



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 101**

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House Bill No. 5383

*House of Representatives, March 19, 2026*

The Committee on Labor and Public Employees reported through REP. SANCHEZ, E. of the 24th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE LEGISLATIVE COMMISSIONERS' RECOMMENDATIONS FOR MINOR AND TECHNICAL REVISIONS TO STATUTES CONCERNING LABOR.***

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision (5) of subsection (a) of section 7-313p of the  
2 2026 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is  
3 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

4 (5) "State employer" means the state of Connecticut, including any  
5 agency or department of the state, any board of trustees of a state-owned  
6 or supported college or university and branches thereof, the  
7 Connecticut Airport Authority, the Tweed-New Haven Airport  
8 Authority and any entity that contracts with the Tweed-New Haven  
9 Airport Authority; and

10 Sec. 2. Section 7-313g of the 2026 supplement to the general statutes  
11 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
12 *passage*):

13 For purposes of this section and sections 3-123, 7-313h to 7-313k  
14 inclusive, and 29-303, "firefighter" shall include any (1) local fire  
15 marshal, deputy fire marshal, fire investigator, fire inspector and such  
16 other classes of inspectors and investigators for whom the State Fire  
17 Marshal and the Codes and Standards Committee, acting jointly, have  
18 adopted minimum standards of qualification pursuant to section 29-298;  
19 and (2) uniformed member of a paid municipal, state or volunteer fire  
20 department or of the Connecticut Airport Authority, the Tweed-New  
21 Haven Airport Authority and any entity that contracts with the Tweed-  
22 New Haven Airport Authority.

23 Sec. 3. Subdivision (3) of subsection (h) of section 31-225a of the 2026  
24 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is  
25 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

26 (3) The statement of charges provided for in subdivision (2) of this  
27 subsection shall constitute notice to the employer that it has been  
28 determined that the benefits reported in such statement were properly  
29 payable under this chapter to the claimants for the weeks and in the  
30 amounts shown in such statements. If the employer contends that  
31 benefits have been improperly charged due to fraud or error, a written  
32 protest setting forth reasons therefor shall be filed with the  
33 administrator not later than forty days [of] after the date the quarterly  
34 statement was provided. An eligibility issue shall not be reopened on  
35 the basis of such quarterly statement if notification of such eligibility  
36 issue had previously been given to the employer under the provisions  
37 of section 31-241, and he or she failed to file a timely appeal therefrom  
38 or had the issue finally resolved against him or her.

39 Sec. 4. Subsection (a) of section 31-40cc of the 2026 supplement to the  
40 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
41 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

42 (a) Each physician, physician assistant or advanced practice  
43 registered nurse having knowledge of any person whom such  
44 physician, physician assistant or advanced practice registered nurse  
45 suspects is suffering from an illness related to the exposure of lead,

46 phosphorus, arsenic, brass, wood alcohol or mercury or their  
 47 compounds, anthrax or compressed air, or any other disease contracted  
 48 as a result of the nature of the occupation of such person, shall, not later  
 49 than forty-eight hours [of] after discovery of such suspected  
 50 occupational disease, provide the Labor Department, in a form and  
 51 manner prescribed by the department, a report stating (1) the name,  
 52 address and occupation of such person, (2) the name, address and  
 53 business of such person's employer, (3) the nature of the disease, and (4)  
 54 any other information required by the department. Any physician,  
 55 physician assistant or advanced practice registered nurse who fails to  
 56 provide the report required pursuant to this section or who fails to send  
 57 such report within the time period prescribed by this section may be  
 58 assessed a civil penalty of not more than ten dollars by the Labor  
 59 Commissioner. No report made pursuant to the provisions of this  
 60 section shall be admissible as evidence in any civil action or for a  
 61 workers' compensation claim under chapter 568.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	7-313p(a)(5)
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	7-313g
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	31-225a(h)(3)
Sec. 4	<i>from passage</i>	31-40cc(a)

**LAB**      *Joint Favorable*

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

The bill, which makes minor and technical revisions to statutes concerning labor, does not result in any fiscal impact to the state or municipalities.

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

**OLR Bill Analysis**

**HB 5383**

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE LEGISLATIVE COMMISSIONERS' RECOMMENDATIONS FOR MINOR AND TECHNICAL REVISIONS TO STATUTES CONCERNING LABOR.***

**SUMMARY**

This bill makes technical changes to various labor statutes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Labor and Public Employees Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 13 Nay 0 (03/05/2026)