

Public Act No. 21-40

AN ACT CONCERNING THE REVISOR'S TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO THE GENERAL STATUTES.

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

Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 5-259 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1*, 2021):

(a) The Comptroller, with the approval of the Attorney General and of the Insurance Commissioner, shall arrange and procure a group hospitalization and medical and surgical insurance plan or plans for (1) state employees, (2) members of the General Assembly who elect coverage under such plan or plans, (3) participants in an alternate retirement program who meet the service requirements of section 5-162 or subsection (a) of section 5-166, (4) anyone receiving benefits under section 5-144 or from any state-sponsored retirement system, except the teachers' retirement system and the municipal employees retirement system, (5) judges of probate and Probate Court employees, (6) the surviving spouse, and any dependent children of a state police officer, a member of an organized local police department, a firefighter or a constable who performs criminal law enforcement duties who dies before, on or after June 26, 2003, as the result of injuries received while acting within the scope of such officer's or firefighter's or constable's

employment and not as the result of illness or natural causes, and whose surviving spouse and dependent children are not otherwise eligible for a group hospitalization and medical and surgical insurance plan. Coverage for a dependent child pursuant to this subdivision shall terminate no earlier than the end of the calendar year during whichever of the following occurs first, the date on which the child: Becomes covered under a group health plan through the dependent's own employment; or attains the age of twenty-six, (7) employees of the Capital Region Development Authority established by section 32-601, and (8) the surviving spouse and dependent children of any employee of a municipality who dies on or after October 1, 2000, as the result of injuries received while acting within the scope of such employee's employment and not as the result of illness or natural causes, and whose surviving spouse and dependent children are not otherwise eligible for a group hospitalization and medical and surgical insurance plan. For purposes of this subdivision, "employee" means any regular employee or elective officer receiving pay from a municipality, "municipality" means any town, city, borough, school district, taxing district, fire district, district department of health, probate district, housing authority, regional [work force] workforce development board established under section 31-3k, as amended by this act, flood commission or authority established by special act or regional council of governments. For purposes of subdivision (6) of this subsection, "firefighter" means any person who is regularly employed and paid by any municipality for the purpose of performing firefighting duties for a municipality on average of not less than thirty-five hours per week. The minimum benefits to be provided by such plan or plans shall be substantially equal in value to the benefits that each such employee or member of the General Assembly could secure in such plan or plans on an individual basis on the preceding first day of July. The state shall pay for each such employee and each member of the General Assembly covered by such plan or plans the portion of the premium charged for such member's or employee's individual coverage and seventy per cent

of the additional cost of the form of coverage and such amount shall be credited to the total premiums owed by such employee or member of the General Assembly for the form of such member's or employee's coverage under such plan or plans. On and after January 1, 1989, the state shall pay for anyone receiving benefits from any such statesponsored retirement system one hundred per cent of the portion of the premium charged for such member's or employee's individual coverage and one hundred per cent of any additional cost for the form of coverage. The balance of any premiums payable by an individual employee or by a member of the General Assembly for the form of coverage shall be deducted from the payroll by the State Comptroller. The total premiums payable shall be remitted by the Comptroller to the insurance company or companies or nonprofit organization or organizations providing the coverage. The amount of the state's contribution per employee for a health maintenance organization option shall be equal, in terms of dollars and cents, to the largest amount of the contribution per employee paid for any other option that is available to all eligible state employees included in the health benefits plan, but shall not be required to exceed the amount of the health maintenance organization premium.

Sec. 2. Subsection (i) of section 5-259 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

(i) The Comptroller may provide for coverage of employees of municipalities, nonprofit corporations, community action agencies and small employers and individuals eligible for a health coverage tax credit, retired members or members of an association for personal care assistants under the plan or plans procured under subsection (a) of this section, provided: (1) Participation by each municipality, nonprofit corporation, community action agency, small employer, eligible individual, retired member or association for personal care assistants shall be on a voluntary basis; (2) where an employee organization

represents employees of a municipality, nonprofit corporation, community action agency or small employer, participation in a plan or plans to be procured under subsection (a) of this section shall be by mutual agreement of the municipality, nonprofit corporation, community action agency or small employer and the employee organization only and neither party may submit the issue of participation to binding arbitration except by mutual agreement if such binding arbitration is available; (3) no group of employees shall be refused entry into the plan by reason of past or future health care costs or claim experience; (4) rates paid by the state for its employees under subsection (a) of this section are not adversely affected by this subsection; (5) administrative costs to the plan or plans provided under this subsection shall not be paid by the state; (6) participation in the plan or plans in an amount determined by the state shall be for the duration of the period of the plan or plans, or for such other period as mutually agreed by the municipality, nonprofit corporation, community action agency, small employer, retired member or association for personal care assistants and the Comptroller; and (7) nothing in this section or section 12-202a, 38a-551 or 38a-556 shall be construed as requiring a participating insurer or health care center to issue individual policies to individuals eligible for a health coverage tax credit. The coverage provided under this section may be referred to as the "Municipal Employee Health Insurance Plan". The Comptroller may arrange and procure for the employees and eligible individuals under this subsection health benefit plans that vary from the plan or plans procured under subsection (a) of this section. Notwithstanding any provision of part V of chapter 700c, the coverage provided under this subsection may be offered on either a fully underwritten or risk-pooled basis at the discretion of the Comptroller. For the purposes of this subsection, (A) "municipality" means any town, city, borough, school district, taxing district, fire district, district department of health, probate district, housing authority, regional [work force] workforce development board established under section 31-3k, as amended by this act, regional

emergency telecommunications center, tourism district established under section 32-302, flood commission or authority established by special act, regional council of governments, transit district formed under chapter 103a, or the Children's Center established by number 571 of the public acts of 1969; (B) "nonprofit corporation" means (i) a nonprofit corporation organized under 26 USC 501 that has a contract with the state or receives a portion of its funding from a municipality, the state or the federal government, or (ii) an organization that is tax exempt pursuant to 26 USC 501(c)(5); (C) "community action agency" means a community action agency, as defined in section 17b-885; (D) "small employer" means a small employer, as defined in section 38a-564; (E) "eligible individuals" or "individuals eligible for a health coverage tax credit" means individuals who are eligible for the credit for health insurance costs under Section 35 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or any subsequent corresponding internal revenue code of the United States, as from time to time amended, in accordance with the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation; (F) "association for personal care assistants" means an organization composed of personal care attendants who are employed by recipients of service (i) under the home-care program for the elderly under section 17b-342, (ii) under the personal care assistance program under section 17b-605a, (iii) in an independent living center pursuant to sections 17b-613 to 17b-615, inclusive, or (iv) under the program for individuals with acquired brain injury as described in section 17b-260a; and (G) "retired members" means individuals eligible for a retirement benefit from the Connecticut municipal employees' retirement system.

Sec. 3. Subsection (c) of section 7-282e of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October* 1, 2021):

(c) Not later than February 1, 2021, and annually thereafter, each law enforcement unit shall prepare and submit a report concerning

incidents described in subsection (b) of this section during the preceding calendar year to the Criminal Justice Policy and Planning Division within the Office of Policy and Management. Such report shall include the records described in subsection (b) of this section and shall be submitted electronically using a standardized method and form disseminated jointly by the Criminal Justice Policy and Planning Division within the Office of Policy and Management and the Police Officer Standards and Training Council. The standardized method and form shall allow compilation of statistics on each use of force incident, including, but not limited to, (1) the race and gender of such person upon whom force was used, provided the identification of such characteristics shall be based on the observation and perception of the police officer, (2) the number of times force was used on such person, and (3) any injury suffered by such person against whom force was used. The Criminal Justice Policy and Planning Division within the Office of Policy and Management and the Police Officer Standards and Training Council may revise the standardized method and form and disseminate such revisions to law enforcement units. Each law enforcement unit shall, prior to submission of any such report pursuant to this subsection, redact any information from such report that may identify a minor, witness or victim.

