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Senate ~~General Bill~~ Assembly File No.

~~81346 February~~ Public Session, Act 2026 Senate Bill No.

~~34626-99 Senate, AN March~~ ACT 19, CONCERNING 2026 THE MODIFICATIONS Committee TO on THE Labor GOVERNOR'S and WORKFORCE Public COUNCIL. ~~Employees reported through SEN.~~

~~KUSHNER of the 24th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.~~

~~AN ACT CONCERNING THE MODIFICATIONS TO THE GOVERNOR'S WORKFORCE COUNCIL.~~

(3) [Twenty-four] Thirty members, appointed by the Governor, who (A) are owners of a business, chief executives or operating officers of a business, or other business executives or employers with optimum ~~SB346~~ policy-making ~~/or File~~ hiring No. authority;

~~81(B) 1~~ represent SB346 businesses ~~File~~ or organizations representing businesses that provide employment opportunities that, at a minimum, include high-quality, work-relevant training and development in in-demand industry sectors or occupation Senate Bill No.

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~~(B) [or] represent and businesses (C) or have organizations been representing nominated businesses by that state provide business employment organizations opportunities that, at a minimum, include high-quality, work-relevant training and development in in-demand industry sectors or occupation business in trade the associations. - state;~~

~~or At (C) a have~~ minimum, been at nominated least one such member shall represent small businesses, as defined by state the business United organizations States or Small business Business trade Administration, associations. at least one such member shall be an expert in residential construction and at least one such member shall be an expert in unionized construction;

~~At a minimum, at least one such member shall represent small businesses, as defined by the United States Small Business Administration, and at least one such member shall be an expert in residential construction;~~

(9) A representative from the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities, a representative from The University of Connecticut and a ~~SB346~~ representative ~~/from File~~ a nonprofit institution of higher education in the Public Act No.

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~~81346 representative from a nonprofit institution of higher education in the~~ state, each appointed by the Governor;

~~and [and]~~ (14) Two members of the public, who are enrolled in or who have recently completed a nondegree workforce training program, appointed by the ~~Governor.~~ Governor;

~~and [.]~~ (15) A representative of a labor organization, who has been nominated by a state building trades labor organization and appointed by the Governor.

The council may delegate to the executive committee any ~~powers~~ Public of Act the No. ~~council except those powers that are required by law to be exercised by the council.~~

~~The 26-99 chairperson 3 may also appoint ad hoc committees, workgroups or task forces to assist the council as appropriate, and shall consult with the vice-chairperson and the legislative members of the 4 council Senate in Bill-making appointments to such ad~~ SB346 / File No.

~~81346 3 powers SB346 of File the No.~~ council except those powers that are required by law to be exercised by the council.

~~81 The chairperson may also appoint ad hoc committees, workgroups or task forces to assist the council as appropriate, and shall consult with the vice-chairperson and the legislative members of the council in making appointments to such ad~~ hoc committees, workgroups or task forces.

(g) The Governor shall establish bylaws for the council pursuant to ~~20~~ CFR 679.110(d), which shall include, but need not be limited to, term limitations for members and how appointments will be made.

(h) The ~~council total~~ shall consist of an odd number of members ~~and on the total council number of members~~ shall not be more than ~~sixty-one~~ sixty-two members.

~~This Governor's act Action: shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:~~

~~Section Approved 4 June from 4, passage 2026 31-31 Public LAB Act Joint Favorable SB346 / File~~ No.

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~~81 The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not~~

~~represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose.~~

~~In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge.~~

~~Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.~~

~~OFA Fiscal Note State Impact:~~

~~Agency Affected Fund Effect FY 27 \$ FY 28 \$ Various State Agencies FF - Precludes a See Below See Below Potential Revenue Loss Note:~~

~~FF=Federal Funds Municipal Impact:~~

~~None Explanation The bill precludes a potential revenue loss in federal funds to the state by modifying the membership to the Governor's Workforce Council.~~

~~These modifications are necessary for the Council to comply with federal law.~~

~~If the Council is not in compliance, the state's share of federal funding from the Workforce Innovation and Opportunities Act (WIOA) may potentially be delayed or eliminated.~~

~~On average the state receives \$30 million annually in WIOA federal funding that may be impacted.~~

~~The impacted agencies include the Department of Labor, Office of Workforce Strategy, State Department of Education, and the Department of Aging and Disability Services.~~

~~The Out Years The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future pending funding decisions from the federal government.~~

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~~81 OLR Bill Analysis SB 346 AN ACT CONCERNING THE MODIFICATIONS TO THE GOVERNOR'S WORKFORCE COUNCIL.~~

~~SUMMARY This bill changes the membership of the Governor's Workforce Council to comply with federal law, which requires a majority of the governor's appointments to the council to be business representatives. It does so by increasing the number of the governor's appointments of business representatives from 24 to 30.~~

~~It also requires at least one of these 30 members to be an expert in residential construction.~~

~~It eliminates a separate gubernatorial appointment of a residential construction expert who does not have to be a business representative.~~

~~The bill also requires the (1) governor to appoint to the council a director of a vocational rehabilitation program at the Department of Aging and Disability Services and (2) council to consist of an odd number with a maximum of 61 members.~~

~~Under the bill, modifications to the council's membership must conform with federal law.~~

~~The bill also makes other technical and conforming changes, such as updating the citation to federal law.~~

~~EFFECTIVE DATE:~~

~~Upon passage BACKGROUND Council Membership By law, the council's business representatives appointed by the governor must:~~

~~1.~~

~~be owners of a business, chief executives or operating officers of SB346 / File No.~~

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~~81 a business, or other business executives or employers with optimum policy-making or hiring authority;~~

~~2.~~

~~represent businesses or organizations representing businesses that provide employment opportunities that at least include high-quality, work-relevant training and development in in-demand industry sectors or occupation in the state;~~

~~or 3.~~

~~have been nominated by state business organizations or business trade associations.~~

~~At least one of these members must represent small business.~~

~~By law, other members include stakeholders, legislators, and government agency representatives.~~

~~Federal law requires a state workforce development board's membership to (1) include the governor, two legislators, and other government representatives;~~

~~(2) have the majority of the governor's appointments be business representatives;~~

~~and (3) have at least 20% of the governor's appointments be workforce representatives (29 U.S.C. Sec. (2024)).~~

~~Council Duties The council's statutory duties include, among other things, convening state agencies, educational institutions, business leaders, and others to (1) inform state workforce development policy, (2) help state agencies and educational institutions align with employers' needs, and (3) help businesses~~

~~understand how to contribute to the state's workforce efforts (CGS Sec. 31-3h).~~

~~COMMITTEE ACTION Labor and Public Employees Committee Joint Favorable Yea 13 Nay 0 (03/05/2026) SB346 /~~
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