



House of Representatives

General Assembly

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House Bill No. 7171

House of Representatives, April 14, 2025

The Committee on Environment reported through REP. PARKER of the 101st Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING CERTAIN CARETAKER AUTHORIZATION FOR THE AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION.

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 22-81 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
3 *passage*):

4 (a) Said board shall have the general management of the institution
5 and shall appoint a director, who shall have the general management
6 and oversight of experiments and investigations. It may own such real
7 and personal estate as may be necessary for carrying on its work and
8 may receive title to the same by deed, devise or bequest. The board may
9 assign caretakers to reside in trust-owned properties under the
10 jurisdiction of such board as trustee. Such caretakers may include, but
11 shall not be limited to, Agricultural Experiment Station department
12 heads, employees and the director of the station. It shall expend all
13 money appropriated by the state in the prosecution of the work for
14 which said institution is established, shall use for the same purpose the

15 income from all funds and endowments which it may receive from other
16 sources and may sue and be sued by the name of the Connecticut
17 Agricultural Experiment Station. It may seek and obtain patents,
18 trademarks and licensing agreements relating to inventions and
19 discoveries of any employee of the Connecticut Agricultural
20 Experiment Station. It may pursue any opportunity to receive funds for
21 research available from the federal government or from private sources.
22 It shall make an annual report to the joint standing committee of the
23 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the
24 Department of Agriculture and the Department of Energy and
25 Environmental Protection, including a statement of the activities of the
26 station and the sources and amounts of funds available to the station. It
27 shall make an annual report to the Governor, as provided in section 4-
28 60, including therein a report upon adulterated food products and a
29 report of the work done and results obtained under the provisions of
30 section 22-84.

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

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	22-81(a)
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ENV *Joint Favorable*

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill clarifies who is allowed to be a caretaker at the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station's (CAES) various properties. This codifies law to existing practice and does not result in a fiscal impact.

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State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

OLR Bill Analysis**HB 7171*****AN ACT CONCERNING CERTAIN CARETAKER AUTHORIZATION
FOR THE AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION.*****SUMMARY**

This bill allows the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station's (CAES) board of control to assign caretakers to live in properties that are under the board's jurisdiction. Under the bill, the caretakers may be the CAES director, department heads, or employees.

By law, the board has general management powers over CAES and may own property as needed to carry out its work.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

COMMITTEE ACTION

Environment Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 32 Nay 0 (03/24/2025)