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**Substitute Bill No. 903**



**AN ACT CONCERNING THE LABOR DEPARTMENT'S  
RECOMMENDED CHANGES TO STATUTES CONCERNING  
APPRENTICESHIPS AND OTHER LABOR STATUTES.**

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

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 Section 10-95h of the general statutes is repealed and the  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

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

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

12 (1) The Labor Commissioner shall submit the following to the joint  
13 standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
14 matters relating to education, higher education and employment  
15 advancement and labor: (A) Information identifying general economic  
16 trends in the state; (B) occupational information regarding the public  
17 and private sectors, such as continuous data on occupational

18 movements; and (C) information identifying emerging regional, state  
19 and national workforce needs over the next [thirty] ten years.

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

49 Sec. 2. Section 12-217g of the general statutes is repealed and the  
50 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

51 (a) (1) There shall be allowed a credit for any taxpayer against the tax  
52 imposed under this chapter for any income year with respect to each  
53 apprenticeship in the manufacturing trades commenced by such  
54 taxpayer in such year under a qualified apprenticeship training  
55 program as described in this section, certified in accordance with  
56 regulations adopted by the Labor Commissioner and registered with the  
57 [Connecticut State Apprenticeship Council established] Labor  
58 Department under section [31-22n] 31-22r, in an amount equal to six  
59 dollars per hour multiplied by the total number of hours worked during  
60 the income year by apprentices in the first half of a two-year term of  
61 apprenticeship and the first three-quarters of a four-year term of  
62 apprenticeship, provided the amount of credit allowed for any income  
63 year with respect to each such apprenticeship may not exceed seven  
64 thousand five hundred dollars or fifty per cent of actual wages paid in  
65 such income year to an apprentice in the first half of a two-year term of  
66 apprenticeship or in the first three-quarters of a four-year term of  
67 apprenticeship, whichever is less.

68 (2) Effective for income years commencing on and after January 1,  
69 2015, for purposes of this subsection, "taxpayer" includes an affected  
70 business entity, as defined in section 12-284b. Any affected business  
71 entity allowed a credit under this subsection may sell, assign or  
72 otherwise transfer such credit, in whole or in part, to one or more  
73 taxpayers to offset any state tax due or otherwise payable by such  
74 taxpayers under this chapter, or, with respect to income years  
75 commencing on or after January 1, 2016, chapter 212 or 227, provided  
76 such credit may be sold, assigned or otherwise transferred, in whole or  
77 in part, not more than three times.

78 (b) There shall be allowed a credit for any taxpayer against the tax  
79 imposed under this chapter for any income year with respect to each  
80 apprenticeship in plastics and plastics-related trades commenced by  
81 such taxpayer in such year under a qualified apprenticeship training  
82 program as described in this section, certified in accordance with  
83 regulations adopted by the Labor Commissioner and registered with the

84 [Connecticut State Apprenticeship Council established] Labor  
85 Department under section [31-22n] 31-22r, which apprenticeship  
86 exceeds the average number of such apprenticeships begun by such  
87 taxpayer during the five income years immediately preceding the  
88 income year with respect to which such credit is allowed, in an amount  
89 equal to four dollars per hour multiplied by the total number of hours  
90 worked during the income year by apprentices in the first half of a two-  
91 year term of apprenticeship and the first three-quarters of a four-year  
92 term of apprenticeship, provided the amount of credit allowed for any  
93 income year with respect to each such apprenticeship may not exceed  
94 four thousand eight hundred dollars or fifty per cent of actual wages  
95 paid in such income year to an apprentice in the first half of a two-year  
96 term of apprenticeship or in the first three-quarters of a four-year term  
97 of apprenticeship, whichever is less.

