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***"AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE  
OFFICE OF HIGHER EDUCATION."***

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the  
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. Section 10a-57f of the general statutes is repealed and the  
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

5 (a) As used in this section:

6 (1) "Connecticut institution of higher education" means an institution  
7 of higher education that (A) conducts instructional activities at a  
8 physical location in the state, or (B) maintains an administrative office  
9 in the state; and

10 (2) "Out-of-state institution of higher education" means an institution  
11 of higher education that (A) is not a Connecticut institution of higher  
12 education, and (B) is authorized, licensed or accredited by another state.

13 [(a) Not later than January 1, 2017, the] (b) The Office of Higher

14 Education shall enter into a multistate or regional reciprocity agreement  
15 for purposes of enabling the state and Connecticut institutions of higher  
16 education to participate in a nation-wide state authorization reciprocity  
17 agreement (1) establishing uniform standards for distance learning  
18 programs across states, and (2) eliminating the need for a state  
19 participating in the state authorization reciprocity agreement to assess  
20 the quality of a distance learning program offered by an out-of-state  
21 institution of higher education through the participating state's  
22 authorization, licensing and accreditation process. Notwithstanding the  
23 provisions of part III of this chapter and upon the Office of Higher  
24 Education entering into the multistate or regional reciprocity  
25 agreement, an out-of-state institution of higher education that  
26 participates in the state authorization reciprocity agreement may  
27 operate a distance learning program in the state in accordance with the  
28 uniform standards.

29 ~~[(b)]~~ (c) Any Connecticut institution of higher education that seeks to  
30 participate in the nation-wide state authorization reciprocity agreement  
31 under subsection ~~[(a)]~~ (b) of this section shall submit an application with  
32 the Office of Higher Education on a form prescribed by the office. The  
33 office shall approve or reject the institution's application in accordance  
34 with the terms of such agreement. Authorization by the office to  
35 participate in such agreement shall be valid for a period of one year and  
36 may be renewed by the office for additional one-year periods. The office  
37 shall establish a schedule of application and renewal fees for all  
38 Connecticut institutions of higher education that participate in such  
39 agreement. The fee schedule shall be graduated based on the number of  
40 full-time equivalent students at each Connecticut institution of higher  
41 education.

42 ~~[(c)]~~ (d) Any out-of-state institution of higher education that does not  
43 participate in the nation-wide, state authorization reciprocity agreement  
44 and seeks to operate a distance learning program in the state shall  
45 submit an application to the Office of Higher Education on a form  
46 prescribed by the office. Each institution shall agree to abide by

47 standards, similar to those in the nation-wide, state authorization  
48 reciprocity agreement and established by the office. The office shall  
49 approve or reject the institution's application in accordance with the  
50 standards established by the office. Authorization by the office to  
51 operate a distance learning program in the state shall be valid for a  
52 period of one year and may be renewed by the office for additional one-  
53 year periods. The office shall establish a schedule of application and  
54 renewal fees for all out-of-state institutions of higher education that do  
55 not participate in the nation-wide, state authorization reciprocity  
56 agreement and are approved by the office. The fee schedule shall be  
57 graduated based on the number of full-time equivalent students  
58 enrolled at each out-of-state institution of higher education.

59 [(d)] (e) Nothing in subsection [(a)] (b) of this section shall be  
60 construed to affect the authority of the Attorney General to enforce the  
61 provisions of chapter 735a or Title X of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street  
62 Reform and Consumer Protection Act, P.L. 111-203, as amended from  
63 time to time.

64 Sec. 2. Section 10a-22c of the general statutes is repealed and the  
65 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

66 (a) No certificate to operate a private career school shall be authorized  
67 by the commissioner, or the commissioner's designee, if (1) any  
68 principal, officer, member or director of the applicant school has acted  
69 in a similar capacity for a private career school which has had its  
70 authorization revoked pursuant to section 10a-22f; (2) the applicant  
71 school does not have a net worth consisting of sufficient liquid assets or  
72 other evidence of fiscal soundness to operate for the period of time for  
73 which authorization is sought; (3) the applicant school or any of its  
74 agents engages in advertising, sales, collection, credit or other practices  
75 which are false, deceptive, misleading or unfair; (4) the applicant school  
76 has any policy which discourages or prohibits the filing of inquiries or  
77 complaints regarding the school's operation with the commissioner; (5)  
78 the applicant school fails to satisfactorily meet the criteria set forth in  
79 subsection (g) of section 10a-22b, or, on and after the effective date of

80 regulations adopted pursuant to section 10a-22k, the criteria set forth in  
81 such regulations; (6) a private career school that has previously closed  
82 fails to follow the procedures for school closure under section 10a-22m;  
83 or (7) the applicant school does not have a director located at the school  
84 and at each of its branches in this state.

