



House of Representatives

General Assembly

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House Bill No. 5321

House of Representatives, March 18, 2026

The Committee on Commerce reported through REP. MESKERS of the 150th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING WORKFORCE SHORTAGES, WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND WORKFORCE TRAINING.

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of Economic and
2 Community Development shall conduct a study of workforce shortages,
3 workforce development and workforce training availability. Such study
4 shall include, but need not be limited to, an analysis of the effect of such
5 shortages, development and training availability on commercial activity
6 in the state. Not later than January 1, 2027, the commissioner shall
7 submit a report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the
8 general statutes, on the results of such study to the joint standing
9 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
10 relating to commerce.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

CE Joint Favorable

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OFA Fiscal Note**State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None**Explanation**

The bill has no fiscal impact by requiring the Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) to conduct a study of workforce shortages, workforce development and workforce training availability. It is anticipated that DECD can produce the study within existing resources.

The Out Years**State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Commerce Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 20 Nay 0 (03/05/2026)