



General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 1164

LCO No. 2930



Referred to Committee on HUMAN SERVICES

Introduced by:
SEN. OSTEN, 19th Dist.

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE
CONNECTICUT CONNECT 700 PROGRAM TO EXPAND STATE
GOVERNMENT EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR INDIVIDUALS
WITH DISABILITIES.**

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

- 1 That the general statutes be amended to establish the Connecticut
- 2 Connect 700 program to provide an alternative state government hiring
- 3 processes for qualified individuals with certain disabilities by providing
- 4 such persons up to seven hundred hours of on-the-job trial work
- 5 experience to (1) enable such persons the opportunity to demonstrate
- 6 their qualifications, (2) promote inclusive hiring practices in state
- 7 government, (3) reduce state government employment turnover, and (4)
- 8 maximize state workforce diversity and inclusion while fostering the
- 9 economic self-sufficiency of participants.

Statement of Purpose:

To establish the Connecticut Connect 700 program to expand employment opportunities in state government for individuals with disabilities and to foster workforce inclusiveness.