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The Committee on Higher Education and Employment Advancement reported through SEN. SLAP of the 5th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING MINOR REVISIONS TO THE HIGHER EDUCATION STATUTES CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CONNECTICUT STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND THE BOARD OF REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION.

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

1 Section 1. Section 3-27a of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 There is hereby created a Short Term Investment Fund to be
4 administered by the State Treasurer. The State Treasurer may sell
5 participation certificates of the Short Term Investment Fund for
6 investment to the General Fund, bond funds, the Special Transportation
7 Fund, the Local Bridge Revolving Fund, the Educational Excellence
8 Trust Fund, the Residential Property Tax Revaluation Relief Fund, the
9 Municipal Abandoned Vehicle Trust Fund, the Special Abandoned
10 Property Fund, trust funds administered by the Treasurer and all such
11 other funds the moneys of which by law the Treasurer is responsible for

12 investing. [Said] Such participation certificates shall bear and pay such
13 interest and be issued subject to such terms and conditions as shall be
14 determined and established by the State Treasurer. The interest derived
15 from the investment or reinvestment of funds of The University of
16 Connecticut Operating Fund and The University of Connecticut Health
17 Center Operating Fund, The University of Connecticut Research
18 Foundation, The University of Connecticut Health Center Research
19 Foundation, the Connecticut State University System Operating Fund,
20 the Connecticut State University System Research Foundation, and the
21 [Regional Community-Technical Colleges] Connecticut State
22 Community College Operating Fund, as authorized by sections 10a-105,
23 10a-110a, 10a-130, 10a-99 and 10a-77, as amended by this act,
24 respectively, and the Board of Regents for Higher Education for Charter
25 Oak State College educational services account, as authorized by section
26 10a-143, shall be paid to each board or board of trustees respectively.

27 Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 3-31b of the general statutes is
28 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
29 *passage*):

30 (a) Notwithstanding any [contrary] provision of [law] the general
31 statutes, the State Treasurer may establish one or more combined
32 investment funds for the purpose of investing funds for which the
33 Treasurer is custodian or trustee, or funds [which] that the [Boards]
34 Board of Trustees of The University of Connecticut [, the Connecticut
35 State University System or the Regional Community-Technical
36 Colleges] or the Board of Regents for Higher Education request the
37 Treasurer to invest pursuant to this section, provided the Treasurer shall
38 adopt appropriate accounting procedures from which the exact interest
39 of such funds so combined for investment can be determined. The State
40 Treasurer is authorized to sell to all agencies, instrumentalities and
41 political subdivisions of the state, participation units in any such
42 combined investment fund established by him pursuant to this section.
43 Such participation units issued by the Treasurer under the provisions of
44 this section are made legal investments for all the funds of, held by or
45 administered by all agencies, instrumentalities and political

46 subdivisions of the state. The Treasurer may adopt such rules and
47 regulations as may be necessary to administer the provisions of this
48 section.

49 Sec. 3. Section 4-29 of the general statutes is repealed and the
50 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

51 Any state appropriation or the proceeds of any bond issue authorized
52 by the General Assembly for the purpose of erecting a building or
53 buildings for the use of any state institution, any [institution under the
54 jurisdiction of the Board of Trustees of] state university within the
55 Connecticut State University System enumerated in section 10a-87, as
56 amended by this act, any technical education and career school or The
57 University of Connecticut, for the development of aviation and for other
58 purposes, may be used in whole or in part as the state's share of the cost
59 of the work involved in conjunction with any funds made available by
60 any branch of the federal government if the Governor so determines and
61 directs.

62 Sec. 4. Subsection (a) of section 4-31a of the general statutes is
63 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
64 *passage*):

65 (a) Any gift, contribution, income from trust funds, or other aid from
66 any private source or from the federal government, except federal aid
67 for highway and bridge purposes or federal funds in the possession of
68 the Board of Control of the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment
69 Station, the Board of Trustees of The University of Connecticut, the
70 Board of [Trustees of the Connecticut State University System, the Board
71 of Trustees of the Community-Technical Colleges] Regents for Higher
72 Education, or the Employment Security Division of the Labor
73 Department, or any other gift, grant or trust fund in the possession of
74 any of said boards, shall be entered upon the records of the General
75 Fund in the manner prescribed by the Secretary of the Office of Policy
76 and Management. When so recorded, such amounts shall be deemed to
77 be appropriated to the purposes of such gift, contribution or other aid
78 and shall be allotted in accordance with law. No gift, contribution,

79 income from trust funds, or other aid from any private source or from
80 the federal government that is subject to this subsection shall require
81 allotment, except upon a notice by the Secretary of the Office of Policy
82 and Management that the state agency receiving such funding has failed
83 to consistently provide the notifications required in subsection (e) of
84 section 4-66a.

85 Sec. 5. Subdivisions (3) to (5), inclusive, of section 4-37e of the general
86 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
87 (*Effective from passage*):

88 (3) "Executive authority" means (A) a department head, as defined in
89 section 4-5, (B) the executive secretary or president of a constituent unit,
90 (C) the chief executive officer of a public institution of higher education
91 and, if such public institution of higher education is [an accredited state
92 community-technical college] the Connecticut State Community
93 College, the chief executive officer of a campus of such college, and (D)
94 the chief executive officer of any other state agency.

95 (4) "Constituent unit" means a constituent unit as defined in section
96 10a-1, as amended by this act.

97 (5) "Public institution of higher education" means a public college or
98 university in the state system of higher education, any campus of [an
99 accredited state community-technical college] the Connecticut State
100 Community College, or The University of Connecticut School of Law.

101 Sec. 6. Subdivisions (3) and (4) of section 4-37f of the general statutes
102 are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
103 *from passage*):

104 (3) If the constituent unit is the [regional community-technical
105 colleges] Connecticut State Community College or the Connecticut State
106 University System, the purposes of the foundation shall be limited to
107 providing funding for (A) scholarships or other direct student financial
108 aid, and (B) programs, services or activities at one or more of the
109 institutions within its jurisdiction;

110 (4) If the state agency is a public institution of higher education, the
111 following persons shall serve as nonvoting members of the governing
112 board of the foundation unless the bylaws of the foundation provide
113 that they be voting members: The executive authority of the institution,
114 or his designee, a student enrolled at the institution, who shall be elected
115 by the students enrolled in the institution and a member of the faculty
116 of the institution, who shall be elected by the faculty of the institution.
117 Elections pursuant to this subdivision shall be conducted in accordance
118 with procedures for such elections established by the governing board
119 [of trustees] of the constituent unit which has jurisdiction over the
120 institution;

121 Sec. 7. Section 4-124z of the general statutes is repealed and the
122 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

123 (a) Not later than January 1, 2022, and as necessary thereafter, the
124 board of the Technical Education and Career System, in consultation
125 with the Chief Workforce Officer, the Labor Commissioner, the
126 Commissioners of Economic and Community Development, Education
127 and Social Services, the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
128 Management and the chancellor of the Connecticut State Colleges and
129 Universities and one member of industry representing each of the
130 economic clusters identified by the Commissioner of Economic and
131 Community Development pursuant to section 32-1m shall (1) review,
132 evaluate and, as necessary, recommend improvements for certification
133 and degree programs offered by the Technical Education and Career
134 System and the [community-technical college system] Connecticut State
135 Community College to ensure that such programs meet the
136 employment needs of business and industry, (2) develop strategies to
137 strengthen the linkage between skill standards for education and
138 training and the employment needs of business and industry, (3) assess
139 the unmet demand from employers in the state to hire graduates of
140 trade programs from technical education and career schools and the
141 unmet demand from students in the state to enroll in a trade program at
142 a technical education and career school, and (4) assess opportunities to
143 increase utilization of technical education and career schools during

144 after school hours and on weekends.

145 (b) Not later than January [1, 2002, and] first annually, [thereafter,]
146 the superintendent of the Technical Education and Career System shall
147 report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a, to the joint
148 standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of
149 matters relating to education, commerce, labor and higher education
150 and employment advancement on any certification or degree programs
151 offered by technical education and career schools or [community-
152 technical colleges] the Connecticut State Community College that do not
153 meet current industry standards.

