



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 389

February Session, 2026



AN ACT CONCERNING YOUTH EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING FUNDS.

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

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 Section 31-3mm of the general statutes is repealed and the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

3 (a) The Labor Department, within available appropriations, shall
4 establish a program to distribute youth employment and training funds
5 to regional workforce development boards for services to persons ages
6 fourteen to twenty-four.

7 (b) Funds provided for in this section shall be allocated [as follows:
8 (1) Thirty-two and five-tenths per cent to Capitol Workforce Partners;
9 (2) twenty-two and five-tenths per cent to The Workforce Alliance; (3)
10 twelve and five-tenths per cent to The Workplace, Inc.; (4) twenty-two
11 and five-tenths per cent to the Northwest Regional Workforce
12 Investment Board, Inc.; and (5) ten per cent to the Eastern Connecticut
13 Workforce Investment Board] to the regional workforce development
14 boards by the Labor Commissioner based on a formula established by
15 the Labor Commissioner, in collaboration with the regional workforce
16 development boards, that utilizes available data, including, but not
17 limited to, (1) the number of students in each workforce development
18 region that are eligible for free or reduced-price lunch, (2) the number

19 of economically disadvantaged youth in each workforce development
20 region determined by the most recent American Community Survey
21 conducted by United States Census Bureau, and (3) the number of at-
22 risk students, as defined in section 21 of public act 24-45, in each
23 workforce development region.

24 (c) The Labor Commissioner, in collaboration with the regional
25 workforce development boards, may update the formula established
26 pursuant to subsection (b) of this section in order to reflect current
27 conditions in the workforce development regions.

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

APP *Joint Favorable Subst.*