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# **Growing Connecticut's Economy and Workforce**

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### SUPPORTING SMALL BUSINESS GROWTH AND JOB CREATION

As a member of the Commerce Committee, I supported pro-business bills this session that would streamline the business permitting process, provide assistance to businesses trying to create jobs, grow our manufacturing workforce talent pipeline, and better market the positives of CT to attract businesses here. Bills that passed both the House and Senate will:

- Extend the Manufacturing Apprenticeship Tax Credit to S-corps or partnerships and LLC's. They can now claim this credit.
- Create a strategic plan for the ever-growing bioscience sector in our state.
- Support a Mobile Manufacturing Training Lab so that our workforce can have better access to continuing education and our students can learn about these careers sooner.
- Authorize additional uses of funds available to CTNext. CTNext is a whollyowned subsidiary of Connecticut Innovations that offers services to entrepreneurs.

#### SECOND ANNUAL STUDENT->MANUFACTURERS CONNECTION FAIR

In late April, I welcomed hundreds of students from Connecticut's technical high schools and colleges and traditional high schools to my second annual Student->Manufacturers Connection Fair at the State Capitol. This event is a one of a kind opportunity for students to connect with manufacturers who have readily available internships, apprenticeships, and high paying careers. Many exhibitors were present, including EDAC of Cheshire; CV Tool of Southington; and APS Technology, Holo-Krome, Hobson Motzer, and NN Life Sciences of Wallingford. It was also my pleasure to welcome Cheshire High School students to the fair. Some of those students are already joining the apprenticeship team at EDAC in Cheshire. Above are some photos from the day.

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