85 (b) The commissioner may deny a certificate of authorization if the  
86 person who owns or intends to operate a private career school has been  
87 convicted in this state, or any other state, of larceny in violation of  
88 section 53a-122 or 53a-123; identity theft in violation of section 53a-129b  
89 or 53a-129c; forgery in violation of section 53a-138 or 53a-139; or has a  
90 criminal record in this state, or any other state, that the commissioner  
91 reasonably believes renders the person unsuitable to own and operate a  
92 private career school. A refusal of a certificate of authorization under  
93 this subsection shall be made in accordance with the provisions of  
94 sections 46a-79 to 46a-81, inclusive.

95 (c) No certificate to operate a private career school shall be issued by  
96 the commissioner pursuant to section 10a-22d, as amended by this act,  
97 until such private career school seeking authorization files with the  
98 commissioner certificates indicating that the buildings and premises for  
99 such school meet all applicable state and local fire and zoning  
100 requirements. Such certificates shall be attested to by the fire marshal  
101 and zoning enforcement officer within the municipality in which such  
102 school is located.

103 (d) No certificate to operate a new private career school shall be  
104 issued by the commissioner pursuant to section 10a-22d, as amended by  
105 this act, until such private career school seeking authorization files with  
106 the commissioner an irrevocable letter of credit issued by a bank with  
107 its main office or branch located within this state in the penal amount of  
108 forty thousand dollars guaranteeing the payments required of the  
109 school to the private career school student protection account in  
110 accordance with the provisions of section 10a-22u, except that, any letter  
111 of credit issued on and after the effective date of the regulations adopted  
112 pursuant to section 10a-22k, shall be in a penal amount specified in such

113 regulations. The letter of credit shall be payable to the private career  
114 school student protection account in the event that such school fails to  
115 make payments to the account as provided in subsection (a) of section  
116 10a-22u or in the event the state takes action to reimburse the account  
117 for a tuition refund paid to a student pursuant to the provisions of  
118 section 10a-22v, provided the amount of the letter of credit to be paid  
119 into the private career school student protection account shall not  
120 exceed the amounts owed to the account. In the event a private career  
121 school fails to close in accordance with the provisions of section 10a-  
122 22m, the commissioner may seize the letter of credit, which shall be  
123 made payable to the private career school protection account.

124 (e) No certificate to operate a private career school shall be renewed  
125 by the commissioner pursuant to section 10a-22d, as amended by this  
126 act, if such private career school seeking authorization has not enrolled  
127 any students continually during the previous two calendar years. Upon  
128 the expiration of such private career school's authorization, such private  
129 career school shall follow the procedures for school closure set forth in  
130 section 10a-22m.

131 ~~[(e)]~~ (f) The commissioner shall notify the applicant private career  
132 school, by certified mail, return receipt requested of the decision to grant  
133 or deny a certificate of authorization not later than sixty days after  
134 receiving the written report of the evaluation team appointed pursuant  
135 to subsection (e) of section 10a-22b.

136 Sec. 3. Subsection (e) of section 10a-22d of the general statutes is  
137 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
138 *2025*):

139 (e) Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 10a-22a to 10a-22o,  
140 inclusive, the commissioner may authorize the extension of the most  
141 recent certificate of authorization for a period not to exceed [sixty]  
142 ninety days for good cause shown, provided such extension shall not  
143 change the date of the original certificate's issuance or the date for each  
144 renewal.

