



House of Representatives

General Assembly

File No. 141

January Session, 2025

House Bill No. 6075

House of Representatives, March 19, 2025

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 bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING INSTRUCTORS FOR AN AIRFRAME AND POWERPLANT CERTIFICATE PROGRAM.

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

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2025*) The Connecticut Technical
2 Education and Career System shall permit any person to be an instructor
3 for an airframe and powerplant certificate program operated by said
4 system who (1) meets the requirements specified in 14 CFR 147.19, and
5 (2) if such person holds an airframe and powerplant certificate, has not
6 less than ten years of experience as an aerospace technician. Nothing in
7 this section shall be construed to require a person to hold any
8 certification or endorsement from the Department of Education to be an
9 instructor for an airframe and powerplant certificate program.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	New section
-----------	---------------------	-------------

HED Joint Favorable

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 26 \$	FY 27 \$
State Department of Education	GF - Revenue Loss	Less than 1,000	Less than 1,000

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill results in a General Fund revenue loss of less than \$1,000 annually beginning in FY 26. It does so by clarifying that instructors in the airframe and powerplant maintenance program administered by the Connecticut Technical Education and Career System (CTECS) do not need to have educator certificates issued by the State Department of Education. These certificates have an associated fee of \$200 for new educators.

CTECS has eight instructor positions at its two airframe and powerplant maintenance programs, seven of which are currently filled.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to the number of airframe and powerplant maintenance instructors employed by CTECS and changes in educator certificate fees.

OLR Bill Analysis**HB 6075*****AN ACT CONCERNING INSTRUCTORS FOR AN AIRFRAME AND POWERPLANT CERTIFICATE PROGRAM.*****SUMMARY**

This bill requires the Connecticut Technical Education and Career System to permit a person to be an instructor in its airframe and powerplant certificate program if they:

1. meet the requirements in specified federal regulations (see BACKGROUND), and
2. are airframe and powerplant certified, with at least 10 years of experience as an aerospace technician.

The bill also specifies that these instructors need not be certified or endorsed by the state Department of Education.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2025

BACKGROUND***Federal Regulations***

Federal regulations set various requirements for certified aviation maintenance technician schools. Under these requirements, schools must ensure that instructors either (1) hold a mechanic certificate with one or more appropriate ratings, or (2) if they do not hold a mechanic certificate, they are otherwise specifically qualified to teach their assigned content (14 C.F.R. § 147.19).

COMMITTEE ACTION

Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 18 Nay 0 (02/27/2025)