherwise known or the  
749 identity of witnesses not otherwise known whose safety would be  
750 endangered or who would be subject to threat or intimidation if their  
751 identity was made known, (B) the identity of minor witnesses, (C)  
752 signed statements of witnesses, (D) information to be used in a  
753 prospective law enforcement action if prejudicial to such action, (E)  
754 investigatory techniques not otherwise known to the general public, (F)  
755 arrest records of a juvenile, which shall also include any investigatory  
756 files, concerning the arrest of such juvenile, compiled for law  
757 enforcement purposes, (G) the name and address of the victim of a



758 sexual assault under section 53a-70, 53a-70a, 53a-71, 53a-72a, 53a-72b or  
759 53a-73a, voyeurism under section 53a-189a, injury or risk of injury, or  
760 impairing of morals under section 53-21 or family violence, as defined  
761 in section 46b-38a, or of an attempt thereof, or (H) uncorroborated  
762 allegations subject to destruction pursuant to section 1-216;

763 (4) Records pertaining to strategy and negotiations with respect to  
764 pending claims or pending litigation to which the public agency is a  
765 party until such litigation or claim has been finally adjudicated or  
766 otherwise settled;

767 (5) (A) Trade secrets, which for purposes of the Freedom of  
768 Information Act, are defined as information, including formulas,  
769 patterns, compilations, programs, devices, methods, techniques,  
770 processes, drawings, cost data, customer lists, film or television scripts  
771 or detailed production budgets that (i) derive independent economic  
772 value, actual or potential, from not being generally known to, and not  
773 being readily ascertainable by proper means by, other persons who can  
774 obtain economic value from their disclosure or use, and (ii) are the  
775 subject of efforts that are reasonable under the circumstances to  
776 maintain secrecy; and

777 (B) Commercial or financial information given in confidence, not  
778 required by statute;

779 (6) Test questions, scoring keys and other examination data used to  
780 administer a licensing examination, examination for employment or  
781 academic examinations;

782 (7) The contents of real estate appraisals, engineering or feasibility  
783 estimates and evaluations made for or by an agency relative to the  
784 acquisition of property or to prospective public supply and construction  
785 contracts, until such time as all of the property has been acquired or all  
786 proceedings or transactions have been terminated or abandoned,  
787 provided the law of eminent domain shall not be affected by this  
788 provision;

789 (8) Statements of personal worth or personal financial data required  
790 by a licensing agency and filed by an applicant with such licensing  
791 agency to establish the applicant's personal qualification for the license,  
792 certificate or permit applied for;

793 (9) Records, reports and statements of strategy or negotiations with  
794 respect to collective bargaining;

795 (10) Records, tax returns, reports and statements exempted by federal  
796 law or the general statutes or communications privileged by the  
797 attorney-client relationship, marital relationship, clergy-penitent  
798 relationship, doctor-patient relationship, therapist-patient relationship  
799 or any other privilege established by the common law or the general  
800 statutes, including any such records, tax returns, reports or  
801 communications that were created or made prior to the establishment  
802 of the applicable privilege under the common law or the general  
803 statutes;

804 (11) Names or addresses of students enrolled in any public school or  
805 college without the consent of each student whose name or address is to  
806 be disclosed who is eighteen years of age or older and a parent or  
807 guardian of each such student who is younger than eighteen years of  
808 age, provided this subdivision shall not be construed as prohibiting the  
809 disclosure of the names or addresses of students enrolled in any public  
810 school in a regional school district to the board of selectmen or town  
811 board of finance, as the case may be, of the town wherein the student  
812 resides for the purpose of verifying tuition payments made to such  
813 school;

814 (12) Any information obtained by the use of illegal means;

815 (13) Records of an investigation or the name of an employee  
816 providing information under the provisions of section 4-61dd or  
817 sections 4-276 to 4-280, inclusive;

818 (14) Adoption records and information provided for in sections 45a-  
819 746, 45a-750 and 45a-751;

820 (15) Any page of a primary petition, nominating petition, referendum  
821 petition or petition for a town meeting submitted under any provision  
822 of the general statutes or of any special act, municipal charter or  
823 ordinance, until the required processing and certification of such page  
824 has been completed by the official or officials charged with such duty  
825 after which time disclosure of such page shall be required;

826 (16) Records of complaints, including information compiled in the  
827 investigation thereof, brought to a municipal health authority pursuant  
828 to chapter 368e or a district department of health pursuant to chapter  
829 368f, until such time as the investigation is concluded or thirty days  
830 from the date of receipt of the complaint, whichever occurs first;

831 (17) Educational records which are not subject to disclosure under the  
832 Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, 20 USC 1232g;

833 (18) Records, the disclosure of which the Commissioner of  
834 Correction, or as it applies to Whiting Forensic Hospital, the  
835 Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction Services, has reasonable  
836 grounds to believe may result in a safety risk, including the risk of harm  
837 to any person or the risk of an escape from, or a disorder in, a  
838 correctional institution or facility under the supervision of the  
839 Department of Correction or Whiting Forensic Hospital. Such records  
840 shall include, but are not limited to:

841 (A) Security manuals, including emergency plans contained or  
842 referred to in such security manuals;

843 (B) Engineering and architectural drawings of correctional  
844 institutions or facilities or Whiting Forensic Hospital facilities;

845 (C) Operational specifications of security systems utilized by the  
846 Department of Correction at any correctional institution or facility or  
847 Whiting Forensic Hospital facilities, except that a general description of  
848 any such security system and the cost and quality of such system may  
849 be disclosed;

850 (D) Training manuals prepared for correctional institutions and  
851 facilities or Whiting Forensic Hospital facilities that describe, in any  
852 manner, security procedures, emergency plans or security equipment;

853 (E) Internal security audits of correctional institutions and facilities or  
854 Whiting Forensic Hospital facilities;

855 (F) Minutes or recordings of staff meetings of the Department of  
856 Correction or Whiting Forensic Hospital facilities, or portions of such  
857 minutes or recordings, that contain or reveal information relating to  
858 security or other records otherwise exempt from disclosure under this  
859 subdivision;

860 (G) Logs or other documents that contain information on the  
861 movement or assignment of inmates or staff at correctional institutions  
862 or facilities; and

863 (H) Records that contain information on contacts between inmates, as  
864 defined in section 18-84, and law enforcement officers;

865 (19) Records when there are reasonable grounds to believe disclosure  
866 may result in a safety risk, including the risk of harm to any person, any  
867 government-owned or leased institution or facility or any fixture or  
868 appurtenance and equipment attached to, or contained in, such  
869 institution or facility, except that such records shall be disclosed to a law  
870 enforcement agency upon the request of the law enforcement agency.  
871 Such reasonable grounds shall be determined (A) (i) by the  
872 Commissioner of Administrative Services, after consultation with the  
873 chief executive officer of an executive branch state agency, with respect  
874 to records concerning such agency; and (ii) by the Commissioner of  
875 Emergency Services and Public Protection, after consultation with the  
876 chief executive officer of a municipal, district or regional agency, with  
877 respect to records concerning such agency; (B) by the Chief Court  
878 Administrator with respect to records concerning the Judicial  
879 Department; and (C) by the executive director of the Joint Committee on  
880 Legislative Management, with respect to records concerning the

881 Legislative Department. As used in this section, "government-owned or  
882 leased institution or facility" includes, but is not limited to, an institution  
883 or facility owned or leased by a public service company, as defined in  
884 section 16-1, other than a water company, as defined in section 25-32a, a  
885 certified telecommunications provider, as defined in section 16-1, or a  
886 municipal utility that furnishes electric or gas service, but does not  
887 include an institution or facility owned or leased by the federal  
888 government, and "chief executive officer" includes, but is not limited to,  
889 an agency head, department head, executive director or chief executive  
890 officer. Such records include, but are not limited to:

891 (i) Security manuals or reports;

892 (ii) Engineering and architectural drawings of government-owned or  
893 leased institutions or facilities;