145 Sec. 4. Section 10a-34 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
146 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

147 (a) For the purposes of this section, (1) "program of higher learning"  
148 means any course of instruction for which it is stated or implied that  
149 college or university-level credit may be given or may be received by  
150 transfer, including any course offered by dual enrollment; (2) "degree"  
151 means any letters or words, diploma, certificate or other symbol or  
152 document which signifies satisfactory completion of the requirements  
153 of a program of higher learning; (3) "institution of higher education"  
154 means any person, school, board, association, limited liability company  
155 or corporation which is authorized to offer one or more programs of  
156 higher learning leading to one or more degrees; (4) "authorization"  
157 means the approval by the Office of Higher Education to operate or  
158 continue operating a program of higher learning or institution of higher  
159 education for subsequent periods, and in such periods to confer  
160 specified degrees; (5) "program modification" means (A) a change in a  
161 program of higher learning that does not clearly qualify as a new  
162 program of higher learning or a nonsubstantive change, including, but  
163 not limited to, a new program of higher learning consisting primarily of  
164 course work for a previously approved program of higher learning, (B)  
165 an approved program of higher learning to be offered at an off-campus  
166 location, (C) a change in the title of a degree, or (D) a change in the title  
167 of a program of higher learning; [and] (6) "nonsubstantive change"  
168 means (A) a new undergraduate certificate program, within an existing  
169 program of higher learning, of not more than thirty semester credit  
170 hours that falls under an approved program of higher learning, (B) a  
171 new baccalaureate minor of not more than eighteen semester credit  
172 hours, (C) a new undergraduate option or certificate program of not  
173 more than fifteen semester credit hours, or (D) a new graduate option  
174 or certificate program of not more than twelve semester credit hours;  
175 and (7) "change of ownership" means a transaction involving an  
176 institution of higher education that results in a change of control of such  
177 institution, including, but not limited to, a (A) sale of such institution,  
178 (B) transfer of the controlling interest of stock of such institution or a

179 parent corporation of such institution, (C) merger of two or more  
180 institutions of higher education, (D) division of such institution into two  
181 or more institutions of higher education, (E) transfer of liabilities of such  
182 institution to a parent corporation of such institution, (F) transfer of  
183 assets that comprise a substantial portion of the educational assets of  
184 such institution, unless the transfer consists exclusively of granting a  
185 security interest in such assets, or (G) change in the status of such  
186 institution as a public, nonprofit or for-profit institution of higher  
187 education.

188 (b) The Office of Higher Education shall establish regulations, in  
189 accordance with chapter 54, concerning the requirements for  
190 authorization, administration, finance, faculty, curricula, library,  
191 student admission and graduation, plant and equipment, records,  
192 catalogs, program announcements and any other criteria pertinent  
193 thereto, as well as the periods for which authorization may be granted,  
194 and the costs and procedures of evaluations as provided in subsections  
195 (c), (d) and (i) of this section.

196 (c) No person, school, board, association or corporation shall confer  
197 any degree unless authorized by act of the General Assembly. No  
198 application for authority to confer any such degree shall be approved  
199 by the General Assembly or any committee thereof, nor shall any such  
200 authority be included in any charter of incorporation until such  
201 application has been evaluated and approved by the Office of Higher  
202 Education in accordance with regulations established by the Office of  
203 Higher Education.

204 (d) The Office of Higher Education shall review all requests and  
205 applications for program modifications, nonsubstantive changes, [and]  
206 authorizations and change of ownership. The office shall review each  
207 application in consideration of the academic standards set forth in the  
208 regulations for authorization adopted by said office in accordance with  
209 the provisions of subsection (b) of this section. Notwithstanding the  
210 provisions of section 10a-34e, any application that is determined by the  
211 office to be for (1) a program modification that meets all such academic

standards, (2) a nonsubstantive change, or (3) authorization shall be deemed approved, and the office shall notify the institution of such approval, not later than forty-five days from the date the office receives such application without requiring any further action from the applicant.

(e) If the Commissioner of Higher Education, or the commissioner's designee, determines that further review of an application is needed due at least in part to the applicant offering instruction in a new program of higher learning or new degree level or the financial condition of the institution of higher education is determined to be at risk of imminent closure as a result of a financial screening conducted pursuant to the provisions of section 10a-34h, then the commissioner or the commissioner's designee shall conduct a focused or on-site review. Such applicant shall have an opportunity to state any objection regarding any individual selected to review an application on behalf of the commissioner. For purposes of this subsection and subsection (f) of this section, "focused review" means a review by an out-of-state curriculum expert; and "on-site review" means a full team evaluation by the office at the institution of higher education.

(f) The Commissioner of Higher Education, or the commissioner's designee, may require (1) a focused or on-site review of any program application in a field requiring a license to practice in Connecticut, and (2) evidence that a program application in a field requiring a license to practice in Connecticut meets the state or federal licensing requirements for such license.

(g) Any application for authorization of a new institution in this state shall be subject to an on-site review upon a determination by the Office of Higher Education that the application is complete and shall be reviewed at the institutional level for each program as described in subsection (b) of this section. Such process shall be completed not later than nine months from the date said office receives the application.