Sec. 4. Subdivision (1) of section 7-425 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1*, 2021):

(1) "Municipality" means any town, city, borough, school district, regional school district, taxing district, fire district, district department of health, probate district, housing authority, regional [work force] workforce development board established under section 31-3k, as amended by this act, regional emergency telecommunications center, tourism district established under section 10-397, flood commission or authority established by special act or regional council of governments;

Sec. 5. Subsection (a) of section 7-427 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1*, 2021):

(a) Any municipality except a housing authority, which is governed by subsection (b) of this section or a regional [work force] workforce development board established under section 31-3k, as amended by this act, which is governed by section 7-427a, as amended by this act, may, by resolution passed by its legislative body and subject to such referendum as may be hereinafter provided, accept this part as to any department or departments of such municipality as may be designated therein, including elective officers if so specified, free public libraries which receive part or all of their income from municipal appropriation, and the redevelopment agency of such municipality whether or not such municipality is a member of the system, as defined in section 7-452, but such acceptance shall not repeal, amend or replace, or affect the continuance of, any pension system established in such municipality by or under the authority of any special act and all such special acts shall remain in full force and effect until repealed or amended by the General Assembly or as provided by chapter 99. The acceptance of this part as to any department or departments of a municipality shall not affect the right of such municipality to accept it in the future as to any other department or departments. In any municipality other than a district department of health, housing authority, flood commission or authority, regional council of governments or supervision district board of education, such resolution shall not take effect until it has been approved by a majority of the electors of the municipality voting thereon at the next regular election or meeting or at a special election or meeting called for the purpose. The effective date of participation shall be at least ninety days subsequent to the receipt by the Retirement Commission of the certified copy of such resolution. The Retirement Commission shall furnish to any municipality contemplating acceptance of this part, at the expense of such municipality, an estimate

of the probable cost to such municipality of such acceptance as to any department or departments thereof.

Sec. 6. Section 7-427a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

If the majority of the members of a regional [work force] workforce development board vote to participate in this part, employees of a regional [work force] workforce development board who are eligible under section 7-425, as amended by this act, and who are not members of the Municipal Employees' Retirement Fund B shall become members thereof on July 1, 1998. Membership in any other retirement system shall terminate on said date. The members of a regional [work force] workforce development board shall arrange for termination of such systems, which arrangements shall include provision that the rights of members who retired prior to July 1, 1998, under such system shall not be affected and provision that any refunds of employee contributions made to such other retirement system shall be transferred to the Municipal Employees' Retirement Fund B and the appropriate amount credited to the account of each transferring employee's benefit. Each employee of the regional [work force] workforce development board shall pay his pro rata share of the actual cost of such transfer at no additional cost to the municipality or board.

Sec. 7. Section 7-427b of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

(a) Any employee of a regional [work force] <u>workforce</u> development board which has voted to participate in this part who previously was an employee of a private industry council shall receive credit for the purposes of retirement under the provisions of this part for the period of his service with the private industry council upon payment to the Municipal Employees' Retirement Fund of a sum equal to that which he would have paid had such service been covered by the provisions of this

part, provided such sum is paid within one year of the date of such board's first participation in this part.

(b) Any employee of a regional [work force] <u>workforce</u> development board which has voted to participate in this part shall receive credit for the purposes of retirement under the provisions of this part for the period of his service with such board when such board was not participating under the provisions of this part upon payment to the Municipal Employees' Retirement Fund of a sum equal to that which he would have paid had such service been covered by the provisions of this part, provided such sum is paid within one year of the date of such board's first participation in this part.

Sec. 8. Subsection (a) of section 10-183uu of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1*, 2021):

(a) If the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management enters into a contract with an actuarial consulting firm or actuarial software service provider, the Teachers' Retirement Board shall promptly provide, in the form and format specified by the secretary, any data requested by the secretary during the term of such [contact] <u>contract</u>.

Sec. 9. Section 10-248a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, and each fiscal year thereafter, notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes or any special act, municipal charter, home rule ordinance or other ordinance, the board of finance in each town having a board of finance, the board of [selectman] <u>selectmen</u> in each town having no board of finance or the authority making appropriations for the school district for each town may deposit into a nonlapsing account any unexpended funds from the prior fiscal year from the budgeted appropriation for education for the

town, provided (1) such deposited amount does not exceed two per cent of the total budgeted appropriation for education for such prior fiscal year, (2) each expenditure from such account shall be made only for educational purposes, and (3) each such expenditure shall be authorized by the local board of education for such town.

Sec. 10. Subsection (a) of section 10-264s of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1*, 2021):

(a) All state laws and regulations applicable to the operation of public schools, including provisions for eligibility for state aid and grants, shall apply to any interdistrict magnet school operator that is (1) the board of governors for an independent institution of higher education, as defined in subsection (a) of section 10a-173, or the equivalent of such a board, on behalf of the independent institution of higher education, or (2) any other third-party not-for-profit corporation approved by the [commissioner] <u>Commissioner of Education</u>. Such interdistrict magnet operators shall receive, in accordance with federal law and regulations, any federal funds available for the education of any pupils attending public schools.

Sec. 11. Section 10a-55f of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

Public institutions of higher education, in consultation with the regional [work force] <u>workforce</u> development boards, shall support any efforts to develop career ladders and lattices in the green technology industry, particularly for those workers who gained entry into such fields as a result of funds made available pursuant to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

Sec. 12. Subsection (c) of section 12-71e of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*

1, 2021):

(c) Notwithstanding the provisions of any special act, municipal charter or home rule ordinance, a municipality or district that set a motor vehicle mill rate prior to October 31, 2017, for the assessment year commencing October 1, 2016, may, by vote of its legislative body, or if the legislative body is a town meeting, the board of [selectman] <u>selectmen</u>, revise such mill rate to meet the requirements of this section, provided such revision occurs not later than December 15, 2017.

Sec. 13. Subsection (c) of section 13b-376 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1*, 2021):

(c) There is established an Operation Lifesaver Committee which shall be within the Department of Transportation. The committee shall consist of the Commissioner of Transportation or the commissioner's designee, the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection or the commissioner's designee and the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles or the commissioner's designee. The Commissioner of Transportation or the commissioner's designee shall serve as chairperson of the committee. The committee shall meet at such times [at] <u>as</u> it deems necessary.

Sec. 14. Section 14-11j of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, in consultation with the Connecticut Police Chiefs Association and at least one organization that advocates for persons with autism spectrum disorder, shall design and make available blue envelopes that (1) provide written information and guidance on the outside of the envelopes regarding ways to enhance effective communication between a police officer and a person with autism spectrum disorder, and (2) are capable of holding a person's

motor vehicle operator's license, registration and insurance identification card. On and after January 1, 2020, upon request by a person with autism spectrum disorder or, if such person is a minor, such person's parent or guardian, the commissioner shall provide a blue envelope designed pursuant to this section to such person, parent or guardian.

Sec. 15. Subsection (f) of section 14-96q of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1*, 2021):

(f) The commissioner may issue a permit for a yellow or amber light or lights, including a flashing yellow or amber light or lights, which may be used on motor vehicles or equipment that are (1) specified in subsection (e) of this section, (2) maintenance vehicles, or (3) vehicles transporting or escorting any vehicle or load or combinations thereof, which is or are either oversize or overweight, or both, and being operated or traveling under a permit issued by the Commissioner of Transportation pursuant to section 14-270. A yellow or amber light or lights, including a flashing yellow or amber light or lights, may be used without obtaining a permit from the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles on wreckers registered pursuant to section 14-66, on vehicles of carriers in rural mail delivery service or on vehicles operated by construction inspectors employed by the state of Connecticut, authorized by the Commissioner of Transportation, used during the performance of inspections on behalf of the state. The Commissioner of Transportation shall maintain a list of such authorized construction inspectors, including the name and address of each inspector and the registration number for each vehicle on which the light or lights are to be used.

Sec. 16. Subsection (h) of section 14-96q of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1*, 2021):

(h) The commissioner may issue a permit for emergency vehicles, as defined in subsection (a) of section 14-283, to use a blue, red, yellow, or white light or lights, including a flashing light or lights or any combination thereof, except as provided in subsection [(j)] (k) of this section.

Sec. 17. Subsection (b) of section 16-19 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1*, 2021):

(b) If the authority has not made its finding respecting an amendment of any electric distribution or gas company rate within three hundred fifty days from the proposed effective date of such amendment thereof, or if the authority has not made its finding respecting an amendment of any public service company rate, except <u>an</u> electric distribution or <u>a</u> gas company rate, within two hundred days from the proposed effective date of such amendment thereof, such amendment may become effective pending the authority's finding with respect to such amendment upon the filing by the company with the authority of assurance satisfactory to the authority, which may include a bond with surety, of the company's ability and willingness to refund to its customers with interest such amounts as the company may collect from them in excess of the rates fixed by the authority in its finding or fixed at the conclusion of any appeal taken as a result of a finding by the authority.