894 (iii) Operational specifications of security systems utilized at any  
895 government-owned or leased institution or facility, except that a general  
896 description of any such security system and the cost and quality of such  
897 system may be disclosed;

898 (iv) Training manuals prepared for government-owned or leased  
899 institutions or facilities that describe, in any manner, security  
900 procedures, emergency plans or security equipment;

901 (v) Internal security audits of government-owned or leased  
902 institutions or facilities;

903 (vi) Minutes or records of meetings, or portions of such minutes or  
904 records, that contain or reveal information relating to security or other  
905 records otherwise exempt from disclosure under this subdivision;

906 (vii) Logs or other documents that contain information on the  
907 movement or assignment of security personnel; and

908 (viii) Emergency plans and emergency preparedness, response,  
909 recovery and mitigation plans, including plans provided by a person to

910 a state agency or a local emergency management agency or official;

911 (20) Records of standards, procedures, processes, software and codes,  
912 not otherwise available to the public, the disclosure of which would  
913 compromise the security or integrity of an information technology  
914 system;

915 (21) The residential, work or school address of any participant in the  
916 address confidentiality program established pursuant to sections 54-240  
917 to 54-240o, inclusive;

918 (22) The electronic mail address of any person that is obtained by the  
919 Department of Transportation in connection with the implementation  
920 or administration of any plan to inform individuals about significant  
921 highway or railway incidents;

922 (23) The name or address of any minor enrolled in any parks and  
923 recreation program administered or sponsored by any public agency;

924 (24) Responses to any request for proposals or bid solicitation issued  
925 by a public agency, responses by a public agency to any request for  
926 proposals or bid solicitation issued by a private entity or any record or  
927 file made by a public agency in connection with the contract award  
928 process, until such contract is executed or negotiations for the award of  
929 such contract have ended, whichever occurs earlier, provided the chief  
930 executive officer of such public agency certifies that the public interest  
931 in the disclosure of such responses, record or file is outweighed by the  
932 public interest in the confidentiality of such responses, record or file;

933 (25) The name, address, telephone number or electronic mail address  
934 of any person enrolled in any senior center program or any member of  
935 a senior center administered or sponsored by any public agency;

936 (26) All records obtained during the course of inspection,  
937 investigation, examination and audit activities of an institution, as  
938 defined in section 19a-490, that are confidential pursuant to a contract  
939 between the Department of Public Health and the United States

940 Department of Health and Human Services relating to the Medicare and  
941 Medicaid programs;

942 (27) Any record created by a law enforcement agency or other federal,  
943 state, or municipal governmental agency consisting of a photograph,  
944 film, video or digital or other visual image depicting the victim of a  
945 homicide, to the extent that such record could reasonably be expected  
946 to constitute an unwarranted invasion of the personal privacy of the  
947 victim or the victim's surviving family members;

948 (28) Any documentation provided to or obtained by an executive  
949 branch agency, including documentation provided or obtained prior to  
950 May 25, 2016, relating to claims of faulty or failing concrete foundations  
951 in residential buildings by the owners of such residential buildings, and  
952 documents prepared by an executive branch agency relating to such  
953 documentation, for seven years after the date of receipt of the  
954 documentation or seven years after May 25, 2016, whichever is later; [.]

955 (29) Any information reported to an executive branch agency by an  
956 institution of higher education, private occupational school or any other  
957 provider of training or certificate programs concerning applicants for  
958 admission to or students enrolled in such institutions, schools or  
959 programs, including, but not limited to, information regarding  
960 enrollment, program completion and student loans or other financial  
961 aid;

962 (30) Any employee information provided to the Labor Commissioner  
963 by an employer pursuant to subparagraph (B) of subdivision (1) of  
964 subsection (j) of section 31-225a, as amended by this act;

965 (31) Records of or information from the Free Application for Federal  
966 Student Aid, institutional financial aid for students without legal  
967 immigration status established pursuant to section 10a-161d, and  
968 applications for admission to institutions of higher education held by  
969 any department, board, commission, public institution of higher  
970 education or any other agency of the state, or any local or regional board

971 of education, including such materials not otherwise protected under  
972 the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, 20 USC 1232g,  
973 as amended from time to time.

974 Sec. 17. Subsection (a) of section 10-21j of the general statutes is  
975 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
976 *2021*):

977 (a) The Commissioner of Education, in collaboration with the Board  
978 of Regents for Higher Education, shall establish the Connecticut  
979 Apprenticeship and Education Committee to coordinate and identify (1)  
980 potential preapprenticeship and apprenticeship training program  
981 integration, and (2) leveraged funding identification of career technical  
982 education programs within high schools and programs within higher  
983 education institutions for careers in various industries. Such committee  
984 shall include, but not be limited to, (A) representatives from the  
985 Department of Economic and Community Development, the Labor  
986 Department, the Connecticut Center for Advanced Technology, the  
987 Connecticut Manufacturers Collaborative, the Technical Education and  
988 Career System, the advanced manufacturing centers at the regional  
989 community-technical colleges, independent institutions of higher  
990 education in the state that offer training in the field of manufacturing,  
991 the [Connecticut Employment and Training Commission] Governor's  
992 Workforce Council, companies and employee organizations that  
993 represent manufacturing workers, and (B) teachers, guidance  
994 counselors, school counselors, principals and superintendents.

995 Sec. 18. Subsection (a) of section 10-95s of the general statutes is  
996 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
997 *2021*):

998 (a) The Technical Education and Career System shall be advised by a  
999 Technical Education and Career System board. The board shall consist  
1000 of eleven members and shall include at least the following, (1) two  
1001 members with experience in manufacturing or a trade offered by the  
1002 Technical Education and Career System, or who are alumni of the



1003 system, (2) two members who are executives of Connecticut-based  
1004 employers and who shall be nominated by the [Connecticut  
1005 Employment and Training Commission] Governor's Workforce  
1006 Council, established pursuant to section 31-3h. The Commissioners of  
1007 Education and Economic and Community Development and the Labor  
1008 Commissioner, or their respective designees, shall serve as ex-officio  
1009 members of the board. Members of the board shall be appointed by the  
1010 Governor with the advice and consent of the General Assembly, in  
1011 accordance with the provisions of section 4-7. Any vacancy shall be  
1012 filled in the manner provided in section 4-19. The Governor shall  
1013 appoint the chairperson.

1014 Sec. 19. Subsection (b) of section 17b-688h of the general statutes is  
1015 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
1016 *2021*):

1017 (b) Effective July 1, 1998, the Labor Department shall be responsible  
1018 for the negotiation, establishment, modification, extension, suspension  
1019 or termination of contracts for employment services. The Labor  
1020 Department may provide administration and services directly or  
1021 through the [Connecticut Employment and Training Commission]  
1022 Governor's Workforce Council or regional workforce development  
1023 boards.

1024 Sec. 20. Subsection (c) of section 17b-688i of the general statutes is  
1025 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
1026 *2021*):

1027 (c) Not later than January 1, 1999, and annually thereafter, the Labor  
1028 Department shall submit a report to the Governor, the joint standing  
1029 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
1030 relating to appropriations, human services and labor and public  
1031 employees and the [Connecticut Employment and Training  
1032 Commission] Governor's Workforce Council. Each report shall contain  
1033 an evaluation of the operation of the employment services administered  
1034 by the Labor Department pursuant to this section, including the number

1035 of persons who receive employment services, their gender and  
1036 outcomes. Each such report shall also provide specific information  
1037 regarding the cost-effectiveness of the employment services.

1038 Sec. 21. Subsections (b) and (c) of section 31-2 of the general statutes  
1039 are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
1040 *1, 2021*):

1041 (b) The commissioner shall administer the coordination of all  
1042 employment and training programs in the state and shall implement the  
1043 plan of the [Connecticut Employment and Training Commission]  
1044 Governor's Workforce Council as approved by the Governor. The  
1045 commissioner shall develop and maintain a comprehensive inventory  
1046 of all employment and training programs in the state, including a listing  
1047 of all funding sources for each program, the characteristics of the  
1048 persons served, a description of each program and its results and the  
1049 identification of areas of program overlap and duplication.

