

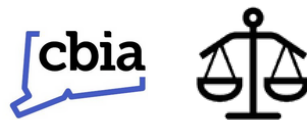
Connecticut Manufacturers' Collaborative

Representing 1200 manufacturing companies with tens of thousands of employees throughout Connecticut



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H.B. No. 5266 - WBL

Requiring the Commissioner of Education to (1) evaluate school districts' student work release policies, (2) develop a model student work release policy, and (3) provide guidance to local and regional boards of education regarding such model student work release policy and to require each local or regional board of education to adopt a student work release policy based on guidance provided by the commissioner.

H.B. No. 5265 - STEM AWARENESS

Requiring the DECD Commissioner to issue an RFP for the development of a computer or mobile application to promote student career awareness and STEM skill development for middle school students in the state.

SMALL BUSINESS ASSAULT

The legislature's Labor and Public Employees Committee kicked off the 2022 with a numerous proposals, the majority of them costly new workplace mandates with an outside impact on CT small businesses. The committee's first agenda featured 30 bill concepts—essentially one-sentence titles with little detail—including failed measures recycled from previous years. [Read more.](#)

S.B. 163 - WORKPLACE COMMUNICATION

State lawmakers are attempting to suppress employer-employee workplace communications. The legislature's Judiciary Committee and Labor and Public Employees Committee are each pushing retread versions of past failed bills that drastically restrict interaction. [Read more.](#)



PUBLIC POLICY IN-ACTION

Over the course of the next few weeks CT-N will cover Budget Briefings, Public Hearings, Committee meetings, etc. To find their daily schedule and view live, visit the CT-N [website.](#)



KNOWING YOUR BUSINESS

Paul Thorberg speaks with Ari Santiago about career development, being patient when doing business, and understanding customers' needs. Listen to the podcast [here.](#)



MIXED REALITY I4.0

NERDIC was formed in late 2017, as an applicant for a DoD grant. Initial discussions, which lead to the formation of the collaboration, identified that the six states of New England face similar challenges in their efforts to support and promote the defense industry diversification and strengthening. Under this grant opportunity, among other things, NERDIC has recently sponsored the development of a [video](#) showing real-time Mixed Reality in the manufacturing setting.



WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

The Naval & Maritime Consortium (NMC) is an active network of member companies, community partners, and OEMs that collectively addresses challenges, shares solutions, and collaborates to develop opportunities within the growing Blue Tech industrial sector. The NMC has joined the CMC as an Associate Member Organization. Executive Director Walker Potts states, “[The NMC] includes everything from small machine shops with 2 or 3 people all the way up to major suppliers that have been doing extensive work for OEMs for decades. Through mentorship, collaboration, and business networking, we bring companies together and create opportunities for growth. For more information visit their [website](#).

skillsgapp

WORKFORCE GAME APP

We’re all after the same thing: States, regions and industry need a qualified workforce pipeline; kids want a promising future. By transforming skills development, career awareness and job opportunities into mobile gaming technology, we can revolutionize how the next generation engages in – and views – skills-based careers at an earlier age. Learn more [here](#).



COLIN COOPER TRIBUTE

CCAT created a very lovely tribute to Colin Cooper when he retired as the State's Chief Manufacturing Officer in February 2022. Watch [here](#).



HARTFORD \$250M

Hartford is preparing an ambitious \$250M redevelopment of the commercial core of Parkville. The plan centers on a \$50M application for state development dollars, which would be leveraged with \$200M from other sources. Capital Community College is interested in bringing an advanced manufacturing or training center to the Parkville Arts and Innovation District. Read [here](#).



QEP SPRING 2022

April 7th 9am - 3pm

Five (5) consecutive Thursdays

The Quality Essentials Program is being offered to address the growing need to enhance the knowledge of quality principles among skilled manufacturing workers. Register [here](#).



CHANGE IN LEADERSHIP

Pratt & Whitney is getting a new leader. Current President Christopher Calio has been promoted to CFO of Pratt's parent company, Raytheon Technologies Corp. Shane Eddy is set to succeed Calio as Pratt & Whitney's new president. The two men will begin their new roles March 1, 2022. [Read more](#).

Deloitte.

2022 INDUSTRY OUTLOOK

The manufacturing industry is building back fast, undeterred by significant labor and supply chain challenges. Download [report](#).



University of New Haven

ENERGY EFFICIENCY

The U.S. Department of Energy set aside \$60M in funding for its largest-ever cohort of university-based Industrial Assessment Centers, which will assist small- and medium-sized manufacturers in reducing their carbon emissions and lowering energy costs, while training the next generation of energy-efficiency workers. UConn and the University of New Haven have partnered to offer this free assessment. See attached flyer.



CALLING ALL SENIORS

AARP is working with statewide academic organizations to train age 50+ manufacturing students and transition qualified retirees into well-paying jobs teaching the next generation of manufacturing employees. Find out more [here](#).