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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 Section 10a-57f of the general statutes is repealed and the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. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2025*) Each institution of higher
303 education authorized pursuant to section 10a-34 of the general statutes,
304 as amended by this act, and each public institution of higher education
305 that (1) is accredited as a degree-granting institution by an accrediting
306 association recognized by the Secretary of the United States Department
307 of Education, and (2) currently offers at least one bachelor's degree
308 program that requires the completion of not fewer than one hundred
309 twenty credit hours may establish an accelerated bachelor's degree

310 program that requires the completion of not fewer than ninety credit
311 hours, provided such accelerated bachelor's degree program is (A)
312 accredited by an accrediting association recognized by the Secretary of
313 the United States Department of Education, and (B) authorized
314 pursuant to section 10a-34 of the general statutes, as amended by this
315 act, or 10a-35a of the general statutes, as applicable.

316 Sec. 6. Section 10-221x of the general statutes is amended by adding
317 subsection (d) as follows (*Effective January 1, 2026*):

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

323 Sec. 7. Section 10-221w of the general statutes is repealed and the
324 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

325 (a) As used in this section:

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

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

334 (b) Not later than July 1, 2022, each local and regional board of
335 education shall adopt a policy, or revise an existing policy, concerning
336 the eligibility criteria for student enrollment in an advanced course or
337 program. Such policy shall provide for multiple methods by which a
338 student may satisfy the eligibility criteria for enrollment in an advanced
339 course or program, including, but not limited to, recommendations

340 from teachers, administrators, school counselors or other school
341 personnel. Such eligibility criteria shall not be based exclusively on a
342 student's prior academic performance and any use of a student's prior
343 academic performance shall rely on evidence-based indicators of how a
344 student will perform in an advanced course or program.

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

348 (d) Not later than July 1, 2026, the Commissioner of Education shall,
349 in partnership with the constituent units of the state system of higher
350 education and independent institutions of higher education, as defined
351 in section 10a-173, develop a model agreement between secondary
352 schools and postsecondary institutions for the provision of dual
353 enrollment courses and concurrent enrollment courses, as such terms
354 are defined in section 8 of this act, and postsecondary credit courses to
355 students in grades nine to twelve, inclusive.

356 Sec. 8. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2025*) (a) As used in this section:

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

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

367 (b) Not later than July 1, 2028, each institution of higher education in
368 the state that currently offers a concurrent enrollment course shall
369 obtain accreditation for such course from the National Alliance of
370 Concurrent Enrollment Partnerships, unless the Department of

371 Education approves an extension of time for an accreditation in writing.

372 (c) Any institution of higher education in the state that establishes a
373 new concurrent enrollment course shall obtain accreditation for such
374 course from the National Alliance of Concurrent Enrollment
375 Partnerships not later than three years after establishing such course,
376 unless the Department of Education approves an extension of time for
377 an accreditation in writing.

378 (d) Not later than August 1, 2025, and annually thereafter, each
379 institution of higher education that offers a dual enrollment or
380 concurrent enrollment course shall report to the Department of
381 Education, in a form and manner prescribed by the Commissioner of
382 Education and in a manner that complies with the requirements of the
383 Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, 20 USC 1232g, as amended
384 from time to time, for each high school student who enrolled in a dual
385 enrollment or concurrent enrollment course during the preceding
386 academic year (1) such student's name, date of birth, student
387 identification number, the name of the high school where such student
388 was enrolled and the code assigned to such high school by the
389 department, (2) for each dual enrollment or concurrent enrollment
390 course in which such student was enrolled, the course name, the subject
391 matter or academic department associated with the course, the course
392 code assigned to such course by the department, the location where each
393 course was provided and the academic term and year in which such
394 student enrolled in such course, (3) the grade and credits earned by such
395 student for each dual enrollment or concurrent enrollment course, (4)
396 whether such course was a dual enrollment or concurrent enrollment
397 course, and (5) any other information requested by the department.

398 Sec. 9. Section 10a-157a of the general statutes, as amended by house
399 bill 5001 of the current session, as amended by House Amendment
400 Schedule "A", is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
401 (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

402 (NEW) (h) For the fall semester of 2025 and spring semester 2026,

403 [and each semester thereafter,] the Board of Regents for Higher
404 Education shall continue to offer each transitional college readiness
405 program, embedded remedial support program and intensive remedial
406 support program that said board offered at each public institution of
407 higher education during the fall semester of 2024 and spring semester
408 of 2025, respectively.