Sec. 18. Subsection (b) of section 16-244aa of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1*, 2021):

(b) Not later than June 1, 2021, the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority shall initiate a proceeding to investigate, develop and adopt a framework for implementing performance-based regulation of each electric distribution company. Such framework adopted by the

authority shall: (1) Establish standards and metrics for measuring such electric distribution company's performance of objectives that are in the interest of ratepayers or benefit the public, which may include, but not be [not] limited to, safety, reliability, emergency response, cost efficiency, affordability, equity, customer satisfaction, municipal engagement, resilience and advancing the state's environmental and policy goals, including, but not limited to, those goals established in section 22a-200a, in the Integrated Resources Plan approved pursuant to section 16a-3a and in the Comprehensive Energy Strategy prepared pursuant to section 16a-3d; (2) identify the manner, including the timeframe and extent, in which such standards and metrics shall be used to apply the principles and guidelines set forth in section 16-19e and to determine the relative adequacy of the company's service and the reasonableness and adequacy of rates proposed and considered pursuant to section 16-19a; and (3) identify specific mechanisms to be implemented to align utility performance with the standards and metrics adopted pursuant to this section and subsection (b) of section 16-19a, including, but not limited to, reviewing the effectiveness of the electric distribution company's revenue decoupling mechanism. The authority may also initiate a proceeding to investigate, develop and adopt a framework for implementation of performance-based regulation for gas and water companies, as defined by section 16-1, consistent with the requirements and provisions of this section.

Sec. 19. Subsections (b) and (c) of section 17a-2 of the general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

(b) Said department shall constitute a successor department to the Department of Children and Youth Services, for the purposes of sections 4-5, 4-38c, 4-77a, 4-165b, 4a-11b, 4a-12, 4a-16, 5-259, <u>as amended by this act</u>, 7-127c, 8-206d, 10-8a, 10-15d, 10-76d, 10-76h, 10-76i, 10-76w, 10-76g, 10-94g, 10-253, 17-86a, 17-294, 17-409, 17-437, 17-572, 17-578, 17-579, 17-

585, 17a-1 to 17a-89, inclusive, 17a-90 to 17a-209, inclusive, 17a-218, 17a-277, 17a-450, 17a-458, 17a-474, 17a-560, 17a-511, 17a-634, 17a-646, 17a-659, 17b-59a, 18-69, 18-69a, 18-87, 19a-78, 19a-216, 20-14i, 20-14j, 31-23, 31-306a, 38a-514, [45a-591 to 45a-705] <u>45a-593 to 45a-703</u>, inclusive, 45a-706 to 45a-770, inclusive, 46a-28, 46b-15 to 46b-19, inclusive, 46b-120 to 46b-159, inclusive, 54-56d, 54-142k, 54-199, 54-203 and in accordance with the provisions of sections 4-38d and 4-39.

(c) Whenever the words "Commissioner of Children and Youth Services", "Department of Children and Youth Services", or "Council on Children and Youth Services" are used in sections 4-5, 4-38c, 4-77a, 4-165b, 4a-11b, 4a-12, 4a-16, 5-259, <u>as amended by this act</u>, 7-127c, 8-206d, 10-8a, 10-15d, 10-76d, 10-76h, 10-76i, 10-76w, 10-94g, 10-253, 17-86a, 17-294, 17-409, 17-437, 17-572, 17-578, 17-579, 17-585, 17a-1 to 17a-89, inclusive, 17a-90 to 17a-209, inclusive, 17a-218, 17a-277, 17a-450, 17a-458, 17a-474, 17a-511, 17a-634, 17a-646, 17a-659, 17b-59a, 18-69, 18-69a, 18-87, 19a-78, 19a-216, 20-14i, 20-14j, 31-23, 31-306a, 38a-514, [45a-591 to 45a-705] <u>45a-593 to 45a-703</u>, inclusive, 45a-706 to 45a-770, inclusive, 46a-28, 46b-15 to 46b-19, inclusive, 46b-120 to 46b-159, inclusive, 54-56d, 54-142k, 54-199, 54-203, the words "Commissioner of Children and Families", "Department of Children and Families", and "Council on Children and Families" shall be substituted respectively in lieu thereof.

Sec. 20. Subsection (b) of section 18-52a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1*, 2021):

(b) Prior to October 1, 2019, the Commissioner of Correction shall revise the payment methodology for ambulance services provided by a municipality on behalf of a person who is confined in a correctional facility and requires transfer to a hospital for medical care. The revision to such payment methodology shall ensure that, if such person is not covered by a health insurance policy, the department shall reimburse the municipality for ambulance services at the same rate that <u>the</u>

department is contractually obligated to pay to nonmunicipal providers of ambulance services.

Sec. 21. Subdivision (16) of subsection (j) of section 21a-254 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

(16) Each pharmacy, nonresident pharmacy, as defined in section 20-627, outpatient pharmacy in a hospital or institution, and dispenser shall report to the commissioner, at least daily, by electronic means or, if a pharmacy or outpatient pharmacy does not maintain records electronically, in a format approved by the commissioner information for all insulin drugs, glucagon drugs, diabetes devices and diabetic ketoacidosis devices prescribed and dispensed by such pharmacy or outpatient pharmacy. Such pharmacy or outpatient pharmacy shall report such information to the commissioner in a manner that is consistent with the manner in which such pharmacy or outpatient pharmacy reports information for controlled substance prescriptions pursuant to subdivision (4) of this subsection. For the purposes of this subdivision, "insulin drug", "glucagon drug", ["diabetes devices"] <u>"diabetes device"</u> and "diabetic ketoacidosis device" have the same meanings as provided in section 20-616.

Sec. 22. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 22a-201c of the general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

(a) For each registration of a new motor vehicle with the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles pursuant to chapter 246, the person registering such vehicle shall pay to the commissioner a fee of ten dollars, in addition to any other fees required for registration, for registration for a biennial period for the following registration types: Passenger, motor home, combination or antique. Any person who is sixty-five years <u>of age</u> or older and who obtains a one-year registration

for a new motor vehicle under section 14-49 for such registration type shall pay five dollars for the annual registration period.

(b) For each new registration or renewal of registration of any motor vehicle, except a new motor vehicle, with the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles pursuant to chapter 246, the person registering such vehicle shall pay to the commissioner a fee of five dollars for registration for a biennial period for the following registration types: Passenger, motor home, combination or antique. Any person who is sixty-five years <u>of age</u> or older and who obtains a one-year registration or one-year registration renewal for any motor vehicle, except a new motor vehicle, under section 14-49 for such registration type shall pay two dollars fifty cents for the annual registration period.

Sec. 23. Subsection (a) of section 27-103 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1*, 2021):

(a) As used in the general statutes, except chapter 504, and except as otherwise provided: (1) "Armed forces" means the United States Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and Air Force and any reserve component thereof, including the Connecticut National Guard performing duty as provided in Title 32 of the United States Code, as amended from time to time; (2) "veteran" means any person honorably discharged from, or released under honorable conditions from active service in, the armed forces; (3) "service in time of war" means service of ninety or more cumulative days during a period of war unless separated from service earlier because of an injury incurred or aggravated in the line of duty or a service-connected disability rated by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, except that if the period of war lasted less than ninety days, "service in time of war" means service for the entire [such] period of war unless separated because of any such injury or disability; (4) "period of war" has the same meaning as provided in 38 USC 101, as amended from time to time, except that the "Vietnam

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Era" means the period beginning on February 28, 1961, and ending on July 1, 1975, in all cases; and "period of war" shall include service while engaged in combat or a combat support role in Lebanon, July 1, 1958, to November 1, 1958, or September 29, 1982, to March 30, 1984; Grenada, October 25, 1983, to December 15, 1983; Operation Earnest Will, involving the escort of Kuwaiti oil tankers flying the United States flag in the Persian Gulf, July 24, 1987, to August 1, 1990; and Panama, December 20, 1989, to January 31, 1990, and shall include service during such periods with the armed forces of any government associated with the United States; and (5) "qualifying condition" means a diagnosis of post-traumatic stress disorder or traumatic brain injury made by, or an experience of military sexual trauma, as described in 38 USC 1720D, as amended from time to time, disclosed to, an individual licensed to provide health care services at a United States Department of Veterans Affairs facility.

