



General Assembly

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Committee Bill No. 607

LCO No. 5912



Referred to Committee on HIGHER EDUCATION AND
EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT

Introduced by:
(HED)

***AN ACT CONCERNING APPRENTICESHIP PATHWAYS TO EARNING
A BACHELOR'S DEGREE.***

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2019*) (a) The Labor Department and the
2 Board of Regents for Higher Education shall jointly create a plan for
3 the establishment of nontraditional pathway to earning a bachelor's
4 degree at the state universities and Charter Oak State College through
5 the inclusion of credits earned through apprenticeships. The plan shall
6 include, but need not be limited to, (1) the subject areas in which a
7 student may earn a bachelor's degree through a nontraditional
8 pathway, with a greater priority given to subject areas that have a low
9 completion rate and in which there is a hiring need by employers in
10 the state, (2) the form and manner in which apprenticeships may be
11 registered with the department and the board for inclusion in a
12 nontraditional pathway to earning a bachelor's degree, including
13 through public-private partnerships or an application process, (3) the
14 minimum requirements that apprenticeships in each subject area shall
15 meet to be registered as an apprenticeship with the department and

16 the board, (4) the form and manner in which a student may apply to
 17 participate in a registered apprenticeship, (5) the number of credits a
 18 student may earn through a registered apprenticeship in each subject
 19 area, and (6) the requirements for successful completion of a registered
 20 apprenticeship in each subject area, including, but not limited to, the
 21 minimum number of hours of work and the level of demonstrated
 22 proficiency required in the subject area. As used in this subsection,
 23 "apprenticeship" means an arrangement with an employer for any
 24 person to work at and learn a profession or trade for a specified period
 25 of time.

26 (b) Not later than January 1, 2020, the Labor Department and the
 27 Board of Regents for Higher Education shall jointly report, in
 28 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes,
 29 to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having
 30 cognizance of matters relating to labor and higher education and
 31 employment advancement, on the plan created pursuant to subsection
 32 (a) of this section and the timeline in which such plan may be
 33 implemented.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2019	New section

HED *Joint Favorable*