1050 (c) The commissioner shall provide staff to the [Connecticut  
1051 Employment and Training Commission] Governor's Workforce Council  
1052 and such other resources as the commissioner can make available.

1053 Sec. 22. Section 31-3h of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1054 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

1055 (a) There is created, within the Labor Department, the [Connecticut  
1056 Employment and Training Commission] Governor's Workforce  
1057 Council.

1058 (b) The duties and responsibilities of the [commission] council shall  
1059 include:

1060 (1) Carrying out the duties and responsibilities of a state job training  
1061 coordinating council pursuant to the federal Job Training Partnership  
1062 Act, 29 USC 1532, as amended from time to time, a state human resource  
1063 investment council pursuant to 29 USC 1501 et seq., as amended from  
1064 time to time, and such other related entities as the Governor may direct;

1065 (2) Reviewing all employment and training programs in the state to  
1066 determine their success in leading to and obtaining the goal of economic  
1067 self-sufficiency and to determine if such programs are serving the needs  
1068 of Connecticut's workers, employers and economy;

1069 (3) Reviewing and commenting on all employment and training  
1070 programs enacted by the General Assembly;

1071 (4) Implementing the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity  
1072 Act of 2014, P.L. 113-128, as amended from time to time. Such  
1073 implementation shall include (A) developing, in consultation with the  
1074 regional workforce development boards, a single Connecticut  
1075 workforce development plan that (i) complies with the provisions of  
1076 said act and section 31-11p, and (ii) includes comprehensive state  
1077 performance measures for workforce development activities specified  
1078 in Title I of the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of  
1079 2014, P.L. 113-128, as amended from time to time, which performance  
1080 measures comply with the requirements of 20 CFR Part 666.100, (B)  
1081 making recommendations to the General Assembly concerning the  
1082 allocation of funds received by the state under said act and making  
1083 recommendations to the regional workforce development boards  
1084 concerning the use of formulas in allocating such funds to adult  
1085 employment and job training activities and youth activities, as specified  
1086 in said act, (C) providing oversight and coordination of the state-wide  
1087 employment statistics system required by said act, (D) as appropriate,  
1088 recommending to the Governor that the Governor apply for workforce  
1089 flexibility plans and waiver authority under said act, after consultation  
1090 with the regional workforce development boards, (E) developing  
1091 performance criteria for regional workforce development boards to  
1092 utilize in creating a list of eligible providers, and (F) on or before  
1093 December 31, 1999, developing a uniform individual training accounts  
1094 voucher system that shall be used by the regional workforce  
1095 development boards to pay for training of eligible workers by eligible  
1096 providers, as required under said act;

1097 (5) Developing and overseeing a plan for the continuous

1098 improvement of the regional workforce development boards  
1099 established pursuant to section 31-3k;

1100 (6) Developing incumbent worker, and vocational and manpower  
1101 training programs, including customized job training programs to  
1102 enhance the productivity of Connecticut businesses and to increase the  
1103 skills and earnings of underemployed and at-risk workers, and other  
1104 programs administered by the regional workforce development boards.  
1105 The Labor Department, in collaboration with the regional workforce  
1106 development boards, shall implement any incumbent worker and  
1107 customized job training programs developed by the commission  
1108 pursuant to this subdivision;

1109 (7) Developing a strategy for providing comprehensive services to  
1110 eligible youths, which strategy shall include developing youth  
1111 preapprentice and apprentice programs through, but not limited to,  
1112 technical education and career schools, and improving linkages  
1113 between academic and occupational learning and other youth  
1114 development activities; and

1115 (8) Coordinating an electronic state hiring campaign to encourage the  
1116 reemployment of workers fifty years of age or older to be administered  
1117 through the Labor Department's Internet web site, which shall include  
1118 testimony from various employers that demonstrates the value of hiring  
1119 and retaining workers fifty years of age or older. Not later than January  
1120 1, 2015, the commission shall submit a report, in accordance with section  
1121 11-4a, to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having  
1122 cognizance of matters relating to labor on the status of such campaign.

1123 Sec. 23. Section 31-3i of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1124 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

1125 (a) The members of the [Connecticut Employment and Training  
1126 Commission] Governor's Workforce Council shall be appointed as  
1127 specified in subsection (b) of this section.

1128 (b) (1) The [commission] council shall consist of twenty-four

1129 members, a majority of whom shall represent business and industry and  
1130 the remainder of whom shall represent state and local governments,  
1131 organized labor, education and community based organizations,  
1132 including a representative of a community action agency, as defined in  
1133 section 17b-885.

1134 (2) Effective six months after the United States Secretary of Labor  
1135 approves the single Connecticut workforce development plan  
1136 submitted to said secretary in accordance with the provisions of  
1137 subsection (b) of section 31-11r, the Governor shall fill any vacancy on  
1138 the [commission] council from recommendations submitted by the  
1139 president pro tempore of the Senate, the speaker of the House of  
1140 Representatives, the majority leader of the Senate, the majority leader of  
1141 the House of Representatives, the minority leader of the Senate and the  
1142 minority leader of the House of Representatives.

1143 (c) [Members appointed to the commission prior to June 23, 1999,  
1144 shall continue to serve on the commission as if they were appointed to  
1145 the commission as of June 23, 1999.] The [commission] council shall  
1146 meet no less than once every calendar quarter.

1147 Sec. 24. Subdivision (2) of section 31-3j of the general statutes is  
1148 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
1149 *2021*):

1150 (2) ["Commission"] "Council" means the [Connecticut Employment  
1151 and Training Commission] Governor's Workforce Council created  
1152 under section 31-3h;

1153 Sec. 25. Subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of section 31-3w of the  
1154 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
1155 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

1156 (1) Collaborate with the [Connecticut Employment and Training  
1157 Commission] Governor's Workforce Council established pursuant to  
1158 section 31-3h and the regional workforce development boards  
1159 established pursuant to section 31-3k;

1160 Sec. 26. Section 31-3cc of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1161 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

1162 The [Connecticut Employment and Training Commission]  
1163 Governor's Workforce Council, in cooperation with the Commission on  
1164 Women, Children, Seniors, Equity and Opportunity and the  
1165 Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities, shall regularly  
1166 collect and analyze data on state-supported training programs that  
1167 measure the presence of gender or other systematic bias and work with  
1168 the relevant boards and agencies to correct any problems that are found.

1169 Sec. 27. Section 31-3dd of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1170 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

1171 The [Connecticut Employment and Training Commission]  
1172 Governor's Workforce Council, in consultation with the Labor  
1173 Department, the Department of Economic and Community  
1174 Development and the regional workforce development boards, shall  
1175 recommend to the Office of Policy and Management and the joint  
1176 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
1177 matters relating to appropriations, budget targets for assisting state  
1178 employers with their training needs.

1179 Sec. 28. Section 31-3ii of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1180 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

1181 (a) Within available appropriations, for the fiscal years ending June  
1182 30, 2004, to June 30, 2006, inclusive, the [Connecticut Employment and  
1183 Training Commission] Governor's Workforce Council, in cooperation  
1184 with a consenting regional workforce development board, shall  
1185 establish a pilot program that allows such board to use funds allocated  
1186 to such board to expand an existing adult education program at a local  
1187 or regional board of education within such regional workforce  
1188 development board's region to enable incumbent workers to participate  
1189 in such adult education program. For purposes of this section,  
1190 "incumbent workers" means individuals who are employed in this state,

1191 but who are in need of additional skills, training or education in order  
1192 to upgrade employment.

1193 (b) Not later than January 1, 2007, the [commission] council shall  
1194 submit a report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a, to  
1195 the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having  
1196 cognizance of matters relating to higher education and employment  
1197 advancement and education on the establishment and any operation of  
1198 the pilot program authorized under subsection (a) of this section.