Sec. 24. Subsection (a) of section 27-138h of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1*, 2021):

(a) As used in this section, (1) "personal information" means information capable of being associated with a particular individual through one or more identifiers, including, but not limited to, an individual's first name or first initial and last name, a Social Security number, a driver's license number, a state identification card number, an account number, a credit card or debit card number, a financial record, a passport number, an alien registration number, a health insurance identification number or any military identification information, and does not include publicly available information that is lawfully made available to the general public from federal, state or local government records or widely distributed media, and (2) "military identification information" means information identifying a person as a member of the armed forces, as defined in section 27-103, <u>as amended</u>

by this act, or a veteran, as defined in <u>subsection (a) of</u> said section, including, but not limited to, a selective service number, military identification number, discharge document, military identification card or military retiree identification card.

Sec. 25. Subdivision (1) of section 28-17a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1*, 2021):

(1) "Civil air patrol" means the civilian auxiliary of the United States Air Force, as described in section 15-98;

Sec. 26. Subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 29-6d of the general statutes, as amended by section 19 of public act 20-1 of the July special session, is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

(1) "Law enforcement unit" has the same meaning as ["law enforcement unit"] <u>provided</u> in section 7-294a;

Sec. 27. Subdivision (1) of section 31-3j of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1*, 2021):

(1) "Board" means a regional [work force] <u>workforce</u> development board established under section 31-3k, as amended by this act;

Sec. 28. Subdivision (6) of section 31-3j of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1*, 2021):

(6) ["Work force development region"] <u>"Workforce development</u> <u>region"</u> or "region" means an area designated as a service delivery area in accordance with the provisions of the Job Training Partnership Act.

Sec. 29. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 31-3k of the general statutes **Public Act No. 21-40 19** of 48

are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

(a) There is established within the Labor Department a regional [work force] <u>workforce</u> development board for each [work force] <u>workforce</u> development region in the state. Each board shall assess the needs and priorities for investing in the development of human resources within the region and shall coordinate a broad range of employment, education, training and related services that shall be focused on client-centered, lifelong learning and shall be responsive to the needs of local business, industry, the region, its municipalities and its citizens.

(b) Each board, within its region, shall:

(1) Carry out the duties and responsibilities of a private industry council under the Job Training Partnership Act, provided the private industry council within the region elects by a vote of its members to become a board and the Labor Commissioner approves the council as a regional [work force] workforce development board.

(2) Within existing resources and consistent with the state employment and training information system and any guidelines issued by the commissioner under subsection (b) of section 31-2, (A) assess regional needs and identify regional priorities for employment and training programs, including, but not limited to, an assessment of the special employment needs of unskilled and low-skilled unemployed persons, including persons receiving state-administered general assistance or short-term unemployment assistance, (B) conduct planning for regional employment and training programs, (C) coordinate such programs to ensure that the programs respond to the needs of labor, business and industry, municipalities within the region, the region as a whole, and all of its citizens, (D) serve as a clearinghouse for information on all employment and training programs in the region,

(E) prepare and submit an annual plan containing the board's priorities and goals for regional employment and training programs to the commissioner and the commission for their review and approval, (F) review grant proposals and plans submitted to state agencies for employment and training programs that directly affect the region to determine whether such proposals and plans are consistent with the annual regional plan prepared under subparagraph (E) of this subdivision and inform the commission and each state agency concerned of the results of the review, (G) evaluate the effectiveness of employment and training programs within the region in meeting the goals contained in the annual regional plan prepared under subparagraph (E) of this subdivision and report its findings to the commissioner and the commission on an annual basis, (H) ensure the effective use of available employment and training resources in the region, and (I) allocate funds where applicable for program operations in the region.

(3) Provide information to the commissioner concerning (A) all employment and training programs, grants or funds to be effective or available in the region in the following program year, (B) the source and purpose of such programs, grants or funds, (C) the projected amount of such programs, grants or funds, (D) persons, organizations and institutions eligible to participate in such programs or receive such grants or funds, (E) characteristics of clients eligible to receive services pursuant to such programs, grants or funds, (F) the range of services available pursuant to such programs, grants or funds, (G) goals of such programs, grants or funds, (H) where applicable, schedules for submitting requests for proposals, planning instructions, proposals and plans, in connection with such programs, grants or funds, and (J) any other data relating to such programs, grants or funds that the commissioner or the commission deems essential for effective state planning.

(4) Carry out the duties and responsibilities of the local board for purposes of the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014, P.L. 113-128, as from time to time amended.

(5) Establish a worker training education committee comprised of persons from the education and business communities within the region, including, but not limited to, regional community-technical colleges and technical education and career schools.

Sec. 30. Section 31-3*l* of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

The members of a board shall be appointed by the chief elected officials of the municipalities in the region in accordance with the provisions of an agreement entered into by such municipalities. In the absence of an agreement the appointments shall be made by the Governor. The membership of each board shall satisfy the requirements for a private industry council as provided under the Job Training Partnership Act and the requirements of the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014, P.L. 113-128, as from time to time amended. To the extent consistent with such requirements: (1) Business members shall constitute a majority of each board and shall include owners of businesses, chief executives or chief operating officers of nongovernmental employers, or other business executives who have substantial management or policy responsibilities. Whenever possible, at least one-half of the business and industry members shall be representatives of small businesses, including minority businesses; (2) the nonbusiness members shall include representatives of communitybased organizations, state and local organized labor, state and municipal government, service human agencies, economic development agencies and regional community-technical colleges and other educational institutions, including secondary and postsecondary institutions and regional vocational technical schools; (3) the nonbusiness representatives shall be selected by the appointing

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authority from among individuals nominated by the commissioner and the organizations, agencies, institutions and groups set forth in subdivisions (2) and (5) of this section, and each appointing authority shall solicit nominations from the commissioner and the organizations, agencies, institutions and groups set forth in subdivisions (2) and (5) of this section; (4) labor representatives shall be selected from individuals recommended by recognized state and local labor federations in a manner consistent with the federal Job Training Partnership Act and the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014, P.L. 113-128, as from time to time amended; (5) the board shall represent the interests of a broad segment of the population of the region, including the interests of welfare recipients, persons with disabilities, veterans, dislocated workers, younger and older workers, women, minorities and displaced homemakers; and (6) in each region where a private industry council has elected by a vote of its members to become a regional [work force] workforce development board and the commissioner has approved the council as a board, the initial membership of each board shall include, but not be limited to, the business members of the private industry council in the region.

Sec. 31. Subdivision (1) of subsection (c) of section 31-3w of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

(c) (1) When contacted by a veteran who is in need of employment or [work force] <u>workforce</u> development services, the department shall (A) determine whether the veteran resides closer to a [work force] <u>workforce</u> development board facility with a veterans unit than to a department facility offering such employment or [work force] <u>workforce</u> development assistance and, if so, provide the veteran with contact information for the [work force] <u>workforce</u> development board, and (B) provide a veteran who expresses an interest in advanced manufacturing, as defined in section 31-11ss, <u>as amended by this act</u>,

with information on the Military to Machinists program operated pursuant to section 31-11ss, <u>as amended by this act</u>, if such veteran may be eligible for services from such program.

Sec. 32. Subsection (b) of section 31-11ff of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1*, 2021):

(b) The Connecticut Employment and Training Commission shall develop, in collaboration with the Connecticut state colleges and universities, Department of Education, and regional [work force] <u>workforce</u> development boards established pursuant to section 31-3j, <u>as</u> <u>amended by this act</u>, a state-wide plan for implementing, expanding or improving upon career certificate programs established under section 10-20a, middle college programs, early college high school programs and Connecticut Early College Opportunity programs to provide education, training and placement in jobs available in the manufacturing, health care, construction, green, science, technology, computer science, engineering and mathematics industries and other emerging sectors of the state's economy. Such plan shall include a proposal to fund such programs.

Sec. 33. Section 31-11rr of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

(a) There is established the Apprenticeship Connecticut initiative to develop [work force] <u>workforce</u> pipeline programs to train qualified entry-level workers for job placement with manufacturers and employers in other industry sectors in the state that are experiencing sustained [work force] <u>workforce</u> shortages. The initiative shall include, where practicable, outreach to underserved populations, including youths, to achieve success in the program and support the state's economic development progress.