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

411 (a) As used in this section:

412 (1) "Credential" means a documented award issued by an authorized
413 body, including, but not limited to, a (A) degree or certificate awarded
414 by an institution of higher education, private career school or provider
415 of an alternate route to certification program approved by the State
416 Board of Education for teachers, (B) certification awarded through an
417 examination process designed to demonstrate acquisition of designated
418 knowledge, skill and ability to perform a specific job, (C) license issued
419 by a governmental agency which permits an individual to practice a
420 specific occupation upon verification that such individual meets a
421 predetermined list of qualifications, and (D) documented completion of
422 an apprenticeship or job training program; and

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

425 (b) Not later than January 1, 2023, the Commissioner of Higher
426 Education, in consultation with the advisory council established
427 pursuant to subsection (c) of this section, shall create a database of
428 credentials offered in the state for the purpose of explaining the skills
429 and competencies earned through a credential in uniform terms and
430 plain language. In creating the database, the commissioner shall utilize
431 the minimum data policy of the New England Board of Higher
432 Education's High Value Credentials for New England initiative, the
433 uniform terms and descriptions of Credentials Engine's Credential

434 Transparency Description Language and the uniform standards for
435 comparing and linking credentials in Credential Engine's Credential
436 Transparency Description Language-Achievement Standards Network.
437 At a minimum, the database shall include the following information for
438 each credential: (1) Credential status type, (2) the entity that owns or
439 offers the credential, (3) the type of credential being offered, (4) a short
440 description of the credential, (5) the name of the credential, (6) the
441 Internet web site that provides information relating to the credential, (7)
442 the language in which the credential is offered, (8) the estimated
443 duration for completion, (9) the industry related to the credential which
444 may include its code under the North American Industry Classification
445 System, (10) the occupation related to the credential which may include
446 its code under the standard occupational classification system of the
447 Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor or
448 under The Occupational Information Network, (11) the estimated cost
449 for earning the credential, and (12) a listing of online or physical
450 locations where the credential is offered.

451 (c) There is established an advisory council for the purpose of
452 advising the Commissioner of Higher Education on the implementation
453 of the database created pursuant to subsection (b) of this section. The
454 advisory council shall consist of (1) representatives from the Office of
455 Workforce Strategy, Office of Higher Education, Office of Policy and
456 Management, Labor Department, Department of Education,
457 Connecticut State Colleges and Universities, The University of
458 Connecticut and independent institutions of higher education, and (2)
459 the Chief Data Officer, or such officer's designee. The Chief Workforce
460 Officer, the Chief Data Officer and the Commissioner of Higher
461 Education, or their designees, shall be cochairpersons of the advisory
462 council and shall schedule the meetings of the advisory council.

463 (d) Not later than July 1, 2024, and annually thereafter, each regional
464 workforce development board, community action agency, as defined in
465 section 17b-885, institution of higher education, private career school,
466 provider of an alternate route to certification program approved by the

467 State Board of Education, and provider of a training program listed on
 468 the Labor Department's Eligible Training Provider List shall submit
 469 information, in the form and manner prescribed by the Commissioner
 470 of Higher Education, about any credential offered by such institution,
 471 school or provider for inclusion in the database created pursuant to
 472 subsection (b) of this section. Such information shall include, but need
 473 not be limited to, the data described in subdivisions (1) to (12), inclusive,
 474 of subsection (b) of this section, except an institution of higher education
 475 [may omit the data required pursuant to subdivisions (6), (9) and (10)]
 476 shall only be required to submit the data described in subdivisions (1)
 477 to (5), inclusive, (7), (8), (11) and (12) of subsection (b) of this section. [if
 478 such data is not applicable to a credential offered by such institution.]

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

482 (f) The Labor Department may, in consultation with the advisory
 483 council established pursuant to subsection (c) of this section, require any
 484 program sponsor of a preapprenticeship or apprenticeship program
 485 registered with the department to submit information about such
 486 program to the Office of Higher Education for inclusion in such
 487 database."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2025	10a-57f
Sec. 2	July 1, 2025	10a-22c
Sec. 3	July 1, 2025	10a-22d(e)
Sec. 4	July 1, 2025	10a-34
Sec. 5	July 1, 2025	New section
Sec. 6	January 1, 2026	10-221x(d)
Sec. 7	July 1, 2025	10-221w
Sec. 8	July 1, 2025	New section
Sec. 9	July 1, 2025	10a-157a
Sec. 10	July 1, 2025	10a-35b