1199 Sec. 29. Section 31-300 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1200 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

1201 The [Connecticut Employment and Training Commission]  
1202 Governor's Workforce Council, in collaboration with the Connecticut  
1203 Energy Sector Partnership, shall annually solicit and publicize  
1204 information concerning efforts made by the institutions of higher  
1205 education in this state to promote the green technology industry,  
1206 including the development of new academic degree and certificate  
1207 programs, courses of instruction and initiatives made by such  
1208 institutions to align green jobs programs with employer needs.

1209 Sec. 30. Section 31-3yy of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1210 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

1211 On or before October 1, 2014, and annually thereafter, the  
1212 [Connecticut Employment and Training Commission] Governor's  
1213 Workforce Council shall submit to the Office of Policy and Management  
1214 and the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having  
1215 cognizance of matters relating to labor, higher education and education  
1216 a report card of each program emphasizing employment placement  
1217 included in the [commission's] council's annual inventory developed  
1218 and maintained by the Labor Commissioner pursuant to section 31-2.  
1219 The report card shall, at a minimum, identify for each program the cost,  
1220 number of individuals entering the program, number of individuals  
1221 satisfactorily completing the program and the employment placement

1222 rates of those individuals at thirteen and twenty-six-week intervals  
1223 following completion of the program or a statement as to why such  
1224 measure is not relevant.

1225 Sec. 31. Subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of section 31-11m of the  
1226 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
1227 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

1228 (2) Such reserved funds may be used only to carry out state-wide  
1229 youth activities described in Section 129(b) of the federal Workforce  
1230 Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014, P.L. 113-128, as from time to  
1231 time amended, or state-wide employment and training activities, for  
1232 adults or for dislocated workers, described in Section 134(a)(2)(B) or  
1233 Section 134(a)(3) of said act, provided such use is consistent with the  
1234 Connecticut workforce development plan developed by the  
1235 [Connecticut Employment and Training Commission] Governor's  
1236 Workforce Council under section 31-11p, as amended by this act. The  
1237 percentage of such reserved funds that are used for administrative costs  
1238 shall be consistent with the provisions of Section 134(a)(3)(B) of said act.  
1239 For purposes of this subdivision and subdivision (3) of this subsection,  
1240 "administrative costs" has the same meaning as in 20 CFR Part 667,  
1241 Subpart B.

1242 Sec. 32. Section 31-11o of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1243 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

1244 The [Connecticut Employment and Training Commission]  
1245 Governor's Workforce Council established under section 31-3h is hereby  
1246 recognized as the state-wide workforce development board for  
1247 purposes of complying with the federal Workforce Innovation and  
1248 Opportunity Act of 2014, P.L. 113-128, as from time to time amended.

1249 Sec. 33. Section 31-11p of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1250 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

1251 (a) The [Connecticut Employment and Training Commission]  
1252 Governor's Workforce Council, in consultation with the regional



1253 workforce development boards, shall develop a single Connecticut  
1254 workforce development plan that outlines a five-year strategy for the  
1255 state of Connecticut's workforce development system and meets the  
1256 requirements of Sections 111 and 112 of the federal Workforce  
1257 Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014, P.L. 113-128, as from time to  
1258 time amended. Said plan shall serve as a framework for the  
1259 development of public policy, fiscal investment and operation of  
1260 workforce education and job training programs and shall constitute the  
1261 single state plan for purposes of Section 112 of said act. The [Connecticut  
1262 Employment and Training Commission] Governor's Workforce  
1263 Council, in consultation with the regional workforce development  
1264 boards, shall update said plan at least once every five years.

1265 (b) The plan shall, at a minimum, include:

1266 (1) Long-term goals for the state's workforce development system.  
1267 Such goals shall include local control of service delivery, one-stop  
1268 delivery of services, individual choice for individuals served by the  
1269 system, accountability for provider performance, coordination of  
1270 workforce development activities integrating state and federal  
1271 resources and the establishment of ties between funding and actual  
1272 participation in training activities;

1273 (2) Short-term goals, benchmarks and performance measures that the  
1274 state will use to measure its progress towards meeting the long-term  
1275 goals identified in subdivision (1) of this subsection;

1276 (3) Identification of the role each institution, entity, organization and  
1277 program plays in the state-wide workforce development system;

1278 (4) Ways to improve access to public and certified nonpublic  
1279 postsecondary educational institutions;

1280 (5) A strategy for assessing unmet workforce preparation needs;

1281 (6) A description of comprehensive performance measures to ensure  
1282 coordination and eliminate duplication of services;

1283 (7) A strategy for assessing types of jobs for which there are shortages  
1284 of available qualified workers and the geographical concentration of  
1285 unmet workforce needs in this state;

1286 (8) A strategy for maximizing or redirecting funding to deliver  
1287 services more effectively to meet the state's workforce development  
1288 needs;

1289 (9) A provision stating that the members of the [Connecticut  
1290 Employment and Training Commission] Governor's Workforce Council  
1291 and the regional workforce development boards shall comply with state  
1292 ethics laws and the applicable provisions of Sections 111(f) and 117(g)  
1293 of the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014, P.L.  
1294 113-128, as from time to time amended;

1295 (10) A provision stating that the Labor Commissioner and the  
1296 Commissioners of Social Services and Education shall develop a  
1297 coordinated program of referring workforce development participants  
1298 to supportive services, including, but not limited to, transportation and  
1299 child care services for eligible participants of workforce activities. Such  
1300 program shall include a requirement that each regional workforce  
1301 development board submit an annual report to the [commission]  
1302 council on or before January 31, 2000, and each January thirty-first  
1303 thereafter detailing such board's plan for coordinating such supportive  
1304 services;

1305 (11) A description of the state of Connecticut's proposed one-stop  
1306 delivery system, which shall be consistent with the provisions of Section  
1307 134(c) of the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014,  
1308 P.L. 113-128, as from time to time amended, and shall include a  
1309 description of the following components: (A) A uniform individual  
1310 training accounts voucher system which shall be used by the regional  
1311 workforce development boards to pay for training of eligible workers  
1312 by eligible providers and which shall include a reporting system that  
1313 ties funding to actual participation in training programs, (B) the core  
1314 services, as identified in subdivision (12) of this subsection, which shall

1315 be available to adults or dislocated workers, including exemptions from  
1316 core services, (C) the intensive services, as identified in subdivision (13)  
1317 of this subsection, which shall be available to adults or dislocated  
1318 workers who have received the maximum amount of core services but  
1319 were unable to obtain employment through such core services,  
1320 including prerequisites for obtaining such intensive services and  
1321 exemptions from such prerequisites, and (D) the training services, as  
1322 identified in subdivision (14) of this subsection, which shall be available  
1323 to adults or dislocated workers who have received intensive services,  
1324 but were unable to obtain unsubsidized employment through such  
1325 intensive services, including prerequisites for obtaining such training  
1326 services and exemptions from such prerequisites;

1327 (12) Identification of core services available under the one-stop  
1328 delivery system, which shall, at a minimum, include: (A) Determination  
1329 of whether individuals are eligible to receive assistance under Subtitle B  
1330 of the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014, P.L.  
1331 113-128, as from time to time amended; (B) outreach, intake and  
1332 orientation to the information and other services available through the  
1333 one-stop delivery system; (C) a uniform assessment procedure for  
1334 screening adults and dislocated workers which shall include, but not be  
1335 limited to, initial assessment of skill levels, aptitudes, abilities,  
1336 supportive service needs and for application of the self-sufficiency  
1337 measurement developed in accordance with the provisions of section 4-  
1338 66e; (D) job search and placement assistance and, where appropriate,  
1339 career counseling; (E) provision of (i) employment statistics  
1340 information, including the provision of accurate information concerning  
1341 local, regional and national labor market areas, including job vacancy  
1342 listings in such labor market areas, information on job skills necessary  
1343 to obtain such vacant jobs and information relating to local occupations  
1344 in demand and the earnings and skill requirements for such  
1345 occupations; (ii) provider performance information and program cost  
1346 information on eligible providers of training services, as described in  
1347 Section 122 of the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of  
1348 2014, P.L. 113-128, as from time to time amended, provided by program,