154 Sec. 8. Section 4-124gg of the general statutes is repealed and the
155 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

156 The board of the Technical Education and Career System, in
157 consultation with the Labor Commissioner, shall create an integrated
158 system of state-wide industry advisory committees for each career
159 cluster offered as part of the Technical Education and Career System and
160 [regional community-technical college system. Said] the Connecticut
161 State Community College. Such committees shall include industry
162 representatives of the specific career cluster. Each committee for a career
163 cluster shall, with support from the Office of Workforce Strategy, Labor
164 Department, Technical Education and Career System, [regional
165 community-technical college system] Connecticut State Community
166 College and [the] Department of Education, establish specific skills
167 standards, corresponding curriculum and a career ladder for the cluster
168 which shall be implemented as part of the schools' core curriculum.

169 Sec. 9. Subsection (b) of section 4a-11 of the general statutes is
170 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
171 *passage*):

172 (b) The proceeds of the sale of said bonds, to the extent of the amount
173 stated in subsection (a) of this section, shall be deposited in the Capital
174 Equipment Purchase Fund created by section 4a-9. Any such proceeds
175 shall be allocated to the Board of Regents for Higher Education as

176 follows: (1) For The University of Connecticut, not exceeding six million
177 three hundred ninety-five thousand dollars; (2) for The University of
178 Connecticut Health Center, not exceeding one million two hundred
179 thirty-five thousand dollars; (3) for the Connecticut State University
180 System, not exceeding two million five hundred forty thousand dollars;
181 (4) for the [regional community-technical colleges] Connecticut State
182 Community College, not exceeding two million seven hundred fifty
183 thousand dollars; and (5) for the Board of Regents for Higher Education,
184 not exceeding thirty thousand dollars.

185 Sec. 10. Subdivision (10) of section 4b-55 of the general statutes is
186 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
187 *passage*):

188 (10) "Downtown Hartford higher education center project" means a
189 project to develop a higher education center, as defined in subparagraph
190 (B) of subdivision (2) of section 32-600, and as described in subsection
191 (a) of section 32-612, as amended by this act, for the [regional
192 community-technical college system] Connecticut State Community
193 College;

194 Sec. 11. Section 5-177 of the general statutes is repealed and the
195 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

196 Any person in the unclassified service employed full time by the
197 Board of Trustees of The University of Connecticut, the State Board of
198 Education, the Technical Education and Career System, the Department
199 of Rehabilitative Services, the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment
200 Station, the American School for the Deaf, the Connecticut Institute for
201 the Blind, the Newington Children's Hospital [,] or the Board of
202 [Trustees of the Connecticut State University System or the Board of
203 Trustees of the Community-Technical Colleges] Regents for Higher
204 Education, as a teacher or administrator in a position directly involved
205 in educational activities in any state-operated institution, [or the Board
206 of Regents for Higher Education,] who served prior to such person's
207 employment by the state in a full-time teaching, administrative or
208 research position in an educational institution in or under the authority

209 of a state department of education or a department of education for the
210 blind in the United States approved by the Retirement Commission, or
211 who was employed by such institution but served all or part of such
212 service time in a foreign country, for which service such person has
213 received or will receive no retirement benefit or pension, may gain
214 credit for such prior service, not to exceed ten years in the aggregate, by
215 making retirement contributions for each year of such prior service
216 equal to six per cent of such person's annual rate of compensation when
217 such person first became a full-time employee of this state, [:] provided
218 such payment shall be made [within] not later than one year after the
219 date of such person's first full-time employment with the state, or before
220 July 1, 1968, whichever is later, but for the Board of Higher Education
221 and Technical Colleges, July 1, 1974. When a person who has gained
222 credit for such prior service retires, not more than one year of such
223 service may be counted for each two years of state service; provided, if
224 such person has purchased more of such service than can be counted,
225 refund on the amount paid on the extra years of service shall be made.

226 Sec. 12. Section 5-199d of the general statutes is repealed and the
227 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

228 The Department of Administrative Services or any other state agency
229 which seeks to contract for training for their employees shall, prior to
230 entering into a contract, contact the chancellor of the Connecticut State
231 Colleges and Universities, or the chancellor's designee, to determine if
232 an appropriate training program exists or can be designed at [a regional
233 community-technical college] the Connecticut State Community
234 College. Nothing in this section shall preclude an agency from
235 considering or choosing other providers to meet such training need.

236 Sec. 13. Subsection (a) of section 7-313c of the general statutes is
237 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
238 *passage*):

239 (a) Any town, city or borough subject to the approval of its legislative
240 body, shall indemnify any paid or volunteer member of its fire
241 department who, after October 1, 1969, has commenced and has

242 successfully completed a course or courses in fire technology and
243 administration offered by the [state regional community-technical
244 colleges] Connecticut State Community College. Such indemnification
245 shall be limited to expenses incurred by such member for tuition and
246 textbook charges.

247 Sec. 14. Subsection (a) of section 10-4p of the general statutes is
248 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
249 *passage*):

250 (a) The State Board of Education shall develop a five-year
251 implementation plan with appropriate goals and strategies to achieve
252 resource equity and equality of opportunity, increase student
253 achievement, reduce racial, ethnic and economic isolation, improve
254 effective instruction and encourage greater parental and community
255 involvement in all public schools of the state. The implementation plan
256 shall: (1) Include methods for significantly reducing over a five-year
257 period any disparities among school districts in terms of resources, staff,
258 programs and curriculum, student achievement and community
259 involvement that negatively impact student learning, (2) provide for
260 monitoring by the Department of Education of the progress made in
261 reducing such disparities, and (3) include proposals for minority staff
262 recruitment, including but not limited to, alternative certification,
263 mentoring programs, involvement of the [community-technical
264 colleges] Connecticut State Community College and efforts by regional
265 educational service centers.

266 Sec. 15. Subsection (b) of section 10-15h of the general statutes is
267 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
268 *passage*):

269 (b) The pilot program shall require the local or regional board of
270 education for a priority school district to partner with the Board of
271 Regents for Higher Education on behalf of [a regional community-
272 technical college] the Connecticut State Community College or a state
273 university, the Board of Trustees for The University of Connecticut on
274 behalf of the university or the governing board of an independent

275 institution of higher education on behalf of such institution to (1)
276 evaluate and align curricula, (2) evaluate students in grade ten or eleven
277 using a college readiness assessment developed or adopted by the
278 Department of Education, (3) use the results of such evaluations to
279 assess college readiness, and (4) offer a plan of support to any student
280 in grade twelve who is found to be not ready for college based on such
281 student's results on the college readiness assessment. Such local or
282 regional board of education shall annually report such test results and
283 assessments to the Department of Education, the Board of Regents for
284 Higher Education, the Office of Financial and Academic Affairs for
285 Higher Education and The University of Connecticut.

286 Sec. 16. Subsection (a) of section 10-21j of the general statutes is
287 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
288 *passage*):

289 (a) The Commissioner of Education, in collaboration with the Board
290 of Regents for Higher Education, shall establish the Connecticut
291 Apprenticeship and Education Committee to coordinate and identify (1)
292 potential preapprenticeship and apprenticeship training program
293 integration, and (2) leveraged funding identification of career technical
294 education programs within high schools and programs within higher
295 education institutions for careers in various industries. Such committee
296 shall include, but need not be limited to, (A) representatives from the
297 Department of Economic and Community Development, the Labor
298 Department, the Connecticut Center for Advanced Technology, the
299 Connecticut Manufacturers Collaborative, the Technical Education and
300 Career System, the advanced manufacturing centers at the [regional
301 community-technical colleges] Connecticut State Community College,
302 independent institutions of higher education in the state that offer
303 training in the field of manufacturing, the Office of Workforce Strategy,
304 companies and employee organizations that represent manufacturing
305 workers, and (B) teachers, guidance counselors, school counselors,
306 principals and superintendents.

307 Sec. 17. Section 10-98b of the general statutes is repealed and the

308 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

309 The executive director of the Technical Education and Career System
310 shall consult with [each] (1) [regional community-technical college] the
311 Connecticut State Community College, and (2) each local or regional
312 board of education (A) for a town in which a technical education and
313 career school is located, and (B) that offers any career technical
314 education programs, for the purpose of establishing partnerships,
315 reducing redundancies and consolidating programmatic offerings and
316 to fulfill workforce needs in the state.

