



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 6354**

January Session, 2023



**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 Section 31-3rr of the general statutes is repealed and the  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-  
5 55d;

6 (2) "Green technology" has the same meaning as provided in section  
7 10a-55d; and

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

11 (b) Not later than January 1, 2020, the Office of Workforce Strategy,  
12 in consultation with the Office of Higher Education, Department of  
13 Education, Labor Department, Department of Energy and  
14 Environmental Protection, regional workforce development boards  
15 and employers, shall, within available appropriations, identify a career  
16 ladder for jobs in the green technology industry, including, but not  
17 limited to, a listing of (1) careers at each level of the green technology

18 industry and the requisite level of education and the salary offered for  
19 such career, (2) all course, certificate and degree programs in green  
20 jobs offered by technical education and career schools within the  
21 Technical Education and Career System and institutions of higher  
22 education in the state, and (3) jobs available in the green technology  
23 industry in the state. The Office of Workforce Strategy shall update the  
24 green jobs career ladder established pursuant to this section on an as  
25 needed basis.

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

49 (d) Not later than February 1, 2024, and annually thereafter, the  
50 Chief Workforce Officer shall submit, in accordance with the

51 provisions of section 11-4a, to the joint standing committee of the  
52 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to higher  
53 education and employment advancement the plan developed or  
54 updated pursuant to subsection (c) of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	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.*