(h) If the Office of Higher Education denies an application for



244 authorization of a program or institution of higher education, the  
245 applicant may appeal the denial not later than ten days from the date of  
246 denial. The office shall conduct a hearing in accordance with the  
247 requirements of chapter 54 to hear such appeal.

248 (i) No person, school, board, association or corporation shall operate  
249 a program of higher learning or an institution of higher education unless  
250 it has been authorized by the Office of Higher Education, nor shall it  
251 confer any degree unless it has been authorized in accordance with this  
252 section. The office shall accept accreditation recognized by the Secretary  
253 of the United States Department of Education, in satisfaction of the  
254 requirements of this subsection unless the office finds cause not to rely  
255 upon such accreditation. If any institution of higher education provides  
256 evidence of programmatic accreditation, the office may consider such  
257 accreditation in satisfaction of the requirements of this subsection and  
258 deem the program at issue in the application for accreditation to be  
259 accredited in accordance with this section.

260 (j) No person, school, board, association or corporation shall use in  
261 any way the term "junior college" or "college" or "university" or use any  
262 other name, title, literature, catalogs, pamphlets or descriptive matter  
263 tending to designate that it is an institution of higher education, or that  
264 it may grant academic or professional degrees, unless the institution has  
265 been authorized by the office, nor shall it offer any program of higher  
266 learning without authorization of the Office of Higher Education.

267 (k) Authorization of any program or institution or authority to award  
268 degrees granted in accordance with law prior to July 1, 1965, shall  
269 continue in effect unless the Office of Higher Education determines that  
270 an institution is at risk of imminent closure as a result of a financial  
271 screening conducted pursuant to the provisions of section 10a-34h.

272 (l) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (b) to (j), inclusive,  
273 of this section and subject to the authority of the State Board of  
274 Education to regulate teacher education programs, an independent  
275 institution of higher education, as defined in section 10a-173, shall not

276 require approval by the Office of Higher Education for any new  
277 programs of higher learning or any program modifications proposed by  
278 such institution, provided (1) the institution maintains eligibility to  
279 participate in financial aid programs governed by Title IV, Part B of the  
280 Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended from time to time, (2) the  
281 United States Department of Education has not determined that the  
282 institution has a financial responsibility score that is less than 1.5 for the  
283 most recent fiscal year for which the data necessary for determining the  
284 score is available, and (3) the institution has been located in the state and  
285 accredited as a degree-granting institution in good standing for ten  
286 years or more by a regional accrediting association recognized by the  
287 Secretary of the United States Department of Education and maintains  
288 such accreditation status. Each institution that is exempt from program  
289 approval by the Office of Higher Education under this subsection shall  
290 (A) on or before the last date of each semester, but not less frequently  
291 than annually, update the credentials database, established pursuant to  
292 the provisions of section 10a-35b, as amended by this act, with any new  
293 programs of higher learning that were introduced or any existing  
294 programs of higher learning that were modified or discontinued during  
295 such semester, and (B) not later than July 1, 2024, and annually  
296 thereafter, file with the office (i) the institution's current program  
297 approval process and all actions of the governing board concerning  
298 approval of any new program of higher learning, and (ii) the  
299 institution's financial responsibility composite score, as determined by  
300 the United States Department of Education, for the most recent fiscal  
301 year for which the data necessary for determining the score is available.

302 Sec. 5. Section 10-221x of the general statutes is amended by adding  
303 subsection (d) as follows (*Effective January 1, 2026*):

304 (NEW) (d) Not later than February 1, 2026, and annually thereafter,  
305 the Department of Education shall notify parents of public school  
306 students in grades eight to eleven, inclusive, about opportunities to  
307 pursue a challenging curriculum and the availability of courses that  
308 grant postsecondary credit.

309 Sec. 6. Section 10-221w of the general statutes is repealed and the  
310 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

311 (a) As used in this section:

312 (1) "Advanced course or program" means an honors class, advanced  
313 placement class, International Baccalaureate program, Cambridge  
314 International program, dual enrollment, dual credit, early college or any  
315 other advanced or accelerated course or program offered by a local or  
316 regional board of education in grades nine to twelve, inclusive; and

317 (2) "Prior academic performance" means the course or courses that a  
318 student has taken, the grades received for such course or courses and a  
319 student's grade point average.