317 Sec. 18. Section 10-155 of the general statutes is repealed and the
318 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

319 The Board of [Trustees for] Regents for Higher Education, on behalf
320 of the Connecticut State University System, may maintain an emergency
321 training program to prepare graduates of approved four-year colleges
322 and universities to teach in the elementary schools of the state. In
323 carrying out such program, the board may [(a)] (1) establish regulations
324 governing the admission of students to the program; [(b)] (2) fix tuition
325 rates to be paid by such students, and [(c)] (3) enter into such contracts
326 and agreements as it finds necessary to secure the necessary facilities.

327 Sec. 19. Subsection (a) of section 10-264h of the general statutes is
328 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
329 *passage*):

330 (a) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012, and each fiscal year
331 thereafter, a local or regional board of education, a regional educational
332 service center, a cooperative arrangement pursuant to section 10-158a,
333 or any of the following entities that operate an interdistrict magnet
334 school that assists the state in meeting its obligations pursuant to the
335 decision in *Sheff v. O'Neill*, 238 Conn. 1 (1996), or any related stipulation
336 or order in effect, as determined by the Commissioner of Education: (1)
337 The Board of [Trustees of the Community-Technical Colleges] Regents
338 for Higher Education on behalf of [a regional community-technical
339 college, (2) the Board of Trustees of] the Connecticut State Community

340 College and the Connecticut State University System, [on behalf of a
341 state university, (3)] (2) the Board of Trustees for The University of
342 Connecticut on behalf of the university, [(4)] (3) the board of governors
343 for an independent institution of higher education, as defined in
344 subsection (a) of section 10a-173, as amended by this act, or the
345 equivalent of such a board, on behalf of the independent institution of
346 higher education, and [(5)] (4) any other third-party not-for-profit
347 corporation approved by the Commissioner of Education, shall be
348 eligible to apply for and accept grants for a school building project, as
349 defined in section 10-282, as provided in chapter 173, and may be
350 eligible for reimbursement, except as otherwise provided for, up to
351 eighty per cent of the eligible cost of the school building project for an
352 interdistrict magnet school facility, including any expenditure for the
353 purchase of equipment, in accordance with this section. To be eligible
354 for reimbursement under this section a school building project for an
355 interdistrict magnet school facility shall meet the requirements for a
356 school building project established in chapter 173, except that the
357 Commissioner of Administrative Services, in consultation with the
358 Commissioner of Education, may waive any requirement in said
359 chapter for good cause.

360 Sec. 20. Subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 10-264i of the
361 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
362 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

363 (a) (1) (A) A local or regional board of education, (B) a regional
364 educational service center, (C) the Board of [Trustees of the Community-
365 Technical Colleges] Regents for Higher Education, on behalf of the
366 Quinebaug Valley [Community College] and Three Rivers [Community
367 College] campuses, (D) a cooperative arrangement pursuant to section
368 10-158a, or (E) to assist the state in meeting its obligations pursuant to
369 the decision in Sheff v. O'Neill, 238 Conn. 1 (1996), or any related
370 stipulation or order in effect, as determined by the Commissioner of
371 Education, (i) the Board of [Trustees of the Community-Technical
372 Colleges] Regents for Higher Education, on behalf of [a regional
373 community-technical college, (ii) the Board of Trustees of] the

374 Connecticut State Community College and the Connecticut State
375 University System, [on behalf of a state university, (iii)] (ii) the Board of
376 Trustees for The University of Connecticut, on behalf of the university,
377 [(iv)] (iii) the board of governors for an independent institution of higher
378 education, as defined in subsection (a) of section 10a-173, as amended
379 by this act, or the equivalent of such a board, on behalf of the
380 independent institution of higher education, and [(v)] (iv) any other
381 third-party not-for-profit corporation approved by the commissioner
382 which transports a child to an interdistrict magnet school program, as
383 defined in section 10-264l, as amended by this act, in a town other than
384 the town in which the child resides shall be eligible pursuant to section
385 10-264e to receive a grant for the cost of transporting such child in
386 accordance with this section.

387 Sec. 21. Subsections (a) to (c), inclusive, of section 10-264l of the
388 general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
389 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

390 (a) The Department of Education shall, within available
391 appropriations, establish a grant program (1) to assist (A) local and
392 regional boards of education, (B) regional educational service centers,
393 (C) the Board of [Trustees of the Community-Technical Colleges]
394 Regents for Higher Education, on behalf of the Quinebaug Valley
395 [Community College] and Three Rivers [Community College]
396 campuses, and (D) cooperative arrangements pursuant to section 10-
397 158a, and (2) in assisting the state in meeting its obligations pursuant to
398 the decision in Sheff v. O'Neill, 238 Conn. 1 (1996), or any related
399 stipulation or order in effect, as determined by the commissioner, to
400 assist (A) the Board of [Trustees of the Community-Technical Colleges]
401 Regents for Higher Education, on behalf of [a regional community-
402 technical college, (B) the Board of Trustees of] the Connecticut State
403 Community College and the Connecticut State University System, [on
404 behalf of a state university, (C)] (B) the Board of Trustees of The
405 University of Connecticut, on behalf of the university, [(D)] (C) the
406 board of governors for an independent institution of higher education,
407 as defined in subsection (a) of section 10a-173, as amended by this act,

408 or the equivalent of such a board, on behalf of the independent
409 institution of higher education, and [(E)] (D) any other third-party not-
410 for-profit corporation approved by the commissioner with the operation
411 of interdistrict magnet school programs. All interdistrict magnet schools
412 shall be operated in conformance with the same laws and regulations
413 applicable to public schools. For the purposes of this section "an
414 interdistrict magnet school program" means a program [which] that (i)
415 supports racial, ethnic and economic diversity, (ii) offers a special and
416 high quality curriculum, and (iii) requires students who are enrolled to
417 attend at least half-time. An interdistrict magnet school program does
418 not include a regional agricultural science and technology school, a
419 technical education and career school or a regional special education
420 center. For the school year commencing July 1, 2017, and each school
421 year thereafter, the governing authority for each interdistrict magnet
422 school program shall (I) restrict the number of students that may enroll
423 in the school from a participating district to seventy-five per cent of the
424 total school enrollment, and (II) maintain a total school enrollment that
425 is in accordance with the enrollment standards for interdistrict magnet
426 school programs, developed by the Commissioner of Education
427 pursuant to section 10-264r.

428 (b) (1) Applications for interdistrict magnet school program
429 operating grants awarded pursuant to this section shall be submitted
430 annually to the Commissioner of Education at such time and in such
431 manner as the commissioner prescribes, except that on and after July 1,
432 2009, applications for such operating grants for new interdistrict magnet
433 schools, other than those that the commissioner determines will assist
434 the state in meeting its obligations pursuant to the decision in Sheff v.
435 O'Neill, 238 Conn. 1 (1996), or any related stipulation or order in effect,
436 as determined by the commissioner, shall not be accepted until the
437 commissioner develops a comprehensive state-wide interdistrict
438 magnet school plan. The commissioner shall submit such
439 comprehensive state-wide interdistrict magnet school plan on or before
440 October 1, 2016, to the joint standing committees of the General
441 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education and
442 appropriations.

443 (2) In determining whether an application shall be approved and
444 funds awarded pursuant to this section, the commissioner shall
445 consider, but such consideration shall not be limited to: (A) Whether the
446 program offered by the school is likely to increase student achievement;
447 (B) whether the program is likely to reduce racial, ethnic and economic
448 isolation; (C) the percentage of the student enrollment in the program
449 from each participating district; and (D) the proposed operating budget
450 and the sources of funding for the interdistrict magnet school. For a
451 magnet school not operated by a local or regional board of education,
452 the commissioner shall only approve a proposed operating budget that,
453 on a per pupil basis, does not exceed the maximum allowable threshold
454 established in accordance with this subdivision. The maximum
455 allowable threshold shall be an amount equal to one hundred twenty
456 per cent of the state average of the quotient obtained by dividing net
457 current expenditures, as defined in section 10-261, by average daily
458 membership, as defined in said section, for the fiscal year two years
459 prior to the fiscal year for which the operating grant is requested. The
460 Department of Education shall establish the maximum allowable
461 threshold no later than December fifteenth of the fiscal year prior to the
462 fiscal year for which the operating grant is requested. If requested by an
463 applicant that is not a local or regional board of education, the
464 commissioner may approve a proposed operating budget that exceeds
465 the maximum allowable threshold if the commissioner determines that
466 there are extraordinary programmatic needs. For the fiscal years ending
467 June 30, 2017, to June 30, 2025, inclusive, in the case of an interdistrict
468 magnet school that will assist the state in meeting its obligations
469 pursuant to the decision in *Sheff v. O'Neill*, 238 Conn. 1 (1996), or any
470 related stipulation or order in effect, as determined by the
471 commissioner, the commissioner shall also consider whether the school
472 is meeting the enrollment standards for interdistrict magnet school
473 programs, developed by the commissioner pursuant to section 10-264r.
474 If such school has not met such enrollment standards, it shall not be
475 entitled to receive a grant pursuant to this section unless the
476 commissioner finds that it is appropriate to award a grant for an
477 additional year or years and approves a plan to bring such school into

478 compliance with such enrollment standards. If requested by the
479 commissioner, the applicant shall meet with the commissioner or the
480 commissioner's designee to discuss the budget and sources of funding.

