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Substitute House Bill No. 6354

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The Committee on Higher Education and Employment Advancement reported through REP. HADDAD of the 54th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A GREEN JOBS CORPS PROGRAM.

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

1 Section 1. Section 31-3rr of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

3 (a) As used in this section and section 10a-55g:

4 (1) "Green jobs" has the same meaning as provided in section 10a-55d;

5 (2) "Green technology" has the same meaning as provided in section
6 10a-55d; and

7 (3) "Career ladder" means a description of the progression from an
8 entry level position to higher levels of pay, skill, responsibility or
9 authority.

10 (b) Not later than January 1, 2020, the Office of Workforce Strategy,
11 in consultation with the Office of Higher Education, Department of

12 Education, Labor Department, Department of Energy and
13 Environmental Protection, regional workforce development boards and
14 employers, shall, within available appropriations, identify a career
15 ladder for jobs in the green technology industry, including, but not
16 limited to, a listing of (1) careers at each level of the green technology
17 industry and the requisite level of education and the salary offered for
18 such career, (2) all course, certificate and degree programs in green jobs
19 offered by technical education and career schools within the Technical
20 Education and Career System and institutions of higher education in the
21 state, and (3) jobs available in the green technology industry in the state.
22 The Office of Workforce Strategy shall update the green jobs career
23 ladder established pursuant to this section on an as needed basis.

24 (c) Not later than January 1, 2024, the Chief Workforce Officer, Labor
25 Commissioner, president of the Connecticut State Colleges and
26 Universities, Commissioner of Education, executive director of the
27 Technical Education and Career System and Commissioner of Energy
28 and Environmental Protection shall jointly develop a plan for green jobs
29 workforce training to accomplish the greenhouse gas emissions goals
30 set forth in subsection (a) of section 22a-200a. Such plan shall include,
31 but need not be limited to, (1) development of work-based learning
32 programs for green jobs with workforce shortages; (2) development of
33 certificate and degree programs related to the green technology
34 industry at technical education and career schools and institutions of
35 higher education in the state; (3) identification of available funding,
36 whether from a public or private source, to fund the development of
37 such work-based learning and certificate and degree programs, and
38 provide grants to apprentices and students; and (4) a strategy to market
39 and recruit individuals, especially from underrepresented populations,
40 to existing and newly developed green jobs work-based learning
41 programs and certificate and degree programs related to the green
42 technology industry at job centers, technical education and career
43 schools, and institutions of higher education. Not later than January 1,
44 2025, and annually thereafter, said officer, commissioners, president
45 and executive director shall jointly update such plan as necessary.

46 (d) Not later than February 1, 2024, and annually thereafter, the Chief
 47 Workforce Officer shall submit, in accordance with the provisions of
 48 section 11-4a, to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly
 49 having cognizance of matters relating to higher education and
 50 employment advancement the plan developed or updated pursuant to
 51 subsection (c) of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2023	31-3rr

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In Subsec. (c) ", and annually update," was removed from the first sentence and the last sentence was added for clarity.

HED *Joint Favorable Subst.*

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill has no fiscal impact by requiring the Office of Workforce Strategy to jointly develop with other specified state agencies a workforce training plan for green jobs.

The Office of Workforce Strategy, through its partnership with the Connecticut Clean Energy Council, and the Labor Department's Office of Apprenticeship Training, are both currently managing and developing workforce training initiatives that are similar in nature to plan's requirements outlined in the bill.

The Out Years

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

OLR Bill Analysis**sHB 6354*****AN ACT ESTABLISHING A GREEN JOBS CORPS PROGRAM.*****SUMMARY**

This bill requires the Chief Workforce Officer, with other specified officials, to jointly develop a workforce training plan for green jobs (i.e., jobs that employ green technology) to accomplish the state's greenhouse gas emissions goals (see BACKGROUND).

Specifically, the Chief Workforce Officer; Connecticut State Colleges and Universities president; Technical Education and Career System executive director; and Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, Department of Labor, and State Department of Education commissioners must jointly develop a plan that includes:

1. development of work-based learning programs for green jobs with workforce shortages;
2. development of certificate and degree programs related to the green technology industry at technical education and career schools and in-state higher education institutions;
3. identification of available public or private funding to develop these programs and provide grants to apprentices and students; and
4. a strategy to market and recruit individuals, especially from underrepresented populations, to existing and newly developed green jobs work-based learning programs and certificate and degree programs related to the green technology industry at job centers, technical education and career schools, and higher education institutions.

The officials must develop the plan by January 1, 2024, and the Chief Workforce Officer must submit it to the Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee by February 1, 2024. Beginning by January 1, 2025, the officials must jointly update the plan as necessary, with plan updates submitted to the committee by each February 1.

By law, green technology is technology that (1) promotes clean energy, renewable energy, or energy efficiency; (2) reduces greenhouse gases or carbon emissions; or (3) involves the invention, design, and application of chemical products and processes to eliminate the use and generation of hazardous substances.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2023

BACKGROUND

Global Warming Solutions Act

The Global Warming Solutions Act requires the state to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from all sources to a level at least (1) 10% below 1990 emission levels by January 1, 2020; (2) 45% below 2001 emission levels by January 1, 2030; and (3) 80% below 2001 emission levels by January 1, 2050. The state must also reduce greenhouse gas emissions from electricity supplied to electric customers in the state to zero percent by January 1, 2040 (CGS § 22a-200a).

COMMITTEE ACTION

Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 22 Nay 0 (03/07/2023)