



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

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House Bill No. 7006

*House of Representatives, March 18, 2025*

The Committee on Aging reported through REP. GARIBAY of the 60th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT CONCERNING TUITION WAIVERS FOR NURSING HOME RESIDENTS WHO TAKE ONLINE COURSES AT REGIONAL COMMUNITY-TECHNICAL COLLEGES.***

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (d) of section 10a-77 of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
3 *passage*):

4 (d) Said board of trustees shall waive the payment of tuition at any of  
5 the regional community-technical colleges (1) for any dependent child  
6 of a person whom the armed forces of the United States has declared to  
7 be missing in action or to have been a prisoner of war while serving in  
8 such armed forces after January 1, 1960, which child has been accepted  
9 for admission to such institution and is a resident of the state at the time  
10 such child is accepted for admission to such institution, (2) subject to the  
11 provisions of subsection (e) of this section, for any veteran, as defined in  
12 section 27-103, who performed service in time of war, as defined in  
13 section 27-103, except that for purposes of this subsection, "service in

14 time of war" shall not include time spent in attendance at a military  
15 service academy, which veteran has been accepted for admission to such  
16 institution and is domiciled in this state at the time such veteran is  
17 accepted for admission to such institution, (3) for any resident of the  
18 state sixty-two years of age or older, provided, at the end of the regular  
19 registration period, there are enrolled in the course a sufficient number  
20 of students other than those residents eligible for waivers pursuant to  
21 this subdivision to offer the course in which such resident intends to  
22 enroll and there is space available in such course after accommodating  
23 all such students, (4) for any student attending the Connecticut State  
24 Police Academy who is enrolled in a law enforcement program at said  
25 academy offered in coordination with a regional community-technical  
26 college which accredits courses taken in such program, (5) for any active  
27 member of the Connecticut Army or Air National Guard who (A) has  
28 been certified by the Adjutant General or such Adjutant General's  
29 designee as a member in good standing of the guard, and (B) is enrolled  
30 or accepted for admission to such institution on a full-time or part-time  
31 basis in an undergraduate degree-granting program, (6) for any  
32 dependent child of a (A) police officer, as defined in section 7-294a, or  
33 supernumerary or auxiliary police officer, (B) firefighter, as defined in  
34 section 7-323j, or member of a volunteer fire company, (C) municipal  
35 employee, or (D) state employee, as defined in section 5-154, killed in  
36 the line of duty, (7) for any resident of the state who is a dependent child  
37 or surviving spouse of a specified terrorist victim who was a resident of  
38 this state, (8) for any dependent child of a resident of the state who was  
39 killed in a multivehicle crash at or near the intersection of Routes 44 and  
40 10 and Nod Road in Avon on July 29, 2005, [and] (9) for any resident of  
41 the state who is a dependent child or surviving spouse of a person who  
42 was killed in action while performing active military duty with the  
43 armed forces of the United States on or after September 11, 2001, and  
44 who was a resident of this state, and (10) for any resident of the state  
45 who (A) resides in a nursing home, as defined in section 19a-490, and  
46 (B) enrolls in any online course. If any person who receives a tuition  
47 waiver in accordance with the provisions of this subsection also receives  
48 educational reimbursement from an employer, such waiver shall be

49 reduced by the amount of such educational reimbursement. Veterans  
50 and members of the National Guard described in subdivision (5) of this  
51 subsection shall be given the same status as students not receiving  
52 tuition waivers in registering for courses at regional community-  
53 technical colleges. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10a-30, as  
54 used in this subsection, "domiciled in this state" includes domicile for  
55 less than one year.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	10a-77(d)

**AGE**      *Joint Favorable*

*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 26 \$	FY 27 \$
Board of Regents for Higher Education	OF - Potential Revenue Loss	Less than 100,000	Less than 100,000

Note: OF=Other Fund

### **Municipal Impact:** None

### **Explanation**

The bill results in a potential revenue loss of less than \$100,000 annually beginning in FY 26 to the Board of Regents for Higher Education. It waives tuition to CT State for nursing home residents who take online courses.

As of September 30, 2023, there were approximately 19,600 nursing home residents in Connecticut.<sup>1</sup> Of this population, approximately 15% was under the age of 65. Current law waives tuition at CT State for state residents over the age of 62 under certain circumstances.<sup>2</sup> For this reason, the number of people who receive the bill's waiver is expected to be minimal.

If 10 people received a waiver at the FY 26 full-time, in-state tuition rate of \$4,608 for CT State, the revenue loss would be \$46,080. If those ten people instead each took one, three-credit course at the rate of \$576 for three credit hours, the revenue loss to CT State would be \$5,760.

### **The Out Years**

<sup>1</sup> Data.ct.gov: Connecticut Annual Nursing Facility Census, September 30, 2023

<sup>2</sup> CGS 10a-77(d)(3)

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation in CT State tuition.

**OLR Bill Analysis****HB 7006*****AN ACT CONCERNING TUITION WAIVERS FOR NURSING HOME RESIDENTS WHO TAKE ONLINE COURSES AT REGIONAL COMMUNITY-TECHNICAL COLLEGES.*****SUMMARY**

This bill requires the Board of Trustees of the Community-Technical Colleges to waive tuition fees at any of the regional community-technical colleges for state residents who, regardless of age, reside in a nursing home and enroll in any online course at these colleges.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

**BACKGROUND*****Tuition Waivers for Persons Aged 62 Years and Older***

Under existing law, state residents 62 years of age or older are eligible to have their tuition waived at the regional community-technical colleges under certain circumstances. This applies if there are enough paying students enrolled in the course to offer it, and there is space available in the course after accommodating all paying students. This provision applies regardless of attendance format (e.g., in-person, hybrid, and online).

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Aging Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 13      Nay 0      (03/04/2025)