481 (3) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2018, to June 30, 2025,
482 inclusive, the commissioner shall not award a grant to an interdistrict
483 magnet school program that (A) has more than seventy-five per cent of
484 the total school enrollment from one school district, or (B) does not
485 maintain a total school enrollment that is in accordance with the
486 enrollment standards for interdistrict magnet school programs,
487 developed by the Commissioner of Education pursuant to section 10-
488 264r, except the commissioner may award a grant to such school for an
489 additional year or years if the commissioner finds it is appropriate to do
490 so and approves a plan to bring such school into compliance with such
491 residency or enrollment standards.

492 (4) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2018, to June 30, 2025,
493 inclusive, if an interdistrict magnet school program does not maintain a
494 total school enrollment that is in accordance with the enrollment
495 standards for interdistrict magnet school programs, developed by the
496 commissioner pursuant to section 10-264r, for two or more consecutive
497 years, the commissioner may impose a financial penalty on the operator
498 of such interdistrict magnet school program, or take any other measure,
499 in consultation with such operator, as may be appropriate to assist such
500 operator in complying with such enrollment standards.

501 (5) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, for the purposes of
502 equalization aid under section 10-262h, a student enrolled in an
503 interdistrict magnet school program shall be counted as a resident
504 student, as defined in section 10-262f, of the town in which such student
505 resides.

506 (c) (1) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, each interdistrict
507 magnet school operator shall be paid a grant equal to the amount the
508 operator is entitled to receive under the provisions of section 10-252a.

509 (2) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2003, and each fiscal year

510 thereafter, the commissioner may, within available appropriations,
511 provide supplemental grants for the purposes of enhancing educational
512 programs in such interdistrict magnet schools, as the commissioner
513 determines. Such grants shall be made after the commissioner has
514 conducted a comprehensive financial review and approved the total
515 operating budget for such schools, including all revenue and
516 expenditure estimates.

517 (3) Within available appropriations, the commissioner may make
518 grants to the following entities that operate an interdistrict magnet
519 school that assists the state in meeting its obligations pursuant to the
520 decision in *Sheff v. O'Neill*, 238 Conn. 1 (1996), or any related stipulation
521 or order in effect, as determined by the commissioner and that provide
522 academic support programs and summer school educational programs
523 approved by the commissioner to students participating in such
524 interdistrict magnet school program: (A) Regional educational service
525 centers, (B) local and regional boards of education, (C) the Board of
526 [Trustees of the Community-Technical Colleges] Regents for Higher
527 Education, on behalf of [a regional community-technical college, (D) the
528 Board of Trustees of] the Connecticut State Community College and the
529 Connecticut State University System, [on behalf of a state university, (E)]
530 (D) the Board of Trustees for The University of Connecticut on behalf of
531 the university, [(F)] (E) the board of governors for an independent
532 institution of higher education, as defined in subsection (a) of section
533 10a-173, as amended by this act, or the equivalent of such a board, on
534 behalf of the independent institution of higher education, [(G)] (F)
535 cooperative arrangements pursuant to section 10-158a, and [(H)] (G) any
536 other third-party not-for-profit corporation approved by the
537 commissioner.

538 (4) Within available appropriations, the Commissioner of Education
539 may make grants, in an amount not to exceed seventy-five thousand
540 dollars, for start-up costs associated with the development of new
541 interdistrict magnet school programs that assist the state in meeting its
542 obligations pursuant to the decision in *Sheff v. O'Neill*, 238 Conn. 1
543 (1996), or any related stipulation or order in effect, as determined by the

544 commissioner, to the following entities that develop such a program: (A)
545 Regional educational service centers, (B) local and regional boards of
546 education, (C) the Board of [Trustees of the Community-Technical
547 Colleges] Regents for Higher Education, on behalf of [a regional
548 community-technical college, (D) the Board of Trustees of] the
549 Connecticut State Community College and the Connecticut State
550 University System, [on behalf of a state university, (E)] (D) the Board of
551 Trustees for The University of Connecticut, on behalf of the university,
552 [(F)] (E) the board of governors for an independent institution of higher
553 education, as defined in subsection (a) of section 10a-173, as amended
554 by this act, or the equivalent of such a board, on behalf of the
555 independent institution of higher education, [(G)] (F) cooperative
556 arrangements pursuant to section 10-158a, and [(H)] (G) any other third-
557 party not-for-profit corporation approved by the commissioner.

558 Sec. 22. Section 10-264n of the general statutes is repealed and the
559 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

560 The Commissioner of Education shall consult with (1) the Board of
561 [Trustees for Community-Technical Colleges, (2) the Board of Trustees
562 of the Connecticut State University System, (3)] Regents for Higher
563 Education, (2) the boards of trustees [for higher education institutions
564 licensed and accredited] of independent institutions of higher education
565 authorized by the [Board of Regents for Higher Education or] Office of
566 Higher Education, or [(4)] (3) the Board of Trustees for The University
567 of Connecticut and may consult with any not-for-profit corporation
568 approved by the Commissioner of Education to initiate collaborative
569 planning for establishing additional interdistrict magnet schools in the
570 Sheff region, as defined in subsection (q) of section 10-266aa.

571 Sec. 23. Subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 10-283 of the
572 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
573 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

574 (a) (1) Each town or regional school district shall be eligible to apply
575 for and accept grants for a school building project as provided in this
576 chapter. Any town desiring a grant for a public school building project

577 may, by vote of its legislative body, authorize the board of education of
578 such town to apply to the Commissioner of Administrative Services and
579 to accept or reject such grant for the town. Any regional school board
580 may vote to authorize the supervising agent of the regional school
581 district to apply to the Commissioner of Administrative Services for and
582 to accept or reject such grant for the district. Applications for such grants
583 under this chapter shall be made by the superintendent of schools of
584 such town or regional school district on the form provided and in the
585 manner prescribed by the Commissioner of Administrative Services.
586 The application form shall require the superintendent of schools to
587 affirm that the school district considered the maximization of natural
588 light, the use and feasibility of wireless connectivity technology and, on
589 and after July 1, 2014, the school safety infrastructure criteria, described
590 in section 10-292r, in projects for new construction and alteration or
591 renovation of a school building. The Commissioner of Administrative
592 Services shall review, in consultation with the Commissioner of
593 Education, each grant application for a school building project for
594 compliance with educational specifications. The Commissioner of
595 Education shall evaluate, if appropriate, whether the project will assist
596 the state in meeting its obligations pursuant to the decision in *Sheff v.*
597 *O'Neill*, 238 Conn. 1 (1996), or any related stipulation or order in effect,
598 as determined by the Commissioner of Education. The Commissioner of
599 Administrative Services shall consult with the Commissioner of
600 Education in reviewing grant applications submitted for purposes of
601 subsection (a) of section 10-65 or section 10-76e on the basis of the
602 educational needs of the applicant. The Commissioner of
603 Administrative Services shall review each grant application for a school
604 building project for compliance with standards for school building
605 projects pursuant to regulations, adopted in accordance with section 10-
606 287c, and, on and after July 1, 2014, the school safety infrastructure
607 criteria, described in section 10-292r. Notwithstanding the provisions of
608 this chapter, the Board of [Trustees of the Community-Technical
609 Colleges] Regents for Higher Education, on behalf of the Quinebaug
610 Valley [Community College] and Three Rivers [Community College]
611 campuses and the following entities that will operate an interdistrict