(b) (1) Not later than January 1, 2019, the Labor Commissioner shall issue a request for qualifications to solicit proposals from regional industry partnerships for a [work force] workforce pipeline program to serve the [work force] workforce needs of manufacturers and other employers in the region. To be eligible to submit a proposal, a regional industry partnership shall include as members of such partnership (A) entities and organizations with expertise in regional economic and [work force] workforce development, including, but not limited to, entities offering apprenticeship or other [work force] workforce training programs, (B) the regional [work force] workforce development board, established pursuant to section 31-3k, as amended by this act, for the applicable [work force] workforce region, and (C) at least one educational institution such as a vocational-technical school or an institution of higher education or at least one employer located in the [work force] <u>workforce</u> region. A regional industry partnership may include other entities, organizations or institutions that support the goals of the partnership and initiative.

(2) Prior to the date established by the commissioner for the submission of responses to such request for qualifications, each regional [work force] <u>workforce</u> development board shall submit a report to the General Assembly, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a, that sets forth the most pressing [work force] <u>workforce</u> needs within such board's region and identifies the industry sector or sectors in which such needs are the greatest.

(c) Each proposal shall be submitted by the partnership through the regional [work force] <u>workforce</u> development board and shall demonstrate the targeted goal of preparing qualified entry-level workers for careers that provide a living wage. Each proposal shall include plans for the following core program components:

(1) Identification of the region's most pressing [work force] <u>workforce</u> needs and the industry sector or sectors in which such needs are the

greatest, as reported to the General Assembly pursuant to subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of this section, and including a detailed plan of how the partnership's proposal will serve the employment needs of workers residing in all towns within the region served by the applicable regional [work force] workforce development board, focusing on those areas within such region with the most concentrated employment needs;

(2) Recruitment in the program of, and outreach efforts to, potential job seekers;

(3) (A) Screening and assessment of individuals interested in manufacturing work or employment in other sectors proposed to be targeted by the partnership, by which individuals will be assessed for work readiness, aptitude for the relevant work skills and on other metrics as specified by the partnership or as recommended by the Labor Department;

(B) Redirecting or connecting individuals determined through the screening and assessment process not to be suited for participation in the program to or with alternative career resources or services available to residents of the state that may be better suited to such individuals;

(C) Placement of individuals screened and assessed who are selected to participate in a training program, with an employer identified by the partnership, upon such individual's successful completion of the training program. Such identified employer shall commit to hire one or more individuals who successfully complete the training program and may further offer related on-the-job training or other in-house training opportunities to such individual or individuals. The partnership shall seek to leverage any such training or opportunities, apprenticeship programs, the Labor Department's subsidized training and employment program and other wage-subsidy programs with employers who commit to hiring individuals, and may seek program funding for retention services;

(4) (A) Separate training programs for participants (i) in the eleventh or twelfth grade, and (ii) eighteen years of age or older who are not currently enrolled in eleventh or twelfth grade. Such training programs shall be provided by partnership members or with the assistance of other parties as identified in the proposal;

(B) Training programs shall be not less than five consecutive weeks and not more than twenty-six consecutive weeks in duration. At least one training program offered for each age group shall be provided through a certified preapprenticeship program offered by the Labor other Department. Any training program may include а preapprenticeship component or award industry-recognized certificates, as proposed by the partnership;

(C) Training programs shall be developed and revised periodically through ongoing consultation with employers targeted for job placement of program participants;

(5) The duration of a [work force] <u>workforce</u> pipeline program shall be not less than four years from the date of its establishment;

(6) For each core program component, identification of specific existing resources available to such partnership through the regional [work force] workforce development board, the United States Department of Labor's American Job Center system, the state Labor Department, employers, apprenticeship or other [work force] workforce training programs, educational institutions in the state or other public or private funds. If the partnership proposes using program funds for the purposes of core program components, it shall demonstrate for each such component that there will be leveraged funding support from existing resources and that the use of program funds for such purposes will not affect the availability of such existing resources; and

(7) The following limits shall apply to the use of any program funds

awarded to a partnership: (A) Not more than seventy per cent of such funds shall be used for the training programs set forth in subdivision (4) of this subsection; (B) not more than twenty per cent of such funds shall be used for supporting services for the program, including recruitment and outreach efforts, screening and assessment, transportation, stipends, workplace tools or equipment and preemployment supports; and (C) not more than ten per cent of such funds shall be used for any other purpose, including administrative costs.

(d) (1) The commissioner shall review all qualifying responses to the request for qualifications and select as many proposals as the commissioner deems to be well-planned and the partnership to be capable of implementing its proposal. The commissioner shall select proposals so as to achieve a goal of not fewer than ten thousand individuals placed into new jobs over the first four years of a program, with one-third of such individuals from the group under subparagraph (A)(i) of subdivision (4) of subsection (c) of this section and two-thirds of such individuals from the group under subparagraph (A)(ii) of subdivision (4) of subsection (c) of this section.

(2) (A) The commissioner shall award funds to the partnerships selected under subdivision (1) of this subsection in proportion to the magnitude of the [work force] <u>workforce</u> needs within the [work force] <u>workforce</u> region proposed to be served, relative to the comparable [work force] <u>workforce</u> needs within other [work force] <u>workforce</u> regions of the state, provided no partnership shall receive more than twenty million dollars in total funding. The commissioner may further weight such distribution according to any total cost per program participant proposed by a partnership that the commissioner deems reasonable, and may give preference to a partnership with a lower total cost per program participant.

(B) The commissioner shall reserve from any funds awarded under subparagraph (A) of this subdivision sufficient funds to support the use

of the certified preapprenticeship program offered by the Labor Department and shall transfer such reserved funds to the appropriate departmental account to be used for such purpose.

(e) Any regional industry partnership may seek (1) to leverage tuition or financial assistance programs for purposes of the program and for the benefit of individuals participating in the program, and (2) philanthropic and employer investments to meet the goal set forth in subdivision (1) of subsection (d) of this section and to support retention of individuals participating in the program.

Sec. 34. Section 31-11ss of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

(a) As used in this section:

(1) "Advanced manufacturing" means a manufacturing process that makes extensive use of computer, high-precision or information technologies integrated with a high-performance [work force] <u>workforce</u> in a production system capable of furnishing a heterogeneous mix of products in small or large volumes with either the efficiency of mass production or the flexibility of custom manufacturing in order to respond quickly to customer demands. "Advanced manufacturing" includes newly developed methods to manufacture existing products and the manufacture of new products emerging from new advanced technologies;

(2) "Eligible business" means a business that (A) has operations in Connecticut, (B) has been registered to conduct business for not less than twelve months, and (C) is in good standing with respect to the payment of all state and local taxes. "Eligible business" does not include the state or any political subdivision thereof;

(3) "Private occupational school" has the same meaning as provided in section 10a-22a;

(4) "Public institution of higher education" means any of the institutions of higher education identified in subdivision (2) of section 10a-1;

(5) "Qualifying advanced manufacturing certificate program" means a for-credit or noncredit sub-baccalaureate advanced manufacturing certificate program offered by a public institution of higher education or a private occupational school in which at least seventy-five per cent of the graduates of such certificate program are employed in a field related to or requiring such certificate in the year following graduation; and

(6) "Veteran" means any person (A) honorably discharged from, or released under honorable conditions from active service in, the armed forces, as defined in section 27-103, <u>as amended by this act</u>, or (B) with a qualifying condition, as defined in section 27-103, <u>as amended by this act</u>, who has received a discharge other than bad conduct or dishonorable from active service in the armed forces.

(b) Not later than October 1, 2019, the [work force] <u>workforce</u> development board for the southwest [work force] <u>workforce</u> development region of the state shall develop and operate a pilot program to be known as the Military to Machinists program for veterans. The program shall assist any veteran in a region served by the pilot program in (1) earning an advanced manufacturing certificate from a qualifying advanced manufacturing certificate program, and (2) securing employment in the field of advanced manufacturing with any eligible business after such veteran has obtained an advanced manufacturing certificate.

(c) (1) The [work force] <u>workforce</u> development board for the southwest [work force] <u>workforce</u> development region of the state shall designate an appropriate number of employees, as determined by the board, to act as liaisons, and each liaison shall provide the assistance

described in subsection (b) of this section on behalf of the program.

(2) In connection with providing the assistance described in subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of this section, each liaison designated pursuant to this subsection shall also assist a veteran served by the program to obtain funding for the cost of attending a qualifying advanced manufacturing certificate program. Such funding may include, but need not be limited to, (A) tuition waivers under sections 10a-77 and 10a-99, and (B) expenditures from the Workforce Training Authority Fund under section 31-11jj.

