

Commerce Committee JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No.: SB-951

AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF THE FEASIBILITY OF LICENSING
RECIPROCITY AGREEMENTS OR LICENSING COMPACTS FOR HEALTH

Title: CARE PROVIDERS.

Vote Date: 3/14/2023

Vote Action: Joint Favorable Substitute

PH Date: 2/10/2023

File No.: 292

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

Commerce Committee

REASONS FOR BILL:

SB-951 aims to address workforce development issues in the state, specifically the recruitment and training of employees. By requiring the DECD commissioner to study Connecticut's workforce development issues and report her findings to the Connecticut General Assembly, proper legislation can be developed to address those issues.

Substitute Language (LCO No. 3237)

Added the DECD and the Department of Public Health will conduct a joint study to determine the feasibility of entering into licensing reciprocity agreements or licensing compacts with surrounding states for health care providers.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

None expressed.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

Peter Mirabello, Chairman, Metal Finishing Technologies LLC

Mr. Mirabello supports this bill. He believes this bill would help address critical manufacturing issues negatively affecting MFT as well as Connecticut's workforce opportunities. MFT believes this bill can help spur additional legislation improving training and curriculum for manufacturing jobs, accelerate the establishment of a Finishing Training and Technology

Center of Excellence, and inform Connecticut's workforce of well-paying manufacturing jobs to fill openings that have been shipped out to other states.

Kate Dias, President, Connecticut Education Association

Ms. Dias supports this bill. She believes SB-951 would help resolve workforce development issues in the state.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

None expressed.

Reported by: Colin DeCure

Date: 3/29/2023