320 (b) Not later than July 1, 2022, each local and regional board of  
321 education shall adopt a policy, or revise an existing policy, concerning  
322 the eligibility criteria for student enrollment in an advanced course or  
323 program. Such policy shall provide for multiple methods by which a  
324 student may satisfy the eligibility criteria for enrollment in an advanced  
325 course or program, including, but not limited to, recommendations  
326 from teachers, administrators, school counselors or other school  
327 personnel. Such eligibility criteria shall not be based exclusively on a  
328 student's prior academic performance and any use of a student's prior  
329 academic performance shall rely on evidence-based indicators of how a  
330 student will perform in an advanced course or program.

331 (c) Any policy adopted or revised and implemented under this  
332 section shall be in accordance with guidance provided by the  
333 Department of Education.

334 (d) Not later than July 1, 2026, the Commissioner of Education shall,  
335 in partnership with the constituent units of the state system of higher  
336 education and independent institutions of higher education, as defined  
337 in section 10a-173, develop a model agreement between secondary  
338 schools and postsecondary institutions for the provision of dual  
339 enrollment courses and concurrent enrollment courses, as such terms

340 are defined in section 8 of this act, and postsecondary credit courses to  
341 students in grades nine to twelve, inclusive.

342 Sec. 7. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2025*) (a) As used in this section:

343 (1) "Concurrent enrollment course" means a postsecondary education  
344 course in any academic subject or career-oriented pathway delivered at  
345 a high school through which a high school student is simultaneously  
346 enrolled in an institution of higher education and is taught by a high  
347 school teacher approved by such institution of higher education; and

348 (2) "Dual enrollment course" means a postsecondary education  
349 course in any academic subject or career-oriented pathway delivered by  
350 an institution of higher education through which a high school student  
351 is simultaneously enrolled in such institution of higher education and is  
352 taught by a faculty member of such institution of higher education.

353 (b) Not later than July 1, 2028, each institution of higher education in  
354 the state that currently offers a concurrent enrollment course shall  
355 obtain accreditation for such course from the National Alliance of  
356 Concurrent Enrollment Partnerships, unless the Department of  
357 Education approves an extension of time for an accreditation in writing.

358 (c) Any institution of higher education in the state that establishes a  
359 new concurrent enrollment course shall obtain accreditation for such  
360 course from the National Alliance of Concurrent Enrollment  
361 Partnerships not later than three years after establishing such course,  
362 unless the Department of Education approves an extension of time for  
363 an accreditation in writing.

364 (d) Not later than August 1, 2025, and annually thereafter, each  
365 institution of higher education that offers a dual enrollment or  
366 concurrent enrollment course shall report to the Department of  
367 Education, in a form and manner prescribed by the Commissioner of  
368 Education and in a manner that complies with the requirements of the  
369 Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, 20 USC 1232g, as amended  
370 from time to time, for each high school student who enrolled in a dual

371 enrollment or concurrent enrollment course during the preceding  
372 academic year (1) such student's name, date of birth, student  
373 identification number, the name of the high school where such student  
374 was enrolled and the code assigned to such high school by the  
375 department, (2) for each dual enrollment or concurrent enrollment  
376 course in which such student was enrolled, the course name, the subject  
377 matter or academic department associated with the course, the course  
378 code assigned to such course by the department, the location where each  
379 course was provided and the academic term and year in which such  
380 student enrolled in such course, (3) the grade and credits earned by such  
381 student for each dual enrollment or concurrent enrollment course, (4)  
382 whether such course was a dual enrollment or concurrent enrollment  
383 course, and (5) any other information requested by the department.

384 Sec. 8. Section 10a-157a of the general statutes, as amended by house  
385 bill 5001 of the current session, as amended by House Amendment  
386 Schedule "A", is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof  
387 (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

388 (NEW) (h) For the fall semester of 2025 and spring semester 2026,  
389 [and each semester thereafter,] the Board of Regents for Higher  
390 Education shall continue to offer each transitional college readiness  
391 program, embedded remedial support program and intensive remedial  
392 support program that said board offered at each public institution of  
393 higher education during the fall semester of 2024 and spring semester  
394 of 2025, respectively.