612 magnet school that will assist the state in meeting its obligations
613 pursuant to the decision in Sheff v. O'Neill, 238 Conn. 1 (1996), or any
614 related stipulation or order in effect, as determined by the
615 Commissioner of Education, may apply for and shall be eligible to
616 receive grants for school building projects pursuant to section 10-264h,
617 as amended by this act, for such a school: (A) The Board of [Trustees of
618 the Community-Technical Colleges] Regents for Higher Education, on
619 behalf of [a regional community-technical college, (B) the Board of
620 Trustees of] the Connecticut State Community College and the
621 Connecticut State University System, [on behalf of a state university,
622 (C)] (B) the Board of Trustees for The University of Connecticut, on
623 behalf of the university, [(D)] (C) the board of governors for an
624 independent institution of higher education, as defined in subsection (a)
625 of section 10a-173, as amended by this act, or the equivalent of such a
626 board, on behalf of the independent institution of higher education, [(E)]
627 (D) cooperative arrangements pursuant to section 10-158a, and [(F)] (E)
628 any other third-party not-for-profit corporation approved by the
629 Commissioner of Education.

630 Sec. 24. Section 10a-1 of the general statutes is repealed and the
631 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

632 There shall be a state system of public higher education to consist of
633 (1) The University of Connecticut and all campuses thereof, and (2) the
634 Connecticut State Colleges and Universities [, which] that include (A)
635 the state universities, which shall be known collectively as the
636 Connecticut State University System, (B) the [regional community-
637 technical colleges, which shall be known collectively as the regional
638 community-technical college system] Connecticut State Community
639 College and all campuses thereof, and (C) Charter Oak State College.
640 "Constituent units" as used in the general statutes means those units in
641 subdivisions (1) and (2) of this section.

642 Sec. 25. Subsection (a) of section 10a-1a of the general statutes is
643 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
644 *passage*):

645 (a) There shall be a Board of Regents for Higher Education that shall
646 serve as the governing body for the [regional community-technical
647 college system] Connecticut State Community College, the Connecticut
648 State University System and Charter Oak State College. The board shall
649 consist of twenty-three members who shall be distinguished leaders of
650 the community in Connecticut. The board shall reflect the state's
651 geographic, racial and ethnic diversity. The voting members shall not be
652 employed by or be a member of a board of trustees for any independent
653 institution of higher education in this state or the Board of Trustees for
654 The University of Connecticut nor shall they be public officials or state
655 employees, as such terms are defined in section 1-79, during their term
656 of membership on the Board of Regents for Higher Education. The
657 Governor shall appoint nine members to the board as follows: Three
658 members for a term of two years; three members for a term of four years;
659 and three members for a term of six years. Thereafter, the Governor shall
660 appoint members of the board to succeed such appointees whose terms
661 expire and each member so appointed shall hold office for a period of
662 six years from the first day of July in the year of [his or her] such
663 member's appointment. Four members of the board shall be appointed
664 as follows: One appointment by the president pro tempore of the Senate,
665 who shall be an alumnus of the regional community-technical college
666 system or Connecticut State Community College, for a term of four
667 years; one appointment by the minority leader of the Senate, who shall
668 be a specialist in the education of children in grades kindergarten to
669 twelve, inclusive, for a term of three years; one appointment by the
670 speaker of the House of Representatives, who shall be an alumnus of the
671 Connecticut State University System, for a term of four years; and one
672 appointment by the minority leader of the House of Representatives,
673 who shall be an alumnus of Charter Oak State College, for a term of
674 three years. Thereafter, such members of the General Assembly shall
675 appoint members of the board to succeed such appointees whose terms
676 expire and each member so appointed shall hold office for a period of
677 four years from the first day of July in the year of [his or her] such
678 member's appointment. The chairperson and vice-chairperson of the
679 student advisory committee created under section 10a-3, as amended by

680 this act, shall serve as members of the board. The chairperson and vice-
681 chairperson of the faculty advisory committee created under section
682 10a-3a, as amended by this act, shall serve as ex-officio, nonvoting
683 members of the board for a term of two years and, in their respective
684 roles as chairperson and vice-chairperson, may be invited to any
685 executive session, as defined in section 1-200, of the board by the
686 chairperson of the board. The Commissioners of Education, Economic
687 and Community Development and Public Health, the Labor
688 Commissioner, the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management,
689 or the secretary's designee, and the Chief Workforce Officer shall serve
690 as ex-officio, nonvoting members of the board.

691 Sec. 26. Section 10a-1b of the general statutes is repealed and the
692 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

693 (a) The Board of Regents for Higher Education shall appoint a
694 chancellor of the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities who shall
695 serve at the pleasure of the board. The chancellor of the Connecticut
696 State Colleges and Universities shall (1) have the authority to implement
697 the policies, directives and rules of the board and any additional
698 responsibilities as the board may prescribe, (2) implement the goals
699 identified in section 10a-11c and recommendations made pursuant to
700 section 10a-11b, as amended by this act, (3) build interdependent
701 support among the Connecticut State University System, the [regional
702 community-technical college system] Connecticut State Community
703 College and Charter Oak State College, (4) balance central authority
704 with institutional differentiation, autonomy and creativity, and (5)
705 facilitate cooperation and synergy among the Connecticut State
706 University System, the [regional community-technical college system]
707 Connecticut State Community College and Charter Oak State College.
708 The chancellor may designate an alternate to serve as a member of any
709 commission, foundation or committee upon which the general statutes
710 require the chancellor to serve. Such designee may vote on behalf of the
711 chancellor. There shall be an executive staff responsible for the
712 operation of the Board of Regents for Higher Education. The executive
713 staff shall be under the direction of the chancellor of the Connecticut

714 State Colleges and Universities, who shall be the chief executive officer
715 of the Board of Regents for Higher Education.

716 (b) The chancellor may employ staff as is deemed necessary,
717 including, but not limited to, temporary assistants and consultants. The
718 board shall establish terms and conditions of employment of the
719 chancellor and the board's staff, prescribe their duties and fix the
720 compensation of the chancellor and the board's professional and
721 technical personnel.

722 (c) Upon recommendation of the chancellor, the Board of Regents for
723 Higher Education shall appoint two vice-chancellors. One vice-
724 chancellor shall represent the Connecticut State University System and
725 the other vice-chancellor shall represent the [regional community-
726 technical college system] Connecticut State Community College. Each
727 vice-chancellor shall perform such duties and responsibilities as the
728 board and chancellor shall prescribe, so that each said constituent unit
729 fulfills its mission. Such duties shall include, but not be limited to,
730 oversight of academic programs, student support services and
731 institutional support.

732 (d) Not later than October 1, 2017, the chancellor of the Connecticut
733 State Colleges and Universities shall establish the position of outreach
734 coordinator within the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities
735 system. Such outreach coordinator shall act as a liaison between
736 institutions within the system and businesses in the state to develop
737 workforce education and job training opportunities including Early
738 College Opportunity programs. Such position may be full time or part
739 time and may be held by an individual who also holds another position
740 within said system as part of such individual's regular duties and
741 without additional compensation.

742 Sec. 27. Section 10a-1c of the general statutes is repealed and the
743 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

744 The Board of Regents for Higher Education shall develop and
745 implement [, not later than December 1, 2011,] a plan for maintaining

746 the distinct missions of the Connecticut State University System, the
747 [regional community-technical college system] Connecticut State
748 Community College and Charter Oak State College and report on such
749 plan to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having
750 cognizance of matters relating to higher education and appropriations
751 in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a not later than January
752 [1, 2012, and] first annually. [thereafter.]

