

# Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee

## JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

**Bill No:** SB-383 / [Bill Status](#) / [Public Hearing Testimony](#)

AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE OFFICE OF  
**Title:** WORKFORCE STRATEGY RELATED TO HIGHER EDUCATION.

**Vote Date:** 3/17/2026

**Vote Action:** Joint Favorable

**PH Date:** 3/5/2026

**File No.:**

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### SPONSORS OF BILL:

Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee.

### REASONS FOR BILL:

The reason for SB-383 is to implement the recommendations of the Office of Workforce Strategy relating to statutes which regulate programs which support in-need workforce sectors in the state. It is necessary to provide technical changes to provide more clarity to these sections and some programmatic changes as well to improve the workforce pipeline and benefit the economy of the state.

### SUBSTITUTE LANGUAGE (IF APPLICABLE):

None Expressed.

### RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

**Office of Workforce Strategy, Chief Workforce Officer, Kelli-Marie Vallieres:** Supports this legislation as it addresses three statutes: Connecticut General Statute § 4-124mm, Connecticut General Statute § 4-124xx, and Connecticut General Statute § 10-265s which have to do with program creation for in-need fields, updated legislation related to the Human Services Career Pipeline, and removing language relating to the HVAC Training Agency, as requested by their agency. All will provide greater technical clarity and programmatic changes to improve workforce pipeline growth and reinforcement.

### NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

**Connecticut Hospital Association:** Supports this legislation, claiming that it would focus on, "[B]uilding a data-driven foundation to grow a sustainable human services workforce for the future." Which would lower barriers to graduation, increase training capacity, and reduce workforce shortages by discerning the need in each, especially in the medical field. They also propose other means to strengthen the medical field focusing on affordability for the student and increase internship prospects to see a similar growth in graduate workforce retention in the community and state's healthcare workforce.

**NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:**

None Expressed.

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