
OLR Bill Analysis

sSB 1125 (File 300, as amended by Senate "A")*

AN ACT CONCERNING APPRENTICESHIP REPORTING DATA.

SUMMARY

This bill requires each person sponsoring a Department of Labor (DOL)-registered apprenticeship program on or after July 1, 2024, to annually submit to DOL specified information related to the program.

The bill requires sponsors to submit the following information:

1. the minimum completion rate of the sponsor's apprentices;
2. the number of registered apprentices (a) currently participating in the program and (b) who have separated from the program since the date of their previous registration, or year to date for new sponsors;
3. the number of licensed journeypersons the sponsor currently employs;
4. the number of registered apprentices participating in the program who have advanced a year since the previous registration, or year to date for new sponsors;
5. the number of apprentices who have completed the sponsor's apprenticeship program since the previous registration, or year to date for new sponsors; and
6. the number of apprentices who completed the sponsor's program who (a) have been issued a Department of Consumer Protection occupational license and (b) are currently employed by the sponsor.

The bill requires that all information be submitted as prescribed by

the commissioner, and disaggregated by gender identity, race, and ethnicity. Sponsors must submit the information along with the annual registration fee required by existing law.

Under the bill, the provided information is considered a public record and is publicly available for inspection and copying under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) (see BACKGROUND).

*Senate Amendment "A" clarifies that the data reporting requirement applies not just to existing apprenticeship sponsors as of July 1, 2024, but also to any new ones that begin after that date.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2024

BACKGROUND

Document Inspection Under FOIA

Under FOIA, any person applying in writing must receive, promptly upon request, a plain, facsimile, electronic, or certified copy of any public record. The type of copy provided is within the public agency's discretion, except (1) when requested, the agency must provide a certified copy and (2) if the applicant does not have access to a computer or fax machine, the public agency must not send the applicant an electronic or fax copy. Among other related provisions, the law sets limits on fees a public agency can charge and in what situations the fees must be waived (CGS § 1-212).

COMMITTEE ACTION

Labor and Public Employees Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 8 Nay 4 (03/16/2023)

Appropriations Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 41 Nay 12 (05/15/2023)