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## OLR Bill Analysis

### SB 407

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

#### **SUMMARY**

This bill requires the Department of Economic and Community Development commissioner, in consultation with the Office of Workforce Strategy and regional workforce development boards, to develop and implement by January 1, 2023, an economic development plan for women seeking to return to work after the COVID-19 pandemic. The plan must, at a minimum, establish the following:

1. business incentives to increase apprenticeship and internship opportunities for women and
2. partnerships with certain entities 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.

The plan's partnerships must include higher education institutions, nonprofits, professional business associations, child care providers, and transit providers.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2022

#### **COMMITTEE ACTION**

Commerce Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 21 Nay 0 (03/22/2022)