General Assembly

Raised Bill No. 310

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LCO No. **1913**

Referred to Committee on EDUCATION

Introduced by:
(ED)

AN ACT CONCERNING VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT.

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

Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2026*) The executive director of the Technical Education and Career System shall study the feasibility of expanding vocational education programs to students in grades kindergarten to eight, inclusive. Not later than January 1, 2027, the executive director shall submit a report on the results of such study, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education.

Sec. 2. (*Effective July 1, 2026*) For the school year commencing July 1, 2026, the executive director of the Technical Education and Career System shall establish a pilot program for the provision of one or more courses to train students to become certified wastewater treatment facility operators at technical education and career schools throughout the state. Not later than January 1, 2027, the executive director shall submit a report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the

16 general statutes, to the joint standing committee of the General
17 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education. Such
18 report shall include the number of students who enrolled in such course
19 or courses, the timeframe in which such students may become certified
20 wastewater treatment facility operators after completion of such course
21 and recommendations for any funding or legislation to expand such
22 pilot program or to make such pilot program permanent.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	*July 1, 2026*	New section
Sec. 2	*July 1, 2026*	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To require a study for expanding vocational education to grades kindergarten to eight, inclusive, and establish a pilot program for training wastewater treatment facility operators.

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