(3) In connection with providing the assistance described in subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of this section, each liaison designated pursuant to this subsection shall also assist any eligible business to apply for (A) a grant under section 31-3uu, <u>as amended by this act</u>, and (B) tax credits under section 12-217g, if applicable.

(d) The [work force] <u>workforce</u> development board for the southwest [work force] <u>workforce</u> development region of the state shall operate the pilot program within its [work force] <u>workforce</u> development region. The board may offer the program in other [work force] <u>workforce</u> development regions in the state, in conjunction with the appropriate regional [work force] <u>workforce</u> development board.

(e) Not later than February 1, 2020, the [work force] <u>workforce</u> development board for the southwest [work force] <u>workforce</u> development region of the state shall develop or approve promotional materials describing the pilot program and the various opportunities and benefits that the program may provide for veterans in the state. The board shall distribute such materials to qualified veterans' charitable organizations, as described in subsection (b) of section 27-100f, and Operation Academic Support for Incoming Service Members centers. The board shall revise and redistribute the materials as the board deems appropriate.

(f) Not later than February 1, 2020, and annually thereafter until the pilot program is terminated, the [work force] workforce development board for the southwest [work force] workforce development region of the state shall report on the operation of the pilot program and its recommendation to continue, discontinue or expand the program. Such report shall include measures of the effectiveness of the program, including, but not be limited to, data on the (1) number of veterans served by the pilot program; (2) number of veterans pursuing or earning advanced manufacturing certificates through the program and the type and amount of funding assistance received by the veterans; and (3) number of veterans securing employment in the field of advanced manufacturing with an eligible business through the program, the salaries earned by such veterans, the number of such veterans retaining employment in advanced manufacturing over time and the number and amount of grants and tax credits received by eligible businesses hiring such veterans. The board shall submit the report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a, to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to veterans' affairs.

Sec. 35. Section 31-11tt of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

(a) Not later than October 1, 2019, the [work force] <u>workforce</u> development board for the southwest [work force] <u>workforce</u> development region of the state shall develop and operate a pilot program to be known as the Veterans Platform to Employment Program. The program shall provide training and subsidized employment for veterans who have experienced long-term unemployment in a similar manner to the Platform to Employment Program currently operated by such board. The pilot program shall provide veterans in a region served by the program with (1) a preparatory program that includes services such as skills assessments,

career readiness workshops, employee assistance programs and coaching, and (2) employment assistance that includes identifying positions at local employers and providing subsidies to employers that hire veterans for trial work experiences that may lead to continued employment. The pilot program may offer additional services to assist veterans, including personal and family support services and financial counseling. As used in this section, "veteran" means any person (A) honorably discharged from, or released under honorable conditions from active service in, the armed forces, as defined in section 27-103, <u>as amended by this act</u>, or (B) with a qualifying condition, as defined in section 27-103, <u>as amended by this act</u>, who has received a discharge other than bad conduct or dishonorable from active service in the armed forces.

(b) The [work force] <u>workforce</u> development board for the southwest [work force] <u>workforce</u> development region of the state shall operate the pilot program within its [work force] <u>workforce</u> development region. The board may offer the program in other [work force] <u>workforce</u> development regions in the state, in conjunction with the appropriate regional [work force] <u>workforce</u> development board.

(c) Not later than February 1, 2020, and annually thereafter until the pilot program is terminated, the [work force] <u>workforce</u> development board for the southwest [work force] <u>workforce</u> development region of the state shall submit a report on the operation of the pilot program and its recommendation to continue, discontinue or expand the program. Such report shall include measures of the effectiveness of the program, including, but not limited to, data on the (1) number of veterans served by the program, (2) number of veterans placed with employers by the program and the salaries earned by such veterans, and (3) number of such veterans retaining employment over time. The board shall submit the report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a, to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of

matters relating to veterans' affairs.

Sec. 36. Section 31-11uu of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

Not later than October 1, 2019, the [work force] <u>workforce</u> development board for the southwest [work force] <u>workforce</u> development region of the state shall identify appropriate written materials to distribute to employers on the topic of mental health conditions common to veterans, including post-traumatic stress disorder, risk of suicide, depression and grief. Such materials shall provide guidance on (1) identifying the signs and symptoms of such mental health conditions, and (2) assisting employees who are veterans and who exhibit such signs and symptoms in the workplace. The board shall distribute such materials to employers participating in or who may participate in the pilot programs established under sections 31-11ss and 31-11tt, <u>as amended by this act</u>, and may distribute the materials to other employers that may hire veterans.

Sec. 37. Subsection (c) of section 32-23ww of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1*, 2021):

(c) There is established a grant program to be administered by the commissioner, in consultation with the Labor Commissioner, for the purpose of awarding grants under section 32-327 to agencies seeking to contract for educational and job placement assistance for displaced defense workers. The grant program shall be administered in a manner consistent with the state [work force] <u>workforce</u> development plan and the job training plan of the regional [work force] <u>workforce</u> development board established pursuant to section 31-3k, as amended by this act, in each region seeking a grant under such grant program.

Sec. 38. Subsection (b) of section 32-235 of the general statutes is

repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October* 1, 2021):

(b) The proceeds of the sale of said bonds, to the extent of the amount stated in subsection (a) of this section, shall be used by the Department of Economic and Community Development (1) for the purposes of sections 32-220 to 32-234, inclusive, including economic cluster-related programs and activities, and for the Connecticut job training finance demonstration program pursuant to sections 32-23uu and 32-23vv, provided (A) three million dollars shall be used by said department solely for the purposes of section 32-23uu and not more than five million two hundred fifty thousand dollars of the amount stated in said subsection (a) may be used by said department for the purposes of section 31-3u, (B) not less than one million dollars shall be used for an educational technology grant to the deployment center program and the nonprofit business consortium deployment center approved pursuant to section 32-41*l*, (C) not less than two million dollars shall be used by said department for the establishment of a pilot program to make grants to businesses in designated areas of the state for construction, renovation or improvement of small manufacturing facilities, provided such grants are matched by the business, a municipality or another financing entity. The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development shall designate areas of the state where manufacturing is a substantial part of the local economy and shall make grants under such pilot program which are likely to produce a significant economic development benefit for the designated area, (D) five million dollars may be used by said department for the manufacturing competitiveness grants program, (E) one million dollars shall be used by said department for the purpose of a grant to the Connecticut Center for Advanced Technology, for the purposes of subdivision (5) of subsection (a) of section 32-7f, (F) fifty million dollars shall be used by said department for the purpose of grants to the United States Department of the Navy, the United States Department of Defense or eligible applicants for

projects related to the enhancement of infrastructure for long-term, ongoing naval operations at the United States Naval Submarine Base-New London, located in Groton, which will increase the military value of said base. Such projects shall not be subject to the provisions of sections 4a-60 and 4a-60a, (G) two million dollars shall be used by said department for the purpose of a grant to the Connecticut Center for Advanced Technology, Inc., for manufacturing initiatives, including aerospace and defense, and (H) four million dollars shall be used by said department for the purpose of a grant to companies adversely impacted by the construction at the Quinnipiac Bridge, where such grant may be used to offset the increase in costs of commercial overland transportation of goods or materials brought to the port of New Haven by ship or vessel, (2) for the purposes of the small business assistance program established pursuant to section 32-9yy, provided fifteen million dollars shall be deposited in the small business assistance account established pursuant to said section 32-9yy, (3) to deposit twenty million dollars in the small business express assistance account established pursuant to section 32-7h, (4) to deposit four million nine hundred thousand dollars per year in each of the fiscal years ending June 30, 2017, to June 30, 2019, inclusive, and June 30, 2021, and nine million nine hundred thousand dollars in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, in the CTNext Fund established pursuant to section 32-39i, which shall be used by CTNext to provide grants-in-aid to designated innovation places, as defined in section 32-39j, planning grants-in-aid pursuant to section 32-39l, and grants-in-aid for projects that network innovation places pursuant to subsection (b) of section 32-39m, provided not more than three million dollars be used for grants-in-aid for such projects, and further provided any portion of any such deposit that remains unexpended in a fiscal year subsequent to the date of such deposit may be used by CTNext for any purpose described in subsection (e) of section 32-39i, (5) to deposit two million dollars per year in each of the fiscal years ending June 30, 2019, to June 30, 2021, inclusive, in the CTNext Fund established pursuant to section 32-39i, which shall be used by CTNext for the purpose of