1349 and eligible providers of youth activities described in Section 123 of said  
1350 act, eligible providers of adult education described in Title II of said act,  
1351 providers of postsecondary vocational education activities and  
1352 vocational education activities, which shall include, but not be limited  
1353 to, preapprentice programs available through, but not limited to, the  
1354 Technical Education and Career System, available to school dropouts  
1355 under the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Applied Technology  
1356 Education Act, 20 USC 2301, et seq., and providers of vocational  
1357 rehabilitation program activities described in Title I of the Rehabilitation  
1358 Act of 1973, 29 USC 720, et seq.; (iii) information regarding how the local  
1359 area is performing on the local performance measures and any  
1360 additional performance information with respect to the one-stop  
1361 delivery system in the local area; (iv) accurate information concerning  
1362 the availability of supportive services, including child care and  
1363 transportation, available through the local area and referral to such  
1364 services, as appropriate; (v) information regarding filing claims for  
1365 unemployment compensation under chapter 567; (F) assistance in  
1366 establishing eligibility for programs of financial aid assistance for  
1367 training and education programs that are not funded under said act and  
1368 are available through the local area; (G) follow-up services, including  
1369 counseling regarding the workplace, for participants in workforce  
1370 investment activities authorized under Subtitle B of the federal  
1371 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014, P.L. 113-128, as  
1372 from time to time amended, who are placed in unsubsidized  
1373 employment, for not less than twelve months after the first day of the  
1374 employment, as appropriate; and (H) assistance in establishing  
1375 eligibility for authorized activities under Section 403(a)(5) of the Social  
1376 Security Act, as added by Section 5001 of the Balanced Budget Act of  
1377 1997, available in the local area. For purposes of this subdivision, "local  
1378 area" refers to an area designated as such pursuant to Section 116 of the  
1379 federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014, P.L. 113-  
1380 128, as from time to time amended;

1381 (13) Identification of intensive services available under the one-stop  
1382 delivery system, which services may include (A) comprehensive and

1383 specialized assessments of the skill levels and service needs of adults  
1384 and dislocated workers, which may include diagnostic testing, use of  
1385 special education planning and placement teams and use of other  
1386 assessment tools and in-depth interviewing and evaluation to identify  
1387 employment barriers and appropriate employment goals; (B)  
1388 development of an individual employment plan to identify the  
1389 employment goals, appropriate achievement objectives and appropriate  
1390 combination of services for the participant to achieve the employment  
1391 goals; (C) group counseling; (D) individual counseling and career  
1392 planning; (E) case management for participants seeking training  
1393 services authorized under the federal Workforce Innovation and  
1394 Opportunity Act of 2014, P.L. 113-128, as from time to time amended;  
1395 and (F) short-term prevocational services, including development of  
1396 learning skills, communication skills, interviewing skills, punctuality,  
1397 personal maintenance skills and professional conduct, to prepare  
1398 individuals for unsubsidized employment or training;

1399 (14) Identification of training services authorized under the federal  
1400 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014, P.L. 113-128, as  
1401 from time to time amended, that are available under the one-stop  
1402 delivery system, which services may include a combination of  
1403 occupational skills training, including training for nontraditional  
1404 employment, on-the-job training, programs that combine workplace  
1405 training with related instruction, which may include cooperative  
1406 education programs, training programs operated by the private sector,  
1407 skill upgrading and retraining, entrepreneurial training, job readiness  
1408 training, adult education and literacy activities and customized job  
1409 training conducted with a commitment by an employer or group of  
1410 employers to employ an individual upon successful completion of the  
1411 training;

1412 (15) Development of a uniform system of identifying and certifying  
1413 eligible providers of the training services described in subdivision (13)  
1414 of this subsection, which system shall (A) incorporate each of the  
1415 requirements of Section 122 of the federal Workforce Innovation and

1416 Opportunity Act of 2014, P.L. 113-128, as from time to time amended,  
1417 and (B) be used by each regional workforce development board in  
1418 selecting an eligible provider of training services;

1419 (16) A strategy for the establishment of (A) regional youth councils  
1420 by the regional workforce development boards, which regional youth  
1421 councils shall (i) recommend eligible providers of youth activities to the  
1422 council and conduct oversight of eligible providers of youth activities;  
1423 (ii) in cooperation with local boards of education, identify available  
1424 programs and activities to assist youths in completing education  
1425 programs; (iii) identify available programs and activities to assist youths  
1426 in securing and preserving employment; and (iv) coordinate youth  
1427 activities with Job Corps services, coordinate youth activities authorized  
1428 under the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014,  
1429 P.L. 113-128, as from time to time amended, and improve the connection  
1430 between court-involved youths and the state labor market; and (B)  
1431 criteria for selection of regional youth council members and awarding  
1432 youth program grants for state-wide youth activities described in  
1433 Section 129(b) of the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act  
1434 of 2014, P.L. 113-128, as from time to time amended;

1435 (17) Development of a program to provide job readiness and job  
1436 search training to unemployed and underemployed noncustodial  
1437 parents no later than July 1, 2000;

1438 (18) Development of a career pathways program to link alternative  
1439 education programs to regional community-technical colleges and  
1440 work-related learning no later than October 1, 2000; and

1441 (19) Any other provisions required to be included in the plan under  
1442 Sections 111 and 112 of the federal Workforce Innovation and  
1443 Opportunity Act of 2014, P.L. 113-128, as from time to time amended.

1444 (c) The Governor may submit modifications to the single Connecticut  
1445 workforce development plan approved by the United States Secretary  
1446 of Labor as necessary during the five-year period covered by the plan,

1447 with the advice and assistance of the [Connecticut Employment and  
1448 Training Commission] Governor's Workforce Council, provided such  
1449 modifications are (1) approved by the joint standing committees of the  
1450 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to  
1451 appropriations, education, labor and social services, and (2) consistent  
1452 with the requirements of Sections 111 and 112 of the federal Workforce  
1453 Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014, P.L. 113-128, as from time to  
1454 time amended.

1455 Sec. 34. Section 31-11q of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1456 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

1457 On or before October 15, 1999, the [Connecticut Employment and  
1458 Training Commission] Governor's Workforce Council shall submit to  
1459 the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having  
1460 cognizance of matters relating to appropriations, education, labor and  
1461 social services the comprehensive state performance measures  
1462 developed by said [commission] council in accordance with the  
1463 provisions of subdivision (5) of subsection (b) of section 31-3h for  
1464 activities specified in Title I of the federal Workforce Innovation and  
1465 Opportunity Act of 2014, P.L. 113-128, as from time to time amended,  
1466 and annually thereafter during any year in which such performance  
1467 measures are modified.

1468 Sec. 35. Section 31-11r of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1469 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

1470 (a) On or before January 1, 2000, the [Connecticut Employment and  
1471 Training Commission] Governor's Workforce Council shall submit a  
1472 single Workforce Development Plan to the Governor, which plan shall  
1473 (1) be approved by the General Assembly, (2) comply with the  
1474 requirements of section 31-11p, and (3) comply with the requirements  
1475 of the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014, P.L.  
1476 13-128, as from time to time amended.

1477 (b) On or before March 15, 2000, the Governor shall submit a single

1478 Connecticut Workforce Development Plan to the United States  
1479 Secretary of Labor, which plan shall satisfy the requirements of  
1480 subsection (a) of this section.

1481 (c) The Governor shall submit to the United States Secretary of Labor  
1482 any appropriate or necessary request for waiver of the statutory or  
1483 regulatory requirements of the federal Workforce Innovation and  
1484 Opportunity Act of 2014, P.L. 13-128, as from time to time amended,  
1485 with the advice and assistance of the [Connecticut Employment and  
1486 Training Commission] Governor's Workforce Council.

