



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 389**

LCO No. 1704



Referred to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS

Introduced by:  
(APP)

**AN ACT CONCERNING YOUTH EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING FUNDS.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 31-3mm of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2026*):

3 (a) The Labor Department, within available appropriations, shall  
4 establish a program to distribute youth employment and training funds  
5 to regional workforce development boards.

6 (b) Funds provided for in this section shall be allocated [as follows:  
7 (1) Thirty-two and five-tenths per cent to Capitol Workforce Partners;  
8 (2) twenty-two and five-tenths per cent to The Workforce Alliance; (3)  
9 twelve and five-tenths per cent to The Workplace, Inc.; (4) twenty-two  
10 and five-tenths per cent to the Northwest Regional Workforce  
11 Investment Board, Inc.; and (5) ten per cent to the Eastern Connecticut  
12 Workforce Investment Board] to the regional workforce development  
13 boards by the Labor Commissioner based on the percentage of  
14 disadvantaged youth, as defined in 29 USC 3162(b)(2), in each  
15 workforce development region. The percentage of disadvantaged youth

16 in each workforce development region shall be based on the census data  
17 for persons defined as disadvantaged youth and adults, as published by  
18 the United States Department of Labor, Employment and Training  
19 Administration, or any successor data.

20 (c) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, and any fiscal year  
21 thereafter in which new census data is released, if any regional  
22 workforce development board faces a reduction in such board's  
23 allocation of funds pursuant to subsection (b) of this section that exceeds  
24 fifteen per cent of the prior fiscal year's allocation, the allocation for the  
25 other regional workforce development boards shall be reduced  
26 proportionately so that the reduction for such board's allocation may  
27 not exceed fifteen per cent.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2026	31-3mm

**Statement of Purpose:**

To update the allocation of the Connecticut Youth Employment Program funds.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*