

General Assembly

## Substitute Bill No. 7131

January Session, 2025

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## AN ACT CONCERNING FINANCIAL AID FOR STUDENTS IN PARAMEDIC CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2025*) (a) Not later than October 1, 2 2025, and annually thereafter, the Office of Workforce Strategy shall (1) 3 identify several public or private sources of financial aid that are 4 available to students in each paramedic certificate program approved 5 by the Office of Emergency Medical Services, (2) post a list of such 6 financial aid sources on its Internet web site, and (3) distribute such list 7 to each such paramedic certificate program.

8 (b) The Office of Workforce Strategy shall develop and implement a 9 financial aid program for students enrolled in a paramedic certificate 10 program approved by the Office of Emergency Medical Services. Not 11 later than January 1, 2026, the office shall submit, in accordance with the 12 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing 13 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters 14 relating to higher education and employment advancement a report on 15 such financial aid program, including, but not limited to, the amount of 16 aid each student may receive pursuant to such program and any 17 legislative recommendations for the implementation of such program.

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

| Section 1 | July 1, 2025 | New section |
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HED Joint Favorable Subst.