1487 Sec. 36. Section 31-11s of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1488 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

1489 (a) On or before February 9, 2000, and annually thereafter, the  
1490 [Connecticut Employment and Training Commission] Governor's  
1491 Workforce Council shall make recommendations consistent with the  
1492 provisions of the single Connecticut workforce development plan  
1493 submitted to the Governor pursuant to section 31-11r to the Governor  
1494 and the General Assembly concerning the appropriation of funds  
1495 received for adult workforce development activities under the federal  
1496 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014, P.L. 113-128, as  
1497 from time to time amended, for (1) job-related vocational, literacy,  
1498 language or numerical skills training; (2) underemployed and at-risk  
1499 workers; (3) individuals with barriers to full-time, stable employment,  
1500 including language, basic skills and occupational literacy barriers; (4)  
1501 vocational training using apprentice and preapprentice programs and  
1502 customized job training programs that are designed to serve at-risk  
1503 workers and promote job retention and the obtainment of higher wage  
1504 jobs; (5) special incentives for programs that successfully train (A)  
1505 women for nontraditional employment, and (B) minorities for  
1506 occupations or fields of work in which such minorities are  
1507 underrepresented; and (6) special grants or contracts in each region for  
1508 training programs that target workers who are difficult to serve,  
1509 including, but not limited to, workers (A) with limited literacy or  
1510 numerical skills, (B) without a high school diploma or its equivalent, or



1511 (C) for whom English is a second language. For purposes of this section,  
1512 "nontraditional employment" refers to occupations or fields of work for  
1513 which women comprise less than twenty-five per cent of the individuals  
1514 employed in each such occupation or field of work.

1515 (b) On or before February 9, 2000, and annually thereafter, the  
1516 [commission] council shall make recommendations to the Governor and  
1517 the General Assembly concerning the appropriation of funds received  
1518 under the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014,  
1519 P.L. 113-128, as from time to time amended, for dislocated workers.

1520 (c) Pursuant to Section 189(i)(4)(A) of the federal Workforce  
1521 Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014, P.L. 113-128, as from time to  
1522 time amended, the Governor is authorized by the General Assembly to  
1523 apply for a waiver of federal eligibility requirements to allow incumbent  
1524 workers with annual family incomes that do not exceed two hundred  
1525 per cent of the poverty level guidelines issued by the federal  
1526 Department of Health and Human Services to receive job training  
1527 services.

1528 Sec. 37. Section 31-11t of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1529 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

1530 (a) The [Connecticut Employment and Training Commission]  
1531 Governor's Workforce Council shall provide each regional workforce  
1532 development board with criteria for the evaluation of funded programs,  
1533 including a description of the amount, type and effectiveness of literacy  
1534 training provided to participants, the number of persons completing job  
1535 training, the gender and race of persons who receive training,  
1536 occupational skill types, the number of persons who enter unsubsidized  
1537 employment, the number of persons who remain in unsubsidized  
1538 employment six months later and the earnings received by such  
1539 persons.

1540 (b) The [commission] council shall develop an education and job  
1541 training report card to assess the accomplishments of Connecticut's

1542 workforce development system and for meeting the accountability  
1543 requirements of the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act  
1544 of 2014, P.L. 113-128, as from time to time amended. The report card  
1545 shall address the effectiveness of such system in meeting (1) employers'  
1546 needs for educated and trained workers, and (2) clients' needs for  
1547 improving their economic well-being.

1548       Sec. 38. Subsection (b) of section 31-11ff of the general statutes is  
1549 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
1550 *2021*):

1551       (b) The [Connecticut Employment and Training Commission]  
1552 Governor's Workforce Council shall develop, in collaboration with the  
1553 Connecticut state colleges and universities, Department of Education,  
1554 and regional work force development boards established pursuant to  
1555 section 31-3j, a state-wide plan for implementing, expanding or  
1556 improving upon career certificate programs established under section  
1557 10-20a, middle college programs, early college high school programs  
1558 and Connecticut Early College Opportunity programs to provide  
1559 education, training and placement in jobs available in the  
1560 manufacturing, health care, construction, green, science, technology,  
1561 computer science, engineering and mathematics industries and other  
1562 emerging sectors of the state's economy. Such plan shall include a  
1563 proposal to fund such programs.

1564       Sec. 39. Subsection (b) of section 31-11jj of the general statutes is  
1565 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
1566 *2021*):

1567       (b) The Workforce Training Authority Fund shall be used by the  
1568 administrator: (1) To provide training assistance to eligible recipients as  
1569 may be approved by the Workforce Training Authority pursuant to  
1570 subsection (e) of this section, and (2) to pay or reimburse the  
1571 administrator for administrative costs pursuant to subsection (h) of this  
1572 section. Such training assistance shall be awarded for the purpose of:  
1573 Developing and implementing training programs for the recruitment of

1574 businesses to the state and the training or retraining of persons in the  
1575 state to achieve the workforce goals established by the [Connecticut  
1576 Employment and Training Commission] Governor's Workforce Council  
1577 and the relevant sections of the strategic master plan for higher  
1578 education developed pursuant to section 10a-11b. Training assistance  
1579 shall target job growth in the areas of construction, health care, early  
1580 childhood education, insurance, financial services, bioscience, advance  
1581 manufacturing, digital media, green technology, and tourism.

1582 Sec. 40. Subsection (j) of section 31-11jj of the general statutes is  
1583 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
1584 *2021*):

1585 (j) The administrator shall consult with the office of apprenticeship  
1586 training, the [Connecticut Employment and Training Commission]  
1587 Governor's Workforce Council, the Planning Commission on Higher  
1588 Education and the administrator of the Connecticut Manufacturing  
1589 Innovation Fund to ensure coordination and compatibility of the  
1590 development and implementation of training programs awarded by the  
1591 Workforce Training Authority.

1592 Sec. 41. Subsection (a) of section 4-124z of the general statutes is  
1593 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
1594 *2021*):

1595 (a) The Labor Commissioner, the Commissioner of Economic and  
1596 Community Development, working with the Office of Workforce  
1597 [Competitiveness] Strategy, the Commissioners of Education and Social  
1598 Services, the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management and the  
1599 president of the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities, in  
1600 consultation with the superintendent of the Technical Education and  
1601 Career System and one member of industry representing each of the  
1602 economic clusters identified by the Commissioner of Economic and  
1603 Community Development pursuant to section 32-1m shall (1) review,  
1604 evaluate and, as necessary, recommend improvements for certification  
1605 and degree programs offered by the Technical Education and Career

1606 System and the community-technical college system to ensure that such  
1607 programs meet the employment needs of business and industry, and (2)  
1608 develop strategies to strengthen the linkage between skill standards for  
1609 education and training and the employment needs of business and  
1610 industry.

1611 Sec. 42. Section 4-124gg of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1612 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

1613 Not later than October 1, 2012, the Labor Commissioner, with the  
1614 assistance of the Office of Workforce [Competitiveness] Strategy and in  
1615 consultation with the superintendent of the Technical Education and  
1616 Career System, shall create an integrated system of state-wide industry  
1617 advisory committees for each career cluster offered as part of the  
1618 Technical Education and Career System and regional community-  
1619 technical college system. Said committees shall include industry  
1620 representatives of the specific career cluster. Each committee for a career  
1621 cluster shall, with support from the Labor Department, Technical  
1622 Education and Career System, regional community-technical college  
1623 system and the Department of Education, establish specific skills  
1624 standards, corresponding curriculum and a career ladder for the cluster  
1625 which shall be implemented as part of the schools' core curriculum.

1626 Sec. 43. Section 4-124tt of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1627 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

1628 Within available appropriations, the Office of Workforce  
1629 [Competitiveness] Strategy, within the [Labor] Department Economic  
1630 and Community Development, may establish a pilot program to  
1631 provide any eligible individual with a minor dependent access to  
1632 training in order to obtain skills and credentials necessary to obtain and  
1633 maintain employment. Such skills and credentials may include, but  
1634 need not be limited to (1) a high school diploma or its equivalent; (2) an  
1635 alternative degree; (3) English as a second language training; and (4)  
1636 vocational training. For purposes of this section, an eligible individual  
1637 is an individual who would qualify for benefits under the temporary

1638 assistance for needy families program pursuant to Title IV-A of the  
1639 Social Security Act.

