



General Assembly

February Session, 2022

**Committee Bill No. 3**

LCO No. 2549



Referred to Committee on HIGHER EDUCATION AND  
EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT

Introduced by:  
(HED)

***AN ACT REQUIRING THE BOARD OF REGENTS FOR HIGHER  
EDUCATION TO DEVELOP SEMINAR PROGRAMS FOR SMALL  
BUSINESSES.***

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2022*) (a) For the purposes of this  
2 section, "small business" means a business located in the state with  
3 twenty-five employees or less.

4 (b) Not later than September 1, 2022, the Board of Regents for Higher  
5 Education shall, within available funds, develop seminar programs to  
6 assist small businesses with adapting to a changing business  
7 environment through courses in subject areas, including, but not limited  
8 to, electronic commerce, social media and virtual currency, as defined  
9 in subsection (18) of section 36a-596 of the general statutes. Said board  
10 shall prescribe forms and procedures by which not more than two  
11 employees of any small business may enroll in not more than five  
12 seminar programs or courses within such seminar programs at the  
13 Northwestern Connecticut Community College Entrepreneurial Center  
14 or the Werth Innovation and Entrepreneurial Center at Housatonic

15 Community College at no cost to such small business.

16 Sec. 2. (Effective July 1, 2022) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2023,  
17 and June 30, 2024, the Board of Regents for Higher Education may  
18 expend funds received by the state pursuant to the American Rescue  
19 Plan Act of 2021, P.L. 117-2, as amended from time to time, for the  
20 purpose of developing seminar programs for small businesses pursuant  
21 to section 1 of this act.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2022	New section
Sec. 2	July 1, 2022	New section

**Statement of Purpose:**

To require the Board of Regents for Higher Education to develop seminar programs for small businesses to enroll employees in courses relating to online commerce at 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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