



Senate Bill No. 407

Special Act No. 22-22

AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A POST-COVID-19 WOMEN'S RETURN TO WORK ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN.

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

Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) Not later than October 1, 2022, the Chief Workforce Officer, in consultation with the Department of Economic and Community Development and regional workforce development boards, shall, within available appropriations, develop and implement a Post-COVID-19 Women's Return to Work Economic Development Plan, which may include, but need not be limited to, the establishment of (1) partnerships with institutions of higher education, nonprofit organizations, professional business associations and child care and transit providers to develop and promote return to work initiatives, paid internships in high-growth industries, job and career fairs, professional mentorships, experiential learning opportunities and educational and employment coaching services for women seeking to return to work after the COVID-19 pandemic; and (2) business incentives to increase apprenticeship and internship opportunities for women. The Post-COVID-19 Women's Return to Work Economic Development Plan shall terminate on October 1, 2024. Not later than February 1, 2023, and annually thereafter until February 1, 2025, the Chief Workforce Officer shall report, in accordance with the provisions

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of section 11-4a of the general statutes, regarding such plan to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to commerce. For the purposes of this section, "COVID-19" means the respiratory disease designated by the World Health Organization on February 11, 2020, as coronavirus 2019, and any related mutation thereof recognized by the World Health Organization as a communicable respiratory disease.