



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 1089**

January Session, 2023



**AN ACT CONCERNING A WORKFORCE TRAINING AND EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING PROGRAM.**

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2023*) (a) The Office of  
2 Workforce Strategy shall develop a workforce training and experiential  
3 learning program to ensure access to training for careers in  
4 mechatronics, cybersecurity, three-dimensional printing, the Internet  
5 of things and chartered global management accounting.

6 (b) The Office of Workforce Strategy shall:

7 (1) Consult with related businesses on an ongoing basis to assess the  
8 hiring needs of such businesses;

9 (2) Develop an application for prospective enrollees in the  
10 workforce training and experiential learning program developed  
11 pursuant to this section;

12 (3) Partner with regional workforce development boards and  
13 institutions of higher education to offer workforce training and  
14 experiential learning programs;

15 (4) Develop a series of career pathways to ensure that workers have  
16 the ability to vertically advance their careers; and

17 (5) Partner with associated training providers to track and report  
18 performance outcomes of participants in the workforce training and  
19 experiential learning program.

20 (c) Upon completion of the workforce training and experiential  
21 learning training program, enrollees may opt to have their information  
22 provided to businesses as prospective employees.

23 (d) Not later than July 1, 2024, and annually thereafter, the Office of  
24 Workforce Strategy shall submit a report, in accordance with the  
25 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, on the workforce  
26 training and experiential learning program developed pursuant to  
27 subsections (a) to (c), inclusive, of this section to the joint standing  
28 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
29 relating to commerce, education, higher education and employment  
30 advancement and labor and public employees. Such report may  
31 include information on the (1) workforce training and experiential  
32 learning program completion and job placement rate of individuals  
33 who participated in such program, and (2) starting wages and wage  
34 growth of individuals employed after participating in the workforce  
35 training and experiential learning program.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2023</i>	New section

**CE**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*