753 Sec. 28. Section 10a-3 of the general statutes is repealed and the
754 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

755 (a) There shall be a student advisory committee to the Board of
756 Regents for Higher Education to assist the board in performing its
757 statutory functions. The committee shall consist of the following student
758 members: One member from each of the institutions within the
759 [jurisdiction of the] Connecticut State University System, one member
760 from each campus of the [regional community-technical colleges]
761 Connecticut State Community College and one member from Charter
762 Oak State College. For the term commencing on July 1, 2015, the
763 members from six of the [regional community-technical colleges]
764 campuses of the Connecticut State Community College and two of the
765 institutions within the [jurisdiction of the] Connecticut State University
766 System, as selected by the student members whose terms expire on or
767 before June 30, 2015, shall serve a term of one year. For the term
768 commencing on July 1, 2016, and every term thereafter, the members
769 from such selected [colleges] campuses and institutions shall serve a
770 term of two years. All remaining members shall serve a term of two
771 years. If any member ceases to be a matriculating student in good
772 standing, either as a full-time or part-time undergraduate or graduate
773 student at the institution within the constituent unit system that elected
774 such student, the membership of such student shall terminate. If the
775 membership of any such student member terminates, the student
776 government organization of the institution of higher education or
777 campus that elected such member shall, not later than thirty days after
778 the membership terminates and in such a manner as the council
779 determines, elect a student member who shall serve for the remainder

780 of the term.

781 (b) The members of the committee and alternates for such members
782 shall be elected by the student government organization of the
783 institution of higher education they are to represent. The alternate
784 members of the committee may serve in the absence of the regularly
785 elected member.

786 (c) The committee shall, on a rotating basis among its members and
787 by a consensus vote of all its members, elect its own chairperson and
788 vice-chairperson, one of whom shall be a member from the Connecticut
789 State University System or Charter Oak State College and the other of
790 whom shall be a member from the [regional community-technical
791 colleges] Connecticut State Community College, and such other officers
792 as it deems necessary, to serve for a term of one year. The committee
793 shall be deemed to be a public agency within the scope of the Freedom
794 of Information Act, as defined in section 1-200, and shall keep such
795 records as may be appropriate.

796 (d) The committee, established pursuant to subsection (a) of this
797 section, shall meet at least biannually with the Board of Regents for
798 Higher Education. Agendas shall be prepared for such meetings and
799 shall be distributed by the board prior thereto and shall consist of
800 matters recommended for inclusion by the chairperson of the Board of
801 Regents for Higher Education and the committee. Such meetings shall
802 be chaired by the chairperson of the Board of Regents for Higher
803 Education and the committee members shall have the right to
804 participate in all discussions and deliberations, but shall not have the
805 right to vote at such meetings.

806 Sec. 29. Section 10a-3a of the general statutes is repealed and the
807 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

808 (a) There shall be a faculty advisory committee to the Board of
809 Regents for Higher Education to assist the board in performing its
810 statutory functions. The committee shall consist of the following
811 members: Three teaching faculty members and one administrative

812 faculty member who provides direct student services from the
813 Connecticut State University System, three teaching faculty members
814 and one administrative faculty member who provides direct student
815 services from the [regional community-technical college system]
816 Connecticut State Community College and one teaching faculty
817 member and one administrative faculty member who provides direct
818 student services from Charter Oak State College. Such members shall
819 serve a term of two years. If the membership of any such faculty member
820 terminates, the constituent unit that elected such member shall, not later
821 than thirty days after the membership terminates and in such manner
822 as the council determines, elect a faculty member who shall serve for the
823 remainder of the term.

824 (b) Not later than October 1, 2013, the members of the committee and
825 alternates for such members shall be elected pursuant to a uniform, fair
826 and open system-wide election by the faculty governance body of each
827 of the constituent units they are to represent and, in the case of Charter
828 Oak State College, by a majority vote of the Academic Council at Charter
829 Oak State College. The alternate members of the committee may serve
830 in the absence of the regularly elected member. Nothing in this section
831 shall be construed to require a labor union representing faculty
832 members to participate in any election held pursuant to this subsection.

833 (c) The committee shall, on a rotating basis among its members, elect
834 its own chairperson and vice-chairperson, one of whom shall be a
835 member from the Connecticut State University System and the other of
836 whom shall be a member from the [regional community-technical
837 colleges] Connecticut State Community College, and such other officers
838 as it deems necessary, to serve for a term of two years. The committee
839 shall be deemed to be a public agency within the scope of the Freedom
840 of Information Act, as defined in section 1-200, and shall keep such
841 records as may be appropriate.

842 (d) The committee, established pursuant to subsection (a) of this
843 section, shall meet at least biannually with the Board of Regents for
844 Higher Education. Agendas shall be prepared for such meetings and

845 shall be distributed by the board prior thereto and shall consist of
846 matters recommended for inclusion by the chairperson of the Board of
847 Regents for Higher Education and the committee. Such meetings shall
848 be chaired by the chairperson of the Board of Regents for Higher
849 Education and the committee members shall have the right to
850 participate in all discussions and deliberations, but shall not have the
851 right to vote at such meetings.

852 (e) [Beginning on January 1, 2012, and] Not later than January first
853 annually, [thereafter,] the faculty advisory committee shall report to the
854 joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance
855 of matters relating to higher education and appropriations, in
856 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a, regarding the
857 performance of its statutory functions and its biannual meetings with
858 the Board of Regents for Higher Education.

859 Sec. 30. Subsection (a) of section 10a-6 of the general statutes is
860 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
861 *passage*):

862 (a) The Board of Regents for Higher Education shall: (1) Establish
863 policies and guidelines for the Connecticut State University System, the
864 [regional community-technical college system] Connecticut State
865 Community College and Charter Oak State College; (2) develop a
866 master plan for higher education and postsecondary education at the
867 Connecticut State University System, the [regional community-technical
868 college system] Connecticut State Community College and Charter Oak
869 State College consistent with the goals identified in section 10a-11c; (3)
870 establish tuition and student fee policies for the Connecticut State
871 University System, the [regional community-technical college system]
872 Connecticut State Community College and Charter Oak State College;
873 (4) monitor and evaluate the effectiveness and viability of the state
874 universities, the [regional community-technical colleges] Connecticut
875 State Community College and Charter Oak State College in accordance
876 with criteria established by the board; (5) merge or close institutions
877 within the Connecticut State University System, campuses within the

878 [regional community-technical college system] Connecticut State
879 Community College and Charter Oak State College in accordance with
880 criteria established by the board, provided (A) such recommended
881 merger or closing shall require a two-thirds vote of the board, and (B)
882 notice of such recommended merger or closing shall be sent to the
883 committee having cognizance over matters relating to education and to
884 the General Assembly; (6) review and approve mission statements for
885 the Connecticut State University System, the [regional community-
886 technical college system] Connecticut State Community College and
887 Charter Oak State College and role and scope statements for the
888 individual institutions and campuses of such constituent units; (7)
889 review and approve any recommendations for the establishment of new
890 academic programs submitted to the board by the state universities
891 within the Connecticut State University System, the [regional
892 community-technical colleges] Connecticut State Community College
893 and Charter Oak State College, and, in consultation with the affected
894 constituent units, provide for the initiation, consolidation or termination
895 of academic programs; (8) develop criteria to ensure acceptable quality
896 in (A) programs at the Connecticut State University System, the
897 [regional community-technical college system] Connecticut State
898 Community College and Charter Oak State College, and (B) institutions
899 within the Connecticut State University System and campuses within
900 the [regional community-technical college system] Connecticut State
901 Community College and enforce standards through licensing and
902 accreditation; (9) prepare and present to the Governor and General
903 Assembly, in accordance with section 10a-8, as amended by this act,
904 consolidated operating and capital expenditure budgets for the
905 Connecticut State University System, the [regional community-technical
906 college system] Connecticut State Community College, Charter Oak
907 State College and the central office of the Connecticut State Colleges and
908 Universities developed in accordance with the provisions of said section
909 10a-8; (10) review and make recommendations on plans received from
910 the Connecticut State University System, the [regional community-
911 technical college system] Connecticut State Community College and
912 Charter Oak State College to implement the goals identified in section