providing higher education entrepreneurship grants-in-aid pursuant to section 32-39g, provided any portion of any such deposit that remains unexpended in a fiscal year subsequent to the date of such deposit may be used by CTNext for any purpose described in subsection (e) of section 32-39i, (6) for the purpose of funding the costs of the Technology Talent Advisory Committee established pursuant to section 32-7p, provided two million dollars per year in each of the fiscal years ending June 30, 2017, to June 30, 2021, inclusive, shall be used for such purpose, (7) to provide (A) a grant-in-aid to the Connecticut Supplier Connection in an amount equal to two hundred fifty thousand dollars in each of the fiscal years ending June 30, 2017, to June 30, 2021, inclusive, and (B) a grantin-aid to the Connecticut Procurement Technical Assistance Program in an amount equal to three hundred thousand dollars in each of the fiscal years ending June 30, 2017, to June 30, 2021, inclusive, (8) to deposit four hundred fifty thousand dollars per year, in each of the fiscal years ending June 30, 2017, to June 30, 2021, inclusive, in the CTNext Fund established pursuant to section 32-39i, which shall be used by CTNext to provide growth grants-in-aid pursuant to section 32-39g, provided any portion of any such deposit that remains unexpended in a fiscal year subsequent to the date of such deposit may be used by CTNext for any purpose described in subsection (e) of section 32-39i, (9) to transfer fifty million dollars to the Labor Department which shall be used by said department for the purpose of funding [work force] workforce pipeline programs selected pursuant to section 31-11rr, as amended by this act, provided, notwithstanding the provisions of section 31-11rr, as amended by this act, (A) not less than five million dollars shall be provided to the workforce development board in Bridgeport serving the southwest region, for purposes of such program, and the board shall distribute such money in proportion to population and need, and (B) not less than five million dollars shall be provided to the workforce development board in Hartford serving the north central region, for purposes of such program, (10) to transfer twenty million dollars to Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated, provided ten million dollars

shall be used by Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated for the purpose of the proof of concept fund established pursuant to subsection (b) of section 32-39x and ten million dollars shall be used by Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated for the purpose of the venture capital fund program established pursuant to section 32-4100. Not later than thirty days prior to any use of unexpended funds under subdivision (4), (5) or (8) of this subsection, the CTNext board of directors shall provide notice of and the reason for such use to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to commerce and finance, revenue and bonding.

Sec. 39. Subsection (e) of section 33-673b of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1*, 2021):

(e) When determining whether a statutory limitation on the liability of an interest holder of a domestic entity for a debt, obligation or other liability of such domestic entity, including without limitation, the limitation set forth in section 33-673 or 34-251a, may be disregarded based upon [on] a veil piercing doctrine, claim or remedy, a court shall make such determination exclusively in accordance with the provisions of this section and section 33-673a.

Sec. 40. Subdivision (4) of section 36b-3 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1*, 2021):

(4) "Branch office" means any location other than the main office at which an agent or investment adviser agent regularly conducts business on behalf of a broker-dealer or investment adviser, or any location that is held out as such, excluding: (A) Any location that is established solely for customer service or back-office-type functions where no sales activities are conducted and that is not held out to the public as a branch office, (B) any location that is the agent's or investment adviser agent's

primary residence, provided (i) only agents or investment adviser agents who reside at the location and are members of the same immediate family conduct business at the location, (ii) the location is not held out to the public as an office and the agent or investment adviser agent does not meet with customers at the location, (iii) neither customer funds nor securities are handled at that location, (iv) the agent or investment adviser agent is assigned to a designated branch office, and such designated branch office is reflected on all business cards, stationery, advertisements and other communications to the public by such agent or investment adviser agent, (v) the agent's or investment adviser agent's correspondence and communications with the public are subject to the supervision of the broker-dealer or investment adviser with which such agent or investment adviser agent is associated, (vi) electronic communications, including [e-mail] electronic mail, are made through the electronic system of the broker-dealer or investment adviser, (vii) all orders for securities are entered through the designated branch office or an electronic system established by a broker-dealer that is reviewable at the branch office, (viii) written supervisory procedures pertaining to supervision of activities conducted at the residence are maintained by the broker-dealer or investment adviser, and (ix) a list of the residence locations is maintained by the broker-dealer or investment adviser, (C) any location, other than a primary residence, that is used for securities or investment advisory business for less than thirty business days in any one calendar year, provided the broker-dealer or investment adviser complies with the provisions of subparagraph (B)(ii), (iii), (iv), (v), (vi), (vii) and (viii) of this subdivision, (D) any office of convenience, where associated persons occasionally and exclusively by appointment meet with customers, which is not held out to the public as an office, (E) any location that is used primarily to engage in nonsecurities activities and from which the agent or investment adviser agent effects no more than twenty-five securities transactions in any one calendar year, provided any advertisement or sales literature identifying such location also sets forth the address and telephone number of the location from

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which the agent or investment adviser agent conducting business at the nonbranch locations is directly supervised, (F) the floor of a registered national securities exchange where a broker-dealer conducts a direct access business with public customers, (G) a temporary location established in response to the implementation of a business continuity plan, or (H) any other location not within the intent of this subdivision as the commissioner may determine. As used in this subdivision, the term "business day" does not include any partial business day, provided the agent or investment adviser agent spends at least four hours on such day at the designated branch office of such agent or investment adviser agent during the hours that such office is normally open for business.

Sec. 41. Subsection (a) of section 45a-177 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1*, 2021):

(a) All conservators, guardians and trustees of testamentary trusts, unless excused by the will creating the trust, shall render periodic accounts of their trusts signed under penalty of false statement to the Probate Court having jurisdiction for allowance, at least once during each three-year period and more frequently if required by the court or by the will or trust instrument creating the trust. Except as otherwise provided in rules of procedure adopted and promulgated by the judges of the Supreme Court, under section 45a-78, the provisions of a will excusing the trustee from rendering of periodic accounts does not excuse the trustee from the rendering \underline{of} a final account upon termination of the trust as required by section 45a-481.

Sec. 42. Subsection (b) of section 45a-186 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1*, 2021):

(b) Any person aggrieved by an order, denial or decree of a Probate Court may appeal therefrom to the Superior Court. An appeal from a

matter heard under any provision of section 45a-593, 45a-594, 45a-595 or 45a-597, sections 45a-644 to 45a-677, inclusive, or sections 45a-690 to [45a-705] <u>45a-703</u>, inclusive, shall be filed not later than forty-five days after the date on which the Probate Court sent the order, denial or decree. Except as provided in sections 45a-187 and 45a-188, an appeal from an order, denial or decree in any other matter shall be filed on or before the thirtieth day after the date on which the Probate Court sent the order, denial or decree. The appeal period shall be calculated from the date on which the court sent the order, denial or decree by mail or the date on which the court transmitted the order, denial or decree by electronic service, whichever is later.

Sec. 43. Subdivision (3) of subsection (l) of section 45a-186 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

(3) The following matters shall not be referred to a special assignment probate judge pursuant to this subsection: Appeals under sections 17a-75 to 17a-83, inclusive, section 17a-274, sections 17a-495 to 17a-528, inclusive, sections 17a-543, 17a-543a, 17a-685 to 17a-688, inclusive, children's matters as defined in subsection (a) of section 45a-8a, sections 45a-644 to 45a-663, inclusive, [45a-668] <u>45a-669</u> to 45a-683, inclusive, and 45a-690 to 45a-700, inclusive, and any matter in a Probate Court heard on the record in accordance with sections 51-72 and 51-73.

Sec. 44. Subsection (c) of section 45a-499j of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1*, 2021):

(c) The Attorney General has the rights of a qualified beneficiary with respect to a charitable trust if (1) the trust's principal place of administration <u>is</u> in this state; or (2) either the primary charitable beneficiary or the intended charitable benefit is located in this state.

