



House of Representatives

General Assembly

File No. 248

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Substitute House Bill No. 7095

House of Representatives, March 25, 2025

The Committee on Higher Education and Employment Advancement reported through REP. HADDAD of the 54th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT REQUIRING AN ACTION PLAN FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT TO BECOME A MEMBER OF AN ASSOCIATION OF RESEARCH UNIVERSITIES.

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

- 1 Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2025*) The University of Connecticut shall
- 2 develop an action plan to increase the likelihood of receiving an
- 3 invitation to become a member of an association of research universities
- 4 in the United States. Such action plan shall include, but need not be
- 5 limited to, specifications for (1) the metrics that said university will
- 6 track, the time frame and resources required to meet such metrics and
- 7 the state-wide economic impact of such membership, and (2) any
- 8 recommendations for legislation to assist said university in meeting
- 9 such metrics and to support such membership, if granted. Not later than
- 10 January 1, 2026, The University of Connecticut shall submit, in
- 11 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes,
- 12 such action plan to the joint standing committee of the General
- 13 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to higher education

14 and employment advancement.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	New section
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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill has no fiscal impact. It requires the University of Connecticut to develop an action plan to increase the likelihood of receiving an invitation to an association of research universities. It is anticipated that UConn can develop this plan with existing resources.

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 18 Nay 0 (03/11/2025)