913 10a-11c; (11) appoint advisory committees with representatives from
914 public and independent institutions of higher education to study
915 methods and proposals for coordinating efforts of the public institutions
916 of higher education under its jurisdiction with The University of
917 Connecticut and the independent institutions of higher education to
918 implement the goals identified in section 10a-11c; (12) evaluate (A)
919 means of implementing the goals identified in section 10a-11c, and (B)
920 any recommendations made by the Planning Commission for Higher
921 Education in implementing the strategic master plan pursuant to section
922 10a-11b, as amended by this act, through alternative and nontraditional
923 approaches such as external degrees and credit by examination; (13)
924 coordinate programs and services among the Connecticut State
925 University System, the [regional community-technical college system]
926 Connecticut State Community College and Charter Oak State College;
927 (14) assess opportunities for collaboration with The University of
928 Connecticut and the independent institutions of higher education to
929 implement the goals identified in section 10a-11c; (15) make or enter into
930 contracts, leases or other agreements in connection with its
931 responsibilities under this part, provided all acquisitions of real estate
932 by lease or otherwise shall be subject to the provisions of section 4b-23;
933 (16) be responsible for the care and maintenance of permanent records
934 of institutions of higher education dissolved after September 1, 1969;
935 (17) prepare and present to the Governor and General Assembly
936 legislative proposals affecting the Connecticut State University System,
937 the [regional community-technical college system] Connecticut State
938 Community College and Charter Oak State College; (18) develop and
939 maintain a central higher education information system and establish
940 definitions and data requirements for the Connecticut State University
941 System, the [regional community-technical college system] Connecticut
942 State Community College and Charter Oak State College; [(19) until
943 June 30, 2024, report all new programs and program changes at the
944 Connecticut State University System, the regional community-technical
945 college system and Charter Oak State College to the Office of Higher
946 Education; and (20)] and (19) undertake such studies and other activities
947 as will best serve the higher educational interests of the Connecticut

948 State University System, the [regional community-technical college
949 system] Connecticut State Community College and Charter Oak State
950 College.

951 Sec. 31. Section 10a-8 of the general statutes is repealed and the
952 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

953 (a) The provisions of sections 4-77 and 4-78 shall not apply to the
954 constituent units of the state system of higher education, and for the
955 purposes of said sections only, the Board of Regents for Higher
956 Education shall be deemed the budgeted agency for the Connecticut
957 State University System, the [regional community-technical college
958 system] Connecticut State Community College, Charter Oak State
959 College and the central office of the Connecticut State Colleges and
960 Universities. The Board of Regents for Higher Education shall develop
961 a formula or program-based budgeting system to be used by each
962 institution and campus of the Connecticut State Community College in
963 preparing operating budgets. The Board of Regents for Higher
964 Education shall prepare a single budget request itemized by the
965 Connecticut State University System, the [regional community-technical
966 college system] Connecticut State Community College, Charter Oak
967 State College and the central office of the Connecticut State Colleges and
968 Universities using the formula or program-based budgeting system and
969 shall submit such budget request displaying all operating funds to the
970 Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management in accordance with
971 sections 4-77 and 4-78, subject to procedures developed by the Board of
972 Regents for Higher Education and approved by said secretary. The
973 budget request shall set forth, in the form prescribed by the Board of
974 Regents for Higher Education, a proposed expenditure plan which shall
975 include: (1) The total amount requested for such appropriation account;
976 (2) the amount to be appropriated from the General Fund; and (3) the
977 amount to be paid from the tuition revenues of the [regional
978 community-technical college system] Connecticut State Community
979 College, the Connecticut State University System and Charter Oak State
980 College. After review and comment by the Board of Regents for Higher
981 Education, the proposed expenditure plans shall be incorporated into

982 the single public higher education budget request including
983 recommendations, if any, by said board. Any tuition increase proposed
984 by the [regional community-technical college system] Connecticut State
985 Community College, the Connecticut State University System and
986 Charter Oak State College for the fiscal year to which the budget request
987 relates shall be included in the single public higher education budget
988 request submitted by the Board of Regents for Higher Education for
989 such fiscal year, provided if the General Assembly does not appropriate
990 the amount requested by any such system or college, such system or
991 college may increase tuition and fees by an amount greater than that
992 included in the budget request in response to which the appropriation
993 was made. The General Assembly shall make appropriations directly to
994 the constituent units. Allotment reductions made pursuant to the
995 provisions of subsections (b) and (c) of section 4-85 shall be applied by
996 the Board of Regents for Higher Education among the appropriations to
997 the constituent units and the central office of the Connecticut State
998 Colleges and Universities without regard to the limitations on
999 reductions provided in said section, except that said limitations shall
1000 apply to the total of the amounts appropriated. The Board of Regents for
1001 Higher Education shall apply such reductions after consultation with
1002 the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management. Any reductions
1003 of more than five per cent of the appropriations of any constituent units
1004 shall be submitted to the appropriations committee which shall, within
1005 thirty days, approve or reject such reduction.

1006 (b) The Board of Regents for Higher Education may transfer to or
1007 from any specific appropriation of a constituent unit a sum or sums
1008 totaling up to fifty thousand dollars or ten per cent of any such specific
1009 appropriation, whichever is less, in any fiscal year without the consent
1010 of the Finance Advisory Committee. Any such transfer shall be reported
1011 to the Finance Advisory Committee within thirty days of such transfer
1012 and such report shall be a record of said committee.

1013 Sec. 32. Subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 10a-11b of the
1014 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
1015 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

1016 (1) The commission shall consist of the following voting members:
1017 (A) The chancellor of the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities,
1018 the president of The University of Connecticut, or their designees from
1019 the Board of Regents for Higher Education and Board of Trustees of The
1020 University of Connecticut, respectively; (B) the provost of the
1021 Connecticut State Colleges and Universities and the provost of The
1022 University of Connecticut; (C) the chairperson of the Board of Regents
1023 for Higher Education, and the Board of Trustees of The University of
1024 Connecticut, or the chairs' designees; (D) the president, provost or chair
1025 of the board of a large independent institution of higher education in
1026 the state, to be selected by the president pro tempore of the Senate; (E)
1027 the president, provost or chair of the board of a small independent
1028 institution of higher education in the state, to be selected by the speaker
1029 of the House of Representatives; (F) a representative from a private
1030 career school, to be selected by the Commissioner of Higher Education;
1031 (G) a teaching faculty representative from the Connecticut State
1032 University System, to be selected by the chancellor of the Connecticut
1033 State Colleges and Universities; (H) a teaching faculty representative
1034 from the [regional community-technical colleges] Connecticut State
1035 Community College, to be selected by the chancellor of the Connecticut
1036 State Colleges and Universities; (I) a teaching faculty representative
1037 from The University of Connecticut, to be selected by the president of
1038 The University of Connecticut; (J) a teaching faculty representative from
1039 a private career school in the state, to be selected by the Commissioner
1040 of Higher Education; (K) one member appointed by the president pro
1041 tempore of the Senate, who shall be a representative of a large
1042 manufacturing employer in the state; (L) one member appointed by the
1043 speaker of the House of Representatives, who shall be a representative
1044 of a large financial or insurance services employer in the state; (M) one
1045 member appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, who shall be a
1046 representative of an information technology or digital media employer
1047 in the state; (N) one member appointed by the minority leader of the
1048 Senate, who shall be a representative of a small business employer in
1049 the state; (O) one member appointed by the majority leader of the House
1050 of Representatives, who shall be a representative of a health care

1051 employer in the state; (P) one member appointed by the minority leader
1052 of the House of Representatives, who shall be a representative of a small
1053 business employer in the state; and (Q) the chairpersons and ranking
1054 members of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly
1055 having cognizance of matters relating to higher education and
1056 employment advancement. The commission membership shall, where
1057 feasible, reflect the state's geographic, racial and ethnic diversity.

1058 Sec. 33. Section 10a-19c of the general statutes is repealed and the
1059 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

1060 (a) There is established a Connecticut nursing incentive program
1061 administered by the Board of Regents for Higher Education.

1062 (b) The board shall provide financial assistance to up to four [regional
1063 community-technical colleges] campuses of the Connecticut State
1064 Community College that enter into partnerships with hospitals, as
1065 defined in section 19a-490, or other health care institutions, as defined
1066 in said section 19a-490, [in order] to secure nonstate funding to increase
1067 the number of faculty members at such [regional community-technical
1068 colleges] campuses that are qualified to teach or train students to
1069 become registered nurses.

