



General Assembly

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**Committee Bill No. 745**

LCO No. 5465



Referred to Committee on HIGHER EDUCATION AND  
EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT

Introduced by:  
(HED)

**AN ACT REQUIRING A FEASIBILITY STUDY ON THE  
ESTABLISHMENT OF A CONTROLLED-ENVIRONMENT  
AGRICULTURAL PROGRAM AT THE REGIONAL COMMUNITY-  
TECHNICAL COLLEGES.**

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2019*) The Board of Regents for Higher  
2 Education shall study the feasibility of establishing a controlled-  
3 environment agricultural program at the regional community-  
4 technical colleges, including, but not limited to, certificate or degree  
5 programs in computer programming related to the controlled-  
6 environment agricultural industry or the construction of highly  
7 technical greenhouses. Not later than January 1, 2020, the president of  
8 the Board of Regents for Higher Education shall report, in accordance  
9 with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint  
10 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
11 matters relating to higher education and employment advancement on  
12 the findings of such study.

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

**Statement of Purpose:**

To require the Board of Regents for Higher Education to conduct a feasibility study on the establishment of computer programming programs related to the controlled environment agricultural industry and the construction of highly technical greenhouses at the regional community-technical colleges.

*[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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