Sec. 45. Subsection (b) of section 45a-499ii of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1*, 2021):

(b) The court may modify or terminate a noncharitable testamentary or inter vivos trust or remove the trustee of the trust and appoint a different trustee if it determines that the value of the trust property is insufficient to justify the cost of administration relative to the material purposes of the trust. Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection, the court may not terminate a testamentary or inter vivos trust established pursuant to 42 USC 1396p(d)(4)(A) or (C), as amended from time to time. The court may only modify a trust established pursuant to 42 USC 1396p(d)(4)(A) or (C), as amended from time to time to ensure compliance with the requirements of federal law or to modify any individual's contingent beneficial interest that is available only after repayment to this state or another state for (1) medical assistance provided; and (2) all claims for which this state would have claims against the estate of the deceased beneficiary that have not previously been paid or reimbursed. The provisions of this subsection providing for repayment of medical assistance to the state for trusts established under 42 USC 1396p(d)(4)(A) or (C), as amended from time to time, are presumed to be a material purpose of the trust.

Sec. 46. Subsection (f) of section 45a-499kkk of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1*, 2021):

(f) Nothing in subsection (c) or (g) of this section limits a trustee's obligations under section 45a-177, as amended by this act.

Sec. 47. Subsection (b) of section 45a-716 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1*, 2021):

(b) The court shall cause notice of the hearing to be given to the following persons, as applicable: (1) The minor child, if age twelve or older; (2) the parent or parents of the minor child, including any parent who has been removed as guardian; (3) the father of any minor child born out of wedlock, provided at the time of the filing of the petition (A) he has been adjudicated the father of such child by a court of competent jurisdiction, (B) he has acknowledged in writing that he is the father of such child, (C) he has contributed regularly to the support of such child, (D) his name appears on the birth certificate, (E) he has filed a claim for paternity as provided under section 46b-172a, or (F) he has been named in the petition as the father of the child by the mother; (4) the guardian or any other person whom the court deems appropriate; (5) the Commissioner of Children and Families; and (6) the Attorney General. The Attorney General may file an appearance and shall be and remain a party to the action if the child is receiving or has received aid or care from the state, or if the child is receiving child support enforcement services, as defined in subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of section 46b-231. If the recipient of the notice is a person described in subdivision (2) or (3) of this subsection or is any other person whose parental rights are sought to be terminated in the petition, the notice shall contain a statement that the respondent has the right to be represented by counsel and that if the respondent is unable to pay for counsel, counsel [will] shall be appointed for the respondent. The reasonable compensation for such counsel shall be established by, and paid from funds appropriated to, the Judicial Department, except that in the case of a Probate Court matter, if funds have not been included in the budget of the Judicial Department for such purposes, such compensation shall be established by the Probate Court Administrator and paid from the Probate Court Administration Fund.

Sec. 48. Subsection (f) of section 46a-82 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1*, 2021):

(f) Any complaint filed pursuant to this section shall be filed within one hundred and eighty days after the alleged act of discrimination, except that any complaint by a person (1) claiming to be aggrieved by a violation of subsection (a) of section 46a-80 that occurred [on or] before October 1, 2019, shall be filed within thirty days of the alleged act of discrimination, and (2) claiming to be aggrieved by a violation of section 46a-60, sections 46a-70 to 46a-78, inclusive, or section 46a-80 or 46a-81c, that occurred on or after October 1, 2019, shall be filed not later than three hundred days after the date of the alleged act of discrimination.

Sec. 49. Subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of section 52-146v of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

(2) "First responder" means: Any peace officer, as defined in section 53a-3; any firefighter, as defined in section 7-313g; any person employed as a firefighter by a private employer; [,] any ambulance driver, emergency medical responder, emergency medical technician, advanced emergency medical technician or paramedic, as defined in section 19a-175; and any telecommunicator, as defined in section 28-30; and

Sec. 50. Subsection (a) of section 52-180c of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1*, 2021):

(a) As used in this section: (1) "Sexual misconduct" means any act that is prohibited by <u>section 53a-70b of the general statutes</u>, <u>revision of 1958</u>, <u>revised to January 1, 2019</u>, section 53a-70, 53a-70a, [53a-70b,] 53a-70c, 53a-71, 53a-72a, 53a-72b or 53a-73a, and any act that constitutes sexual harassment, as defined in subdivision (8) of subsection (b) of section 46a-60; and (2) "victim" includes an alleged victim.

Sec. 51. Subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of section 52-570d of the

general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

(1) Any federal, state or local criminal law enforcement official or agent of any such official who in the lawful performance of such [official] <u>official's</u> or agent's duties, or at the request or direction of such official or agent in the performance of such [official] <u>official's</u> or agent's duties, records telephonic communications;

Sec. 52. Subdivision (6) of subsection (a) of section 53a-18 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

(6) A teacher or other person entrusted with the care and supervision of a minor for school purposes may use reasonable physical force upon such minor when and to the extent such teacher or other person reasonably believes such force to be necessary to (A) protect himself or herself or others from immediate physical injury, (B) obtain possession of a dangerous instrument or controlled substance, as defined in subdivision (9) of section 21a-240, upon or within the control of such minor, (C) protect property from physical damage_z or (D) restrain such minor or remove such minor to another area, to maintain order.

Sec. 53. Subsection (b) of section 54-56i of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1*, 2021):

(b) Upon application by any such person for participation in such program, the court shall, but only as to the public, order the court file sealed, and such person shall pay to the court [of] an application fee of one hundred dollars and a nonrefundable evaluation fee of one hundred fifty dollars. A person shall be ineligible for participation in such pretrial drug education and community service program if such person has twice previously participated in (1) the pretrial drug education program

established under the provisions of this section in effect prior to October 1, 2013, (2) the community service labor program established under section 53a-39c, (3) the pretrial drug education and community service program established under this section, or (4) any of such programs, except that the court may allow a person who has twice previously participated in such programs to participate in the pretrial drug education and community service program one additional time, for good cause shown. The evaluation and application fee imposed under this subsection shall be credited to the pretrial account established under section 54-56k.

Sec. 54. Subsection (d) of section 54-91a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1*, 2021):

(d) In lieu of ordering a full presentence investigation, the court may order an abridged version of such investigation, which (1) shall contain (A) identifying information about the defendant, (B) information about the pending case from the record of the court, (C) the circumstances of the offense, (D) the attitude of the complainant or victim, (E) any damages suffered by the victim, including medical expenses, loss of earnings and property loss, and (F) the criminal record of the defendant, and (2) may encompass one or more areas of the social history and present condition of the defendant, including family background, significant relationships or children, educational attainment or vocational training, employment history, financial situation, housing situation, medical status, mental health status, substance abuse history, the results of any clinical evaluation conducted of the defendant or any other information required by the court that is consistent with the provisions of this section. If the court orders an abridged version of such investigation for a felony involving family violence, as defined in section 46b-38a, the abridged version of such investigation shall, in addition to the information set forth in subdivision (1) of this subsection,

contain the following information concerning the defendant: (A) Family background, (B) significant relationships [of] <u>or</u> children, (C) mental health status, and (D) substance abuse history.

Sec. 55. Subsection (a) of section 54-209 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1*, 2021):

(a) The Office of Victim Services or, on review, a victim compensation commissioner, may order the payment of compensation in accordance with the provisions of sections 54-201 to 54-218, inclusive, for personal injury or death which resulted from: (1) An attempt to prevent the commission of crime or to apprehend a suspected criminal or in aiding or attempting to aid a police officer so to do, (2) the commission or attempt to commit by another of any crime as provided in section 53a-24, (3) any crime that occurred outside the territorial boundaries of the United States that would be considered a crime within this state, provided the victim of such crime is a resident of this state, or (4) any crime involving international terrorism as defined in [Section 2331 of Title 18 of the United States Code] <u>18 USC 2331</u>, as amended from time to time.

Sec. 56. Subsection (f) of section 54-211 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1*, 2021):

(f) Compensation shall be awarded pursuant to sections 54-201 to 54-218, inclusive, for personal injury or death resulting from a crime which occurs (1) within this state, regardless of the residency of the applicant; (2) outside this state but within the territorial boundaries of the United States, provided the victim, at the time of injury or death, was a resident of this state and the state in which such crime occurred does not have a program for compensation of victims for which such victim is eligible; (3) outside the territorial boundaries of the United States, provided the

victim was a resident of this state at the time of injury or death, the crime would be considered a crime within the State of Connecticut, and the country in which such crime occurred does not have a program for compensation of victims for which such victim is eligible; and (4) outside the territorial boundaries of the United States, provided the applicant is a victim of international terrorism, as defined in [Section 2331 of Title 18 of the United States Code] <u>18 USC 2331</u>, as amended from time to time, and was a resident of this state at the time of injury or death.