1070 (c) A [regional community-technical college] campus of the
1071 Connecticut State Community College seeking such assistance shall
1072 submit to the Board of Regents for Higher Education its nursing faculty
1073 expansion plan, together with a commitment agreement signed by its
1074 hospital or health care institution partner or partners and information
1075 on the amount of nonstate funding secured by the partnership.
1076 Assistance provided by the board to a [regional community-technical
1077 college] campus (1) may be provided for up to two years in accordance
1078 with this subsection, and (2) shall not exceed (A) seventy-five thousand
1079 dollars per year, or (B) the annual amount of nonstate funding secured
1080 by the partnership, whichever is less. In determining whether to provide
1081 assistance pursuant to this section for a second year, the board shall
1082 consider the success of the nursing faculty expansion plan, as measured
1083 by factors including, but not limited to, the number of persons teaching

1084 or providing training to nursing students pursuant to the nursing
1085 faculty expansion program and the number of students graduating from
1086 nursing programs.

1087 [(d) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2005, and June 30, 2006, the
1088 Board of Regents for Higher Education may use up to two per cent of
1089 the funds appropriated for purposes of this section for program
1090 administration.]

1091 Sec. 34. Section 10a-20 of the general statutes is repealed and the
1092 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

1093 Notwithstanding the provisions of any general statute or special act
1094 to the contrary, the selection, appointment, assignment of duties,
1095 amount of compensation, sick leave, vacation, leaves of absence,
1096 termination of service, rank and status of the individual members of the
1097 respective professional staffs of the system of higher education shall be
1098 under the sole jurisdiction of the respective governing boards [of
1099 trustees] within available funds. Each constituent board shall annually
1100 submit to the Commissioner of Administrative Services a list of the
1101 positions which it has included within the professional staff.

1102 Sec. 35. Section 10a-20a of the general statutes is repealed and the
1103 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

1104 (a) The Office of Higher Education may establish and administer a
1105 fund to be known as the Endowed Chair Investment Fund. Within the
1106 limits of funds available, the office may approve an application,
1107 submitted pursuant to subsection (b) of this section, for the
1108 establishment of an endowed chair and deposit state funds for such
1109 endowed chair to an account within said fund in an amount not less
1110 than five hundred thousand dollars.

1111 (b) The Board of Trustees of The University of Connecticut and the
1112 Board of [Trustees of the Connecticut State University System] Regents
1113 for Higher Education may submit an application for the establishment
1114 of an endowed chair to be supported by a grant of not less than five

1115 hundred thousand and not more than one million dollars from the
1116 Endowed Chair Investment Fund and a matching nonstate contribution.
1117 Applications for endowed chairs shall be accepted on October first and
1118 April first in each year in which funds are available. To apply for the
1119 state grant, the board [of trustees] shall notify the office that it has raised
1120 a matching nonstate contribution and that it is eligible for a grant of state
1121 funds to establish an endowed chair in a specific academic discipline.
1122 The board [of trustees] shall submit for the office's review and approval
1123 evidence that the chair will be established in a center of excellence, as
1124 defined in subsection (b) of section 10a-25h.

1125 (c) Following approval of an application for an endowed chair by the
1126 office, the governing board [of trustees] of the institution at which such
1127 endowed chair is established shall select candidates to fill such endowed
1128 chair and shall develop a budget for expenditures associated with such
1129 endowed chair.

1130 (d) Any state funds deposited by the office to the Endowed Chair
1131 Investment Fund shall be invested by the State Treasurer, except a duly
1132 established foundation of The University of Connecticut or the
1133 Connecticut State University System, as appropriate, may request the
1134 office to transfer any state funds relating to an approved application for
1135 an endowed chair to such duly established foundation for the purpose
1136 of investing such state funds in accordance with the provisions of
1137 subsection (f) of this section.

1138 (e) Any interest income earned on state funds invested by the State
1139 Treasurer pursuant to subsection (d) of this section shall be deposited to
1140 the Endowed Chair Investment Fund and, following establishment of
1141 an endowed chair under this section shall be allocated annually, upon
1142 request, to The University of Connecticut or to the Connecticut State
1143 University System, as appropriate, to support the endowed chair.
1144 Nonstate matching contributions shall be held by a duly established
1145 foundation of The University of Connecticut or the Connecticut State
1146 University System and the interest on such contributions shall be used
1147 to support the endowed chair.

1148 (f) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, and each fiscal year
1149 thereafter, The University of Connecticut or the Connecticut State
1150 University System may request, and the office shall transfer, any state
1151 funds deposited in the Endowed Chair Investment Fund to a duly
1152 established foundation of The University of Connecticut or the
1153 Connecticut State University System, as appropriate, for an endowed
1154 chair established under this section. Such duly established foundation
1155 shall invest such state funds, and any interest income earned on such
1156 state funds shall be used to support the endowed chair. Such duly
1157 established foundation shall (1) account for such state funds separately
1158 from the nonstate matching contributions, (2) hold such state funds as a
1159 permanently restricted asset for the endowed chair, and (3) manage
1160 such state funds in accordance with the Connecticut Uniform Prudent
1161 Management of Institutional Funds Act (UPMIFA), pursuant to sections
1162 45a-535 to 45a-535i, inclusive, and in a manner consistent with such
1163 foundation's investment and expenditure policies. No interest income
1164 earned from the state funds in any fiscal year shall be used to support
1165 the endowed chair when, at the close of the fiscal year, the market value
1166 of such state funds is less than the principal value. At the close of the
1167 fiscal year, such duly established foundation shall restore the original
1168 amount of state funds deposited in the Endowed Chair Investment
1169 Fund to a duly established foundation of The University of Connecticut
1170 or the Connecticut State University System, as appropriate, at the
1171 beginning of the next fiscal year.

1172 (g) The boards [of trustees] shall submit annual reports, in accordance
1173 with the provisions of section 11-4a, to the office and the joint standing
1174 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
1175 relating to higher education concerning the management of the
1176 endowed chair. For a duly established foundation administering an
1177 endowed chair in a manner described in subsection (e) of this section,
1178 such report shall include, but not be limited to, the expenditures of the
1179 endowed chair. For a duly established foundation administering an
1180 endowed chair in a manner described in subsection (f) of this section,
1181 such report shall include, but not be limited to, (1) expenditures, (2) the
1182 balance of state funds in each of the two previous fiscal years, (3) the

1183 balance of nonstate matching contributions in each of the two previous
1184 fiscal years, and (4) the amount of interest income earned for the state
1185 funds and nonstate matching contributions for the previous fiscal year.

1186 Sec. 36. Subsection (a) of section 10a-25h of the general statutes is
1187 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
1188 *passage*):

1189 (a) In order to develop and further encourage excellence in public
1190 higher education, the governing boards [of trustees] of the constituent
1191 units of the state system of higher education, not including Charter Oak
1192 State College, are hereby authorized to establish and administer centers
1193 to be known as Connecticut higher education centers of excellence.
1194 Appropriations to these centers shall be used for the development or
1195 enhancement of essential support for academic, research, or public
1196 service centers of excellence which have gained or may gain regional
1197 and national prominence or for libraries or equipment for present
1198 enhancement to existing programs deemed to have potential for
1199 excellence with such enhancement.

1200 Sec. 37. Section 10a-25j of the general statutes is repealed and the
1201 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

1202 The Board of Regents for Higher Education shall, in consultation with
1203 representatives of the governing board [of trustees] of the constituent
1204 units, including faculty, develop guidelines for identifying centers of
1205 excellence. Initial proposals for funding centers of excellence shall
1206 originate within the constituent units, from faculty, staff or
1207 administration. The proposals shall be reviewed and approved by the
1208 governing board [of trustees] of the constituent unit to ensure that they
1209 conform to institutional priorities. The Board of Regents for Higher
1210 Education shall select a committee, including faculty and staff
1211 representatives from constituent units, to review proposals and make
1212 recommendations to the board. The Board of Regents for Higher
1213 Education shall: (1) Consider and select proposals; (2) request as part of
1214 its consolidated budget, pursuant to section 10a-6, as amended by this
1215 act, appropriations to support centers of excellence recommended for

1216 funding pursuant to this section; and (3) provide for the evaluation of
1217 the effectiveness of the centers of excellence in meeting the goals
1218 established in subsection (a) of section 10a-25h, as amended by this act.

1219 Sec. 38. Subsection (a) of section 10a-35a of the general statutes is
1220 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
1221 *passage*):

1222 (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 10a-34 to 10a-35,
1223 inclusive, the Board of Regents for Higher Education [shall have the
1224 authority] may, in accordance with the provisions of said sections and
1225 the standