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To: Subst. House Bill No. 7131

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

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

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

10 (b) Not later than September 1, 2025, the Chief Workforce Officer
11 shall evaluate paramedic certificate programs approved by the
12 Commissioner of Public Health to qualify such programs as high-value
13 certificate programs, as defined in section 10a-223 of the general

14 statutes. If the Chief Workforce Officer determines that such paramedic
15 certificate programs are high-value certificate programs, students
16 enrolled in such paramedic certificate programs who are eligible to
17 receive education loans, as defined in section 10a-223 of the general
18 statutes, may receive authority loans, as defined in section 10a-223 of the
19 general statutes.

20 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2025*) The Connecticut Higher
21 Education Supplemental Loan Authority shall establish, subject to
22 available funding, a student loan program to be known as the "High-
23 Value Certificate Loan Program" for the purpose of funding authority
24 loans, as defined in section 10a-223 of the general statutes, for students
25 enrolled in a high-value certificate program, as defined in section 10a-
26 223 of the general statutes. The High-Value Certificate Loan Program
27 shall include, but need not be limited to, paramedic certificate programs
28 approved by the Commissioner of Public Health, provided such
29 programs are qualified as high-value certificate programs by the Chief
30 Workforce Officer pursuant to section 1 of this act."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	New section