98 (c) There shall be allowed a credit for any taxpayer against the tax  
99 imposed under this chapter for any income year with respect to wages  
100 paid to apprentices in the construction trades by such taxpayer in such  
101 year that the apprentice and taxpayer participate in a qualified  
102 apprenticeship training program, as described in this section, which (1)  
103 is at least four years in duration, (2) is certified in accordance with  
104 regulations adopted by the Labor Commissioner, and (3) is registered  
105 with the [Connecticut State Apprenticeship Council established] Labor  
106 Department under section [31-22n] 31-22r. The tax credit shall be (A) in  
107 an amount equal to two dollars per hour multiplied by the total number  
108 of hours completed by each apprentice toward completion of such  
109 program, and (B) awarded upon completion and notification of  
110 completion of such program in the income year in which such  
111 completion and notification occur, provided the amount of credit  
112 allowed for such income year with respect to each such apprentice may  
113 not exceed four thousand dollars or fifty per cent of actual wages paid  
114 over the first four income years for such apprenticeship, whichever is  
115 less.

116 (d) For purposes of this section, a qualified apprenticeship training

117 program shall require at least four thousand but not more than eight  
118 thousand hours of apprenticeship training for certification of such  
119 apprenticeship by the [Connecticut State Apprenticeship Council]  
120 Labor Department. The amount of credit allowed any taxpayer under  
121 this section for any income year may not exceed the amount of tax due  
122 from such taxpayer under this chapter with respect to such income year.

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

125 [(a) The Labor Commissioner shall appoint a job training coordinator  
126 who shall develop and implement innovative programs which will  
127 provide (1) job training for (A) workers who are needed by industries  
128 planning to locate in Connecticut or by industries located in this state,  
129 (B) unskilled entry level workers, (C) workers in need of retraining due  
130 to the obsolescence of their skills and (D) workers who need skill  
131 training to qualify for advancement, (2) an incentive for the  
132 establishment of apprenticeship programs in selected occupations;  
133 provided no program shall be developed for occupations where prior  
134 skill or training is not typically a prerequisite to hiring, and (3) work  
135 training opportunities and placement of the chronically unemployed  
136 under section 31-3d.

137 (b) The Labor Commissioner is authorized to establish an interagency  
138 program coordinating committee to coordinate the application of all  
139 available resources for the purposes of this section. Said committee shall  
140 consist of representatives of various employment and training agencies  
141 within the Labor Department and representatives of the Department of  
142 Education and the Department of Economic and Community  
143 Development.]

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

146 [(d)] (b) The Labor Commissioner may accept and receive funds from  
147 any public or private source which become available for the purposes of

148 this section and section 31-3d.

149 Sec. 4. Subsection (e) of section 31-3pp of the general statutes is  
150 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
151 *passage*):

152 (e) (1) An eligible small business or eligible small manufacturer may  
153 apply to the department for a grant to subsidize on-the-job training for  
154 a preapprentice, where "preapprentice" means a person, [who is (A) a  
155 current student at a public or private high school, preparatory school or  
156 institution of higher education, or (B) not more than eighteen years of  
157 age and employed under a written agreement with an apprenticeship  
158 program sponsor for a term of training and employment not exceeding  
159 two thousand hours or twenty-four months] student or minor (A)  
160 employed under a written agreement with an apprenticeship sponsor  
161 for a term of training and employment not exceeding two thousand  
162 hours or twenty-four months in duration, and (B) registered with the  
163 Labor Department. "Preapprentice" does not include a person who was  
164 employed in this state by a related person with respect to the eligible  
165 small business during the prior twelve months or a person employed on  
166 a temporary or seasonal basis by a retailer, as defined in section 42-371.

167 (2) Grants to eligible small businesses or eligible small manufacturers  
168 under the Subsidized Training and Employment program shall be in the  
169 following amounts: (A) For the first thirty calendar days a preapprentice  
170 is employed, one hundred per cent of an amount representing the cost  
171 of on-the-job training for such preapprentice, but in no event shall such  
172 amount exceed ten dollars per hour; (B) for the thirty-first to ninetieth,  
173 inclusive, calendar days, seventy-five per cent of such amount; (C) for  
174 the ninety-first to one hundred fiftieth, inclusive, calendar days, fifty per  
175 cent of such amount; and (D) for the one hundred fifty-first to one  
176 hundred eightieth, inclusive, calendar days, twenty-five per cent of such  
177 amount. Grants shall be cancelled as of the date the preapprentice leaves  
178 his or her apprenticeship with the eligible small business or eligible  
179 small manufacturer.