1640 Sec. 44. Section 4-124vv of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1641 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

1642 The Labor Department, working with [its] the Office of Workforce  
1643 [Competitiveness] Strategy, shall, within available appropriations, fund  
1644 Connecticut Career Choices.

1645 Sec. 45. Subsection (a) of section 10-21c of the general statutes is  
1646 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
1647 *2021*):

1648 (a) Any local or regional board of education that has a demonstrated  
1649 shortage of certified teachers in those fields designated by the State  
1650 Board of Education or that elects to expand the academic offerings to  
1651 students in the areas identified by the Labor Commissioner and the  
1652 Office of Workforce [Competitiveness] Strategy pursuant to the  
1653 provisions of section 4-124w may solicit and accept qualified private  
1654 sector specialists, not necessarily certified to teach, whose services to  
1655 teach in shortage areas have been donated by business firms, as defined  
1656 in section 12-631. Private sector specialists who donate their services  
1657 may be permitted to offer instruction in existing or specially designed  
1658 curricula, provided no private sector specialist shall be permitted to  
1659 work more than one-half of the maximum classroom hours of a full-time  
1660 certified teacher, and provided further no private sector specialist  
1661 teaching in an area identified by the Labor Commissioner and the Office  
1662 of Workforce [Competitiveness] Strategy pursuant to section 4-124w  
1663 shall have sole responsibility for a classroom. No certified teacher may  
1664 be terminated, transferred or reassigned due to the utilization of any  
1665 private sector specialist. Local or regional boards of education shall  
1666 annually review the need for private sector specialists and shall not  
1667 renew or place a private sector specialist if certified teachers are  
1668 available.

1669 Sec. 46. Subsection (a) of section 10-74n of the general statutes is  
1670 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
1671 *2021*):

1672 (a) The State Board of Education, in collaboration with the Bureau of  
1673 Rehabilitation Services, the Department of Developmental Services and  
1674 the Office of Workforce [Competitiveness] Strategy, shall: (1)  
1675 Coordinate the provision of transition resources, services and programs  
1676 to children requiring special education and related services, (2) create,  
1677 and update as necessary, a fact sheet that lists the state agencies that  
1678 provide transition resources, services and programs and a brief  
1679 description of such transition resources, services and programs and  
1680 disseminate such fact sheet to local and regional boards of education for  
1681 distribution to parents, teachers, administrators and boards of  
1682 education, and (3) annually collect information related to transition  
1683 resources, programs and services provided by other state agencies and  
1684 make such information available to parents, teachers, administrators  
1685 and boards of education.

1686 Sec. 47. Subsection (b) of section 10a-19d of the general statutes is  
1687 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
1688 *2021*):

1689 (b) The president of the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities,  
1690 in consultation with the [Labor Department's] Office of Workforce  
1691 [Competitiveness] Strategy, the Department of Education, the  
1692 Department of Social Services, Charter Oak State College, early  
1693 childhood education faculty at two and four-year public and  
1694 independent institutions of higher education, early childhood education  
1695 professional associations, early childhood education advocates and  
1696 practitioners, and persons knowledgeable in the area of career  
1697 development and programs in early childhood care and education, shall  
1698 define the preservice and minimum training requirements and  
1699 competencies for persons involved in early childhood education, from  
1700 birth to five years of age, including requirements for individual levels  
1701 of early childhood credentialing and licensing.

1702 Sec. 48. Section 10a-55g of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1703 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

1704 Not later than July 1, 2020, the Office of Higher Education and the  
1705 Labor Department shall each publish on their respective Internet web  
1706 sites the career ladder for jobs in the green technology industry  
1707 established and updated by the Office of Workforce [Competitiveness]  
1708 Strategy in accordance with section 31-3rr, as amended by this act, and  
1709 an inventory of green jobs related equipment used by technical  
1710 education and career schools and institutions of higher education.

1711 Sec. 49. Section 31-2d of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1712 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

1713 Any order or regulation of the Office of Workforce [Competitiveness]  
1714 Strategy affecting the functions, powers, duties and obligations set forth  
1715 in this section and sections 4-124w, as amended by this act, 4-124z, as  
1716 amended by this act, 4-124ff, 4-124gg, as amended by this act, 4-124hh,  
1717 4-124tt, as amended by this act and 4-124vv, as amended by this act  
1718 which is in force on July 1, 2011, shall continue in force and effect as an  
1719 order or regulation of the [Labor Department] Department of Economic  
1720 and Community Development until amended, repealed or superseded  
1721 pursuant to law. Where any orders or regulations of said office and said  
1722 department conflict, the [Labor] Commissioner of Economic and  
1723 Community Development may implement policies and procedures  
1724 consistent with the provisions of this section and sections 4-124w, as  
1725 amended by this act, 4-124z, as amended by this act, 4-124ff, 4-124gg, as  
1726 amended by this act, 4-124hh, 4-124tt, as amended by this act, 4-124vv,  
1727 as amended by this act, 10-95h, 10a-11b, 10a-19d, as amended by this  
1728 act, 31-3h, as amended by this act and 31-3k while in the process of  
1729 adopting the policy or procedure in regulation form, provided notice of  
1730 intention to adopt regulations is printed in the Connecticut Law Journal  
1731 not later than twenty days after implementation. The policy or  
1732 procedure shall be valid until the time final regulations are effective.

1733 Sec. 50. Subsection (b) of section 31-3rr of the general statutes is

1734 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
1735 *2021*):

1736 (b) Not later than January 1, 2020, the Office of Workforce  
1737 [Competitiveness] Strategy, in consultation with the Office of Higher  
1738 Education, Department of Education, Labor Department, Department  
1739 of Energy and Environmental Protection, regional workforce  
1740 development boards and employers, shall, within available  
1741 appropriations, establish a career ladder for jobs in the green technology  
1742 industry, including, but not limited to, a listing of (1) careers at each  
1743 level of the green technology industry and the requisite level of  
1744 education and the salary offered for such career, (2) all course, certificate  
1745 and degree programs in green jobs offered by technical education and  
1746 career schools within the Technical Education and Career System and  
1747 institutions of higher education in the state, and (3) jobs available in the  
1748 green technology industry in the state. The Office of Workforce  
1749 [Competitiveness] Strategy shall update the green jobs career ladder  
1750 established pursuant to this section on an as needed basis.

1751 Sec. 51. Subsections (b) and (c) of section 31-3k of the general statutes  
1752 are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
1753 *1, 2021*):

1754 (b) Each board, within its region, shall:

1755 (1) Carry out the duties and responsibilities of a private industry  
1756 council under the Job Training Partnership Act, provided the private  
1757 industry council within the region elects by a vote of its members to  
1758 become a board and the Labor Commissioner approves the council as a  
1759 regional work force development board.

1760 (2) Within existing resources and consistent with the state  
1761 employment and training information system and any guidelines issued  
1762 by the commissioner under subsection (b) of section 31-2, (A) assess  
1763 regional needs and identify regional priorities for employment and  
1764 training programs, including, but not limited to, an assessment of the



1765 special employment needs of unskilled and low-skilled unemployed  
1766 persons, including persons receiving state-administered general  
1767 assistance or short-term unemployment assistance, (B) conduct  
1768 planning for regional employment and training programs, (C)  
1769 coordinate such programs to ensure that the programs respond to the  
1770 needs of labor, business and industry, municipalities within the region,  
1771 the region as a whole, and all of its citizens, (D) serve as a clearinghouse  
1772 for information on all employment and training programs in the region,  
1773 (E) prepare and submit an annual plan containing the board's priorities  
1774 and goals for regional employment and training programs to the  
1775 commissioner and the [commission] council for their review and  
1776 approval, (F) review grant proposals and plans submitted to state  
1777 agencies for employment and training programs that directly affect the  
1778 region to determine whether such proposals and plans are consistent  
1779 with the annual regional plan prepared under subparagraph (E) of this  
1780 subdivision and inform the [commission] council and each state agency  
1781 concerned of the results of the review, (G) evaluate the effectiveness of  
1782 employment and training programs within the region in meeting the  
1783 goals contained in the annual regional plan prepared under  
1784 subparagraph (E) of this subdivision and report its findings to the  
1785 commissioner and the [commission] council on an annual basis, (H)  
1786 ensure the effective use of available employment and training resources  
1787 in the region, and (I) allocate funds where applicable for program  
1788 operations in the region.

