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Committee Bill No. 685

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Referred to Committee on HIGHER EDUCATION AND
EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT

Introduced by:
(HED)

***AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE APPRENTICESHIP AND EMPLOYMENT
RECRUITMENT AUTHORITY.***

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

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) As used in this section:
- 2 (1) "High-growth industries" means the health care, insurance,
3 science, technology, including, but not limited to, financial technology
4 and biotechnology, engineering, mathematics, manufacturing,
5 construction trades and hospitality industries;
- 6 (2) "Preapprenticeship program" means a program that prepares
7 individuals for an apprenticeship program.
- 8 (b) The Labor Commissioner, in collaboration with the Board of
9 Regents for Higher Education, shall establish a committee to
10 coordinate, establish and modernize apprenticeship training programs
11 in the state. Such committee shall include, but not be limited to, (1) at
12 least one representative from the Department of Economic and
13 Community Development, the Department of Education, the
14 Connecticut Center for Advanced Technology, the Technical Education

15 and Career System, the Culture and Tourism Advisory Committee, the
16 Eastern Connecticut Workforce Investment Board, a chamber of
17 commerce, the Connecticut Hospital Association, the Associated
18 Builders and Contractors of Connecticut, the advanced manufacturing
19 centers at the regional community-technical colleges, the Connecticut
20 Conference of Independent Colleges, the Connecticut Employment
21 and Training Commission, state-wide manufacturing associations and
22 employee organizations, and (2) school teachers and guidance
23 counselors.

24 (c) On or before July 1, 2020, the committee established pursuant to
25 subsection (b) of this section, in consultation with representatives from
26 high-growth industries, shall (1) evaluate whether current
27 preapprenticeship and apprenticeship training programs available to
28 state residents meet workforce needs and a comparison to European
29 apprenticeship training programs, including the programs in Germany
30 and Switzerland, (2) develop and administer a program to introduce
31 middle school and high school students, parents and guidance
32 counselors to careers in high-growth industries, (3) develop a best
33 practices guide to help local and regional boards of education to
34 incorporate partnerships with high-growth industries in the middle
35 and high school curricula, and (4) identify any obstacles to instituting
36 preapprenticeship and apprenticeship programs in the state and
37 develop plans for overcoming such obstacles.

38 (d) On or before January 1, 2021, and annually thereafter, the
39 committee established pursuant to subsection (b) of this section shall
40 report on subdivisions (1) to (4), inclusive, of subsection (c) of this
41 section, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the
42 general statutes, to the joint standing committees of the General
43 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to higher education
44 and employment advancement, commerce and labor.

45 (e) On or before July 1, 2020, and on or before August first annually
46 thereafter, the committee established pursuant to subsection (b) of this

47 section shall compile a catalog of preapprenticeship and
48 apprenticeship programs offered by public and independent
49 institutions of higher education in the state that offer training in high-
50 growth industries. Such catalog shall include for each program: (1) The
51 degree, certification, license or credential awarded upon completion;
52 (2) the period of time and requirements for completion; (3) the
53 enrollment process; and (4) the cost of attendance. The Labor
54 Commissioner shall make such catalog available on the Internet web
55 site of the Labor Department and distribute such catalog to each local
56 and regional board of education.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To establish a committee to coordinate and modernize preapprenticeship and apprenticeship programs in various industries in the state.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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