180 Sec. 5. Section 31-22m of the general statutes is repealed and the  
181 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

182 When used in sections 31-22m to 31-22q, inclusive, and 31-22u,  
183 "apprentice" means a person who is employed under a written  
184 agreement to work at and learn a specific trade and who is registered  
185 with the Labor Department; "apprentice agreement" means a written  
186 agreement entered into by an apprentice, or on his behalf by his parent  
187 or guardian, with an employer, or with an association of employers and  
188 an organization of employees acting as a joint apprenticeship  
189 committee, which agreement provides for not less than two thousand  
190 hours of work experience in approved trade training consistent with  
191 recognized requirements established by industry or joint labor-industry  
192 practice and for the number of hours of related and supplemental  
193 instructions prescribed by the Connecticut State Apprenticeship  
194 Council or which agreement meets requirements of the federal  
195 government for on-the-job training schedules which are essential, in the  
196 opinion of the Labor Commissioner, for the development of manpower  
197 in Connecticut industries; "council" means the Connecticut State  
198 Apprenticeship Council; and "preapprentice" means a person, student  
199 or minor employed under a written agreement with an apprenticeship  
200 sponsor for a term of training and employment not exceeding two  
201 thousand hours or twenty-four months in duration, and who is  
202 registered with the Labor Department.

203 Sec. 6. Section 31-22o of the general statutes is repealed and the  
204 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

205 The council may [adopt recommendations for] recommend  
206 minimum standards of apprenticeship and for related and  
207 supplementary instruction, encourage registration and approval of  
208 apprentice agreements and training programs, and issue certificates of  
209 completion upon the verification by employers or joint apprenticeship  
210 committees of the satisfactory completion of the term of apprenticeship.  
211 The council shall [formulate] assist in recommending policies for the  
212 effective administration of sections 31-22m to 31-22q, inclusive, as

213 amended by this act, and 31-22u. Such policies by the council shall not  
214 invalidate any apprenticeship provision in any collective bargaining  
215 agreement between employers and employees. All apprentice programs  
216 adopted and registered with the [council] Labor Department under said  
217 sections shall be on a voluntary basis and shall be installed for the  
218 purpose of developing skilled workers for the service trades and  
219 industries of Connecticut.

220 Sec. 7. Section 31-230 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
221 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

222 (a) An individual's benefit year shall commence with the beginning  
223 of the week with respect to which the individual has filed a valid  
224 initiating claim and shall continue through the Saturday of the fifty-first  
225 week following the week in which it commenced, provided no benefit  
226 year shall end until after the end of the third complete calendar quarter,  
227 plus the remainder of any uncompleted calendar week that began in  
228 such quarter, following the calendar quarter in which it commenced,  
229 and provided further, the benefit year of an individual who has filed a  
230 combined wage claim, as described in subsection (b) of section 31-255,  
231 shall be the benefit year prescribed by the law of the paying state. In no  
232 event shall a benefit year be established before the termination of an  
233 existing benefit year previously established under the provisions of this  
234 chapter. Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, the base  
235 period of a benefit year shall be the first four of the five most recently  
236 completed calendar quarters prior to such benefit year, provided such  
237 quarters were not previously used to establish a prior valid benefit year  
238 and provided further, the base period with respect to a combined wage  
239 claim, as described in subsection (b) of section 31-255, shall be the base  
240 period of the paying state, except that for any individual who is eligible  
241 to receive or is receiving workers' compensation or who is properly  
242 absent from work under the terms of the employer's sick leave or  
243 disability leave policy, the base period shall be the [first four of the five  
244 most recently worked quarters] four consecutive quarters immediately  
245 preceding the most recently worked quarter prior to such benefit year,