395 Sec. 9. Section 10a-35b of the general statutes is repealed and the  
396 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

397 (a) As used in this section:

398 (1) "Credential" means a documented award issued by an authorized  
399 body, including, but not limited to, a (A) degree or certificate awarded  
400 by an institution of higher education, private career school or provider  
401 of an alternate route to certification program approved by the State

402 Board of Education for teachers, (B) certification awarded through an  
403 examination process designed to demonstrate acquisition of designated  
404 knowledge, skill and ability to perform a specific job, (C) license issued  
405 by a governmental agency which permits an individual to practice a  
406 specific occupation upon verification that such individual meets a  
407 predetermined list of qualifications, and (D) documented completion of  
408 an apprenticeship or job training program; and

409 (2) "Credential status type" means the official status of a credential  
410 which is either active, deprecated, probationary or superseded.

411 (b) Not later than January 1, 2023, the Commissioner of Higher  
412 Education, in consultation with the advisory council established  
413 pursuant to subsection (c) of this section, shall create a database of  
414 credentials offered in the state for the purpose of explaining the skills  
415 and competencies earned through a credential in uniform terms and  
416 plain language. In creating the database, the commissioner shall utilize  
417 the minimum data policy of the New England Board of Higher  
418 Education's High Value Credentials for New England initiative, the  
419 uniform terms and descriptions of Credentials Engine's Credential  
420 Transparency Description Language and the uniform standards for  
421 comparing and linking credentials in Credential Engine's Credential  
422 Transparency Description Language-Achievement Standards Network.  
423 At a minimum, the database shall include the following information for  
424 each credential: (1) Credential status type, (2) the entity that owns or  
425 offers the credential, (3) the type of credential being offered, (4) a short  
426 description of the credential, (5) the name of the credential, (6) the  
427 Internet web site that provides information relating to the credential, (7)  
428 the language in which the credential is offered, (8) the estimated  
429 duration for completion, (9) the industry related to the credential which  
430 may include its code under the North American Industry Classification  
431 System, (10) the occupation related to the credential which may include  
432 its code under the standard occupational classification system of the  
433 Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor or  
434 under The Occupational Information Network, (11) the estimated cost

435 for earning the credential, and (12) a listing of online or physical  
436 locations where the credential is offered.

437 (c) There is established an advisory council for the purpose of  
438 advising the Commissioner of Higher Education on the implementation  
439 of the database created pursuant to subsection (b) of this section. The  
440 advisory council shall consist of (1) representatives from the Office of  
441 Workforce Strategy, Office of Higher Education, Office of Policy and  
442 Management, Labor Department, Department of Education,  
443 Connecticut State Colleges and Universities, The University of  
444 Connecticut and independent institutions of higher education, and (2)  
445 the Chief Data Officer, or such officer's designee. The Chief Workforce  
446 Officer, the Chief Data Officer and the Commissioner of Higher  
447 Education, or their designees, shall be cochairpersons of the advisory  
448 council and shall schedule the meetings of the advisory council.

449 (d) Not later than July 1, 2024, and annually thereafter, each regional  
450 workforce development board, community action agency, as defined in  
451 section 17b-885, institution of higher education, private career school,  
452 provider of an alternate route to certification program approved by the  
453 State Board of Education, and provider of a training program listed on  
454 the Labor Department's Eligible Training Provider List shall submit  
455 information, in the form and manner prescribed by the Commissioner  
456 of Higher Education, about any credential offered by such institution,  
457 school or provider for inclusion in the database created pursuant to  
458 subsection (b) of this section. Such information shall include, but need  
459 not be limited to, the data described in subdivisions (1) to (12), inclusive,  
460 of subsection (b) of this section, except an institution of higher education  
461 [may omit the data required pursuant to subdivisions (6), (9) and (10)]  
462 shall only be required to submit the data described in subdivisions (1)  
463 to (5), inclusive, (7), (8), (11) and (12) of subsection (b) of this section. [if  
464 such data is not applicable to a credential offered by such institution.]

465 (e) Nothing in this section shall be construed to require any state  
466 agency or department to submit credential information to the database  
467 created pursuant to subsection (b) of this section.

468 (f) The Labor Department may, in consultation with the advisory  
469 council established pursuant to subsection (c) of this section, require any  
470 program sponsor of a preapprenticeship or apprenticeship program  
471 registered with the department to submit information about such  
472 program to the Office of Higher Education for inclusion in such  
473 database."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	10a-57f
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	10a-22c
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	10a-22d(e)
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	10a-34
Sec. 5	<i>January 1, 2026</i>	10-221x(d)
Sec. 6	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	10-221w
Sec. 7	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	New section
Sec. 8	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	10a-157a
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