1789 (3) Provide information to the commissioner concerning (A) all  
1790 employment and training programs, grants or funds to be effective or  
1791 available in the region in the following program year, (B) the source and  
1792 purpose of such programs, grants or funds, (C) the projected amount of  
1793 such programs, grants or funds, (D) persons, organizations and  
1794 institutions eligible to participate in such programs or receive such  
1795 grants or funds, (E) characteristics of clients eligible to receive services  
1796 pursuant to such programs, grants or funds, (F) the range of services  
1797 available pursuant to such programs, grants or funds, (G) goals of such  
1798 programs, grants or funds, (H) where applicable, schedules for

1799 submitting requests for proposals, planning instructions, proposals and  
1800 plans, in connection with such programs, grants or funds, (I) the  
1801 program period for such programs, grants or funds, and (J) any other  
1802 data relating to such programs, grants or funds that the commissioner  
1803 or the [commission] council deems essential for effective state planning.

1804 (4) Carry out the duties and responsibilities of the local board for  
1805 purposes of the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of  
1806 2014, P.L. 113-128, as from time to time amended.

1807 (5) Establish a worker training education committee comprised of  
1808 persons from the education and business communities within the  
1809 region, including, but not limited to, regional community-technical  
1810 colleges and technical education and career schools.

1811 (c) Each board shall make use of grants or contracts with appropriate  
1812 service providers to furnish all program services under sections 31-3j to  
1813 31-3r, inclusive, unless the [commission] council concurs with the board  
1814 that direct provision of a service by the board is necessary to assure  
1815 adequate availability of the service or that a service of comparable  
1816 quality can be provided more economically by the board. Any board  
1817 seeking to provide services directly shall include in the annual regional  
1818 plan submitted to the commissioner and the [commission] council  
1819 under subparagraph (E) of subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of this  
1820 section its plan to provide services directly and appropriate justification  
1821 for the need to do so. When the decision to provide services directly  
1822 must be made between annual planning cycles, the board shall submit  
1823 to the commissioner and the [commission] council a plan of service and  
1824 appropriate justification for the need to provide services directly. Such  
1825 plan of service shall be subject to review and approval by the  
1826 [commission] council.

1827 Sec. 52. Section 31-3m of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1828 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

1829 Not later than July 1, 1992, and annually thereafter, the Governor

1830 shall designate appropriate state agencies as agencies involved in  
1831 employment and training. The department heads of each agency  
1832 involved in employment and training shall: (1) Not later than August  
1833 15, 1992, and annually thereafter, identify the employment and training  
1834 programs administered by the agency that shall be subject to oversight  
1835 by one or more boards under the provisions of sections 31-3j to 31-3r,  
1836 inclusive; and (2) provide to the commissioner, for distribution to the  
1837 boards through the [commission] council, information concerning (A)  
1838 all employment and training programs, grants or funds to be effective  
1839 or available in the following program year, (B) the source and purpose  
1840 of such programs, grants or funds, (C) the projected amount of such  
1841 programs, grants or funds, (D) persons, organizations and institutions  
1842 eligible to participate in such programs or receive such grants or funds,  
1843 (E) characteristics of clients eligible to receive services pursuant to such  
1844 programs, grants or funds, (F) the range of services available pursuant  
1845 to such programs, grants or funds, (G) goals of such programs, grants  
1846 or funds, (H) where applicable, schedules for submitting requests for  
1847 proposals, planning instructions, proposals and plans, in connection  
1848 with such programs, grants or funds, (I) the program period for such  
1849 programs, grants or funds, and (J) any other data relating to such  
1850 programs, grants or funds that the commissioner or the [commission]  
1851 council deems essential for effective regional planning.

1852       Sec. 53. Section 31-3n of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1853 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

1854       (a) The commissioner, in consultation with the [commission] council,  
1855 shall adopt regulations in accordance with chapter 54 to carry out the  
1856 provisions of sections 31-3j to 31-3r, inclusive. The regulations shall  
1857 establish criteria for the organization and operation of the board and for  
1858 ensuring that the membership of each board satisfies the requirements  
1859 of section 31-3l.

1860       (b) The commissioner, acting through the [commission] council, shall  
1861 facilitate communication and exchange of information between the  
1862 boards and state agencies involved in employment and training.

1863 (c) The commissioner shall distribute all information received under  
1864 the provisions of sections 31-3j to 31-3r, inclusive, to the [commission]  
1865 council in order to ensure that the review and coordination duties of the  
1866 [commission] council are effectively carried out.

1867 (d) The commissioner shall submit each annual regional plan  
1868 prepared pursuant to subparagraph (E) of subdivision (2) of subsection  
1869 (b) of section 31-3k, together with the recommendations of the  
1870 commissioner and the [commission] council, to the Governor for final  
1871 approval.

1872 (e) The commissioner shall approve, in consultation with the  
1873 [commission] council, each board established pursuant to section 31-3k  
1874 which meets the requirements of sections 31-3j to 31-3r, inclusive.

1875 Sec. 54. Section 31-3o of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1876 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

1877 (a) The [commission] council shall review and approve each annual  
1878 regional plan prepared pursuant to subparagraph (E) of subdivision (2)  
1879 of subsection (b) of section 31-3k.

1880 (b) The [commission] council shall ensure that the membership of  
1881 each board satisfies the representation requirements of section 31-3l and  
1882 regulations adopted by the commissioner under section 31-3n.

1883 (c) The [commission] council shall review and consider the annual  
1884 report of each board evaluating the effectiveness of employment and  
1885 training programs, prepared pursuant to subparagraph (G) of  
1886 subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of section 31-3k.

1887 Sec. 55. Section 31-3p of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1888 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

1889 In any case where a board, after review, determines that a grant  
1890 proposal or plan submitted to a state agency involved in employment  
1891 and training is inconsistent with the board's annual regional plan

1892 prepared pursuant to subparagraph (E) of subdivision (2) of subsection  
 1893 (b) of section 31-3k, the board shall notify the agency in writing of its  
 1894 determination and may request a response from the agency. The agency,  
 1895 if so requested, shall respond to the inconsistency noted by the board  
 1896 and shall make every effort to resolve the issues involved. If such issues  
 1897 cannot be resolved to the satisfaction of the board, the board may appeal  
 1898 to the [commission] council. The [commission] council shall review the  
 1899 subject matter of the appeal and recommend a resolution to the  
 1900 commissioner, who shall render an opinion consistent with applicable  
 1901 state and federal law.

1902       Sec. 56. Section 31-3q of the general statutes is repealed and the  
 1903 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

1904       All state employment and training programs shall be consistent with  
 1905 any guidelines issued by the commissioner under subsection (b) of  
 1906 section 31-2 and the annual plan for the coordination of all employment  
 1907 and training programs in the state developed by the [commission]  
 1908 council and approved by the Governor under section 31-3h.

1909       Sec. 57. Sections 10a-57a, 10a-57b, 10a-57c and 10a-57e of the general  
 1910 statutes are repealed. (*Effective July 1, 2021*)

1911       Sec. 58. Section 3 of public act 16-44 is repealed. (*Effective July 1, 2021*)

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	4-124w
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	New section
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	New section
Sec. 5	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	10a-34(l)
Sec. 6	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	10a-35a
Sec. 7	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	New section
Sec. 8	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	31-225a(j)
Sec. 9	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	12-15(b)
Sec. 10	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	New section

Sec. 11	July 1, 2021	New section
Sec. 12	October 1, 2022	10a-223
Sec. 13	July 1, 2021	New section
Sec. 14	July 1, 2021	New section
Sec. 15	July 1, 2021	New section
Sec. 16	July 1, 2021	1-210(b)
Sec. 17	July 1, 2021	10-21j(a)
Sec. 18	July 1, 2021	10-95s(a)
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