246 provided such quarters were [consecutive and] not previously used to  
247 establish a prior valid benefit year and provided further, the last most  
248 recently worked calendar quarter is no more than twelve calendar  
249 quarters prior to the date such individual makes an initiating claim. As  
250 used in this section, an initiating claim shall be deemed valid if the  
251 individual is unemployed and meets the requirements of subdivisions  
252 (1) and (3) of subsection (a) of section 31-235, as amended by this act.  
253 The base period of an individual's benefit year shall include wages paid  
254 by any nonprofit organization electing reimbursement in lieu of  
255 contributions, or by the state and by any town, city or other political or  
256 governmental subdivision of or in this state or of any municipality to  
257 such person with respect to whom such employer is subject to the  
258 provisions of this chapter. With respect to weeks of unemployment  
259 beginning on or after January 1, 1978, wages for insured work shall  
260 include wages paid for previously uncovered services. For purposes of  
261 this section, the term "previously uncovered services" means services  
262 that (1) were not employment, as defined in section 31-222, and were  
263 not services covered pursuant to section 31-223, at any time during the  
264 one-year period ending December 31, 1975; and (2) (A) are agricultural  
265 labor, as defined in subparagraph (H) of subdivision (1) of subsection  
266 (a) of section 31-222, or domestic service, as defined in subparagraph (J)  
267 of subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 31-222, or (B) are services  
268 performed by an employee of this state or a political subdivision of this  
269 state, as provided in subparagraph (C) of subdivision (1) of subsection  
270 (a) of section 31-222, or by an employee of a nonprofit educational  
271 institution that is not an institution of higher education, as provided in  
272 subparagraph (E)(iii) of subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 31-  
273 222, except to the extent that assistance under Title II of the Emergency  
274 Jobs and Unemployment Assistance Act of 1974 was paid on the basis  
275 of such services.

276 (b) The base period of a benefit year for any individual who is  
277 ineligible to receive benefits using the base period set forth in subsection  
278 (a) of this section shall be the four most recently completed calendar  
279 quarters prior to the individual's benefit year, provided such quarters

280 were not previously used to establish a prior valid benefit year, except  
281 that for any such individual who is eligible to receive or is receiving  
282 workers' compensation or who is properly absent from work under the  
283 terms of an employer's sick leave or disability leave policy, the base  
284 period shall be the [four most recently worked calendar quarters] four  
285 consecutive quarters immediately preceding the most recently worked  
286 quarter prior to such benefit year, provided such quarters were  
287 [consecutive and] not previously used to establish a prior valid benefit  
288 year and provided further, the last most recently worked calendar  
289 quarter is not more than twelve calendar quarters prior to the date such  
290 individual makes the initiating claim. If the wage information for an  
291 individual's most recently worked calendar quarter is unavailable to the  
292 administrator from regular quarterly reports of systematically  
293 accessible wage information, the administrator shall promptly contact  
294 the individual's employer to obtain such wage information.

295 Sec. 8. Section 31-235 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
296 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

297 (a) An unemployed individual shall be eligible to receive benefits  
298 with respect to any week only if it has been found that (1) such  
299 individual has made claim for benefits in accordance with the  
300 provisions of section 31-240 and has registered for work at the public  
301 employment bureau or other agency designated by the administrator  
302 within such time limits, with such frequency and in such manner as the  
303 administrator may prescribe, provided failure to comply with this  
304 condition may be excused by the administrator upon a showing of good  
305 cause therefor; (2) except as provided in subsection (b) of this section,  
306 such individual is physically and mentally able to work and is available  
307 for work and has been and is making reasonable efforts to obtain work,  
308 provided the individual shall not be considered to be unavailable for  
309 work solely because the individual is attending a school, college or  
310 university as a regularly enrolled student during the separation from  
311 employment, within the limitations of subdivision (6) of subsection (a)  
312 of section 31-236, and provided further, the individual shall not be

