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AN ACT CONCERNING DIVERSE ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY,
WORKER PROTECTIONS AND SMALL BUSINESS
REVITALIZATION.

AMENDMENT

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OFA Fiscal Note

See Fiscal Note Details

The amendment strikes the underlying bill and its associated fiscal impact.

Section 1 expands the stranded tax credit program by allowing businesses to exchange stranded Research & Development tax credits for human capital investments. To the extent this results in additional credits being allowed there is a potential revenue loss as early as FY 22. Any potential revenue loss may be offset in the long term by increased economic activity in the state.¹

Section 2 requires the Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) commissioner to prioritize applicants for economic development financial assistance that demonstrate a willingness to makes jobs available to individuals meeting certain criteria. This does not result in any fiscal impact.

Section 3 requires DECD, in consultation with the Department of

¹The stranded tax credit program requires that projects or investments undertaken must generate revenues for the state that exceed the amount of credits to be utilized, as determined by the DECD commissioner using an econometric analysis. The program is capped at \$50 million in the aggregate.

Revenue Services, to provide quarterly reports in FY 22 regarding the hospitality industry's recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. This does not result in any fiscal impact as it is anticipated that the agencies can produce the reports without the need for additional resources.

Section 4 requires Connecticut Innovations, in consultation with specified entities, to develop and implement a plan to increase the total funding provided to Connecticut businesses through the small business innovation research program and small business technology transfer program. This does not result in any fiscal impact as it is anticipated that the agency can accomplish the requirement without the need for additional resources.

Section 5 requires the DECD commissioner to study the state's opportunity zone financial incentives, which can be accomplished without the need for additional agency resources.

Section 6 requires the Department of Correction (DOC) to establish a vocational village program which offers skilled trades training resulting in a cost to the agency. The cost is dependent on the existing programs that would need to be supplemented to meet the requirements of the amendment and the range and scope of the programs offered per facility.

The amendment requires the Office of Policy and Management to allocate federal CARES Act funds to the DOC to operate this program. The impact of this is uncertain as it is not known if any Federal CARES Act funding remains unallocated and available to use for funding this program.

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