313 considered to be lacking in efforts to obtain work if, as a student, such  
314 efforts are restricted to employment which does not conflict with the  
315 individual's regular class hours as a student, and provided the  
316 administrator shall not use prior "patterns of unemployment" of the  
317 individual to determine whether the individual is available for work; (3)  
318 such individual has been paid wages by an employer who was subject  
319 to the provisions of this chapter during the base period of the current  
320 benefit year in an amount at least equal to forty times the individual's  
321 benefit rate for total unemployment, provided an unemployed  
322 individual who is sixty-two years of age or older and is involuntarily  
323 retired under a compulsory retirement policy or contract provision shall  
324 be eligible for benefits with respect to any week, notwithstanding  
325 subdivisions (1) and (2) of this subsection, if it is found by the  
326 administrator that the individual has made claim for benefits in  
327 accordance with the provisions of section 31-240, has registered for  
328 work at the public employment bureau, is physically and mentally able  
329 to work, is available for work, meets the requirements of this  
330 subdivision and has not refused suitable work to which the individual  
331 has been referred by the administrator; (4) such individual participates  
332 in reemployment services, such as job search assistance services, if the  
333 individual has been determined to be likely to exhaust regular benefits  
334 and need reemployment services pursuant to a profiling system or  
335 Reemployment Services and Eligibility Assessment program  
336 established by the administrator unless the administrator determines  
337 that (A) for purposes of the profiling system only, the individual has  
338 completed such services, or (B) there is justifiable cause for the  
339 individual's failure to participate in such services. The administrator  
340 shall adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54,  
341 for the administration of the profiling system and the Reemployment  
342 Services and Eligibility Assessment program. For purposes of  
343 subdivision (2) of this subsection, "patterns of unemployment" means  
344 regularly recurring periods of unemployment of the claimant in the  
345 years prior to filing the claim in question.

346 (b) The provisions of subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of this section

347 relating to the eligibility of students for benefits shall not be applicable  
348 to any claimant who attended a school, college or university as a  
349 regularly enrolled full-time student at any time during the two years  
350 prior to such claimant's date of separation from employment, unless  
351 such claimant was employed on a full-time basis, as determined by the  
352 administrator, for the two years prior to such date.

353 (c) (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) or (b) of this  
354 section, an unemployed individual may limit such individual's  
355 availability for work to part-time employment, provided the individual  
356 (A) provides documentation from a licensed physician or an advanced  
357 practice registered nurse that (i) the individual has a physical or mental  
358 impairment that is chronic or is expected to be long-term or permanent  
359 in nature, and (ii) the individual is unable to work full-time because of  
360 such impairment, and (B) establishes, to the satisfaction of the  
361 administrator, that such limitation does not effectively remove such  
362 individual from the labor force.

363 (2) In determining whether the individual has satisfied the  
364 requirements of subparagraph (B) of subdivision (1) of this subsection,  
365 the administrator shall consider the individual's work history, efforts to  
366 find work, the hours such individual is medically permitted to work and  
367 the individual's availability during such hours for work that is suitable  
368 in light of the individual's impairment.

369 Sec. 9. Subsection (b) of section 32-235 of the general statutes is  
370 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*  
371 *1, 2021*):

372 (b) The proceeds of the sale of said bonds, to the extent of the amount  
373 stated in subsection (a) of this section, shall be used by the Department  
374 of Economic and Community Development (1) for the purposes of  
375 sections 32-220 to 32-234, inclusive, including economic cluster-related  
376 programs and activities, and for the Connecticut job training finance  
377 demonstration program pursuant to sections 32-23uu and 32-23vv,  
378 provided (A) three million dollars shall be used by said department

379 solely for the purposes of section 32-23uu, [and not more than five  
380 million two hundred fifty thousand dollars of the amount stated in said  
381 subsection (a) may be used by said department for the purposes of  
382 section 31-3u,] (B) not less than one million dollars shall be used for an  
383 educational technology grant to the deployment center program and the  
384 nonprofit business consortium deployment center approved pursuant  
385 to section 32-41l, (C) not less than two million dollars shall be used by  
386 said department for the establishment of a pilot program to make grants  
387 to businesses in designated areas of the state for construction,  
388 renovation or improvement of small manufacturing facilities, provided  
389 such grants are matched by the business, a municipality or another  
390 financing entity. The Commissioner of Economic and Community  
391 Development shall designate areas of the state where manufacturing is  
392 a substantial part of the local economy and shall make grants under such  
393 pilot program which are likely to produce a significant economic  
394 development benefit for the designated area, (D) five million dollars  
395 may be used by said department for the manufacturing competitiveness  
396 grants program, (E) one million dollars shall be used by said department  
397 for the purpose of a grant to the Connecticut Center for Advanced  
398 Technology, for the purposes of subdivision (5) of subsection (a) of  
399 section 32-7f, (F) fifty million dollars shall be used by said department  
400 for the purpose of grants to the United States Department of the Navy,  
401 the United States Department of Defense or eligible applicants for  
402 projects related to the enhancement of infrastructure for long-term, on-  
403 going naval operations at the United States Naval Submarine Base-New  
404 London, located in Groton, which will increase the military value of said  
405 base. Such projects shall not be subject to the provisions of sections 4a-  
406 60 and 4a-60a, (G) two million dollars shall be used by said department  
407 for the purpose of a grant to the Connecticut Center for Advanced  
408 Technology, Inc., for manufacturing initiatives, including aerospace and  
409 defense, and (H) four million dollars shall be used by said department  
410 for the purpose of a grant to companies adversely impacted by the  
411 construction at the Quinnipiac Bridge, where such grant may be used to  
412 offset the increase in costs of commercial overland transportation of  
413 goods or materials brought to the port of New Haven by ship or vessel,

414 (2) for the purposes of the small business assistance program established  
415 pursuant to section 32-9yy, provided fifteen million dollars shall be  
416 deposited in the small business assistance account established pursuant  
417 to said section 32-9yy, (3) to deposit twenty million dollars in the small  
418 business express assistance account established pursuant to section 32-  
419 7h, (4) to deposit four million nine hundred thousand dollars per year  
420 in each of the fiscal years ending June 30, 2017, to June 30, 2019,  
421 inclusive, and June 30, 2021, and nine million nine hundred thousand  
422 dollars in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, in the CTNext Fund  
423 established pursuant to section 32-39i, which shall be used by CTNext  
424 to provide grants-in-aid to designated innovation places, as defined in  
425 section 32-39j, planning grants-in-aid pursuant to section 32-39l, and  
426 grants-in-aid for projects that network innovation places pursuant to  
427 subsection (b) of section 32-39m, provided not more than three million  
428 dollars be used for grants-in-aid for such projects, and further provided  
429 any portion of any such deposit that remains unexpended in a fiscal year  
430 subsequent to the date of such deposit may be used by CTNext for any  
431 purpose described in subsection (e) of section 32-39i, (5) to deposit two  
432 million dollars per year in each of the fiscal years ending June 30, 2019,  
433 to June 30, 2021, inclusive, in the CTNext Fund established pursuant to  
434 section 32-39i, which shall be used by CTNext for the purpose of  
435 providing higher education entrepreneurship grants-in-aid pursuant to  
436 section 32-39g, provided any portion of any such deposit that remains  
437 unexpended in a fiscal year subsequent to the date of such deposit may  
438 be used by CTNext for any purpose described in subsection (e) of section  
439 32-39i, (6) for the purpose of funding the costs of the Technology Talent  
440 Advisory Committee established pursuant to section 32-7p, provided  
441 two million dollars per year in each of the fiscal years ending June 30,  
442 2017, to June 30, 2021, inclusive, shall be used for such purpose, (7) to  
443 provide (A) a grant-in-aid to the Connecticut Supplier Connection in an  
444 amount equal to two hundred fifty thousand dollars in each of the fiscal  
445 years ending June 30, 2017, to June 30, 2021, inclusive, and (B) a grant-  
446 in-aid to the Connecticut Procurement Technical Assistance Program in  
447 an amount equal to three hundred thousand dollars in each of the fiscal  
448 years ending June 30, 2017, to June 30, 2021, inclusive, (8) to deposit four

449 hundred fifty thousand dollars per year, in each of the fiscal years  
450 ending June 30, 2017, to June 30, 2021, inclusive, in the CTNext Fund  
451 established pursuant to section 32-39i, which shall be used by CTNext  
452 to provide growth grants-in-aid pursuant to section 32-39g, provided  
453 any portion of any such deposit that remains unexpended in a fiscal year  
454 subsequent to the date of such deposit may be used by CTNext for any  
455 purpose described in subsection (e) of section 32-39i, (9) to transfer fifty  
456 million dollars to the Labor Department which shall be used by said  
457 department for the purpose of funding work force pipeline programs  
458 selected pursuant to section 31-11rr, provided, notwithstanding the  
459 provisions of section 31-11rr, (A) not less than five million dollars shall  
460 be provided to the workforce development board in Bridgeport serving  
461 the southwest region, for purposes of such program, and the board shall  
462 distribute such money in proportion to population and need, and (B)  
463 not less than five million dollars shall be provided to the workforce  
464 development board in Hartford serving the north central region, for  
465 purposes of such program, (10) to transfer twenty million dollars to  
466 Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated, provided ten million dollars  
467 shall be used by Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated for the purpose  
468 of the proof of concept fund established pursuant to subsection (b) of  
469 section 32-39x and ten million dollars shall be used by Connecticut  
470 Innovations, Incorporated for the purpose of the venture capital fund  
471 program established pursuant to section 32-41oo. Not later than thirty  
472 days prior to any use of unexpended funds under subdivision (4), (5) or  
473 (8) of this subsection, the CTNext board of directors shall provide notice  
474 of and the reason for such use to the joint standing committees of the  
475 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to commerce  
476 and finance, revenue and bonding.

477 Sec. 10. Section 10a-72d of the general statutes is repealed and the  
478 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

479 The Board of Trustees for the Community-Technical Colleges shall  
480 establish procedures for (1) the development of articulation agreements  
481 between the regional community-technical colleges and the Technical

482 Education and Career System in order to ensure a successful transition  
 483 to higher education for students attending a technical education and  
 484 career school, and (2) the awarding of appropriate college credit for  
 485 persons enrolled in and registered under the terms of a qualified  
 486 apprenticeship training program, certified in accordance with  
 487 regulations adopted by the Labor Commissioner and registered with the  
 488 [Connecticut State Apprenticeship Council established] Labor  
 489 Department under section [31-22n] 31-22r.

490 Sec. 11. Subparagraph (B) of subdivision (3) of subsection (a) of  
 491 section 16a-3n of the general statutes is repealed and the following is  
 492 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

493 (B) In responding to any solicitations issued pursuant to this section,  
 494 a bidder may include such bidder's plans for the use of skilled labor,  
 495 including, but not limited to, for any construction and manufacturing  
 496 components of the proposal including any outreach, hiring and referral  
 497 systems, or any combination thereof, that are affiliated with an  
 498 apprenticeship training program registered with the [Connecticut State  
 499 Apprenticeship Council established] Labor Department pursuant to  
 500 section [31-22n] 31-22r.

501 Sec. 12. Sections 31-3a, 31-3g, 31-3u, 31-3ff, 31-3ii, 31-22s and 31-76n  
 502 of the general statutes are repealed. (*Effective from passage*)

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	10-95h
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	12-217g
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	31-3b
Sec. 4	<i>from passage</i>	31-3pp(e)
Sec. 5	<i>from passage</i>	31-22m
Sec. 6	<i>from passage</i>	31-22o
Sec. 7	<i>from passage</i>	31-230
Sec. 8	<i>from passage</i>	31-235
Sec. 9	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	32-235(b)
Sec. 10	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	10a-72d



Sec. 11	October 1, 2021	16a-3n(a)(3)(B)
Sec. 12	from passage	Repealer section

**Statement of Legislative Commissioners:**

Throughout Section 2, "[Connecticut State Apprenticeship Council] Labor Department established under [section 31-22n,] sections 31-22m to 31-22v, inclusive, as amended by this act" was changed to "[Connecticut State Apprenticeship Council established] Labor Department under section [31-22n] 31-22r" for accuracy; in Section 8(a), "profiling or Reemployment Services and Eligibility Assessment system" and "Reemployment Services and Eligibility Assessment system and the profiling system" were changed to "profiling system or Reemployment Services and Eligibility Assessment program" and "profiling system and the Reemployment Services and Eligibility Assessment program", respectively, for accuracy and consistency; Section 9 was renumbered as Section 12 for consistency with standard drafting conventions; Sections 9 to 11, inclusive, were added to conform with the changes being made in Sections 2 and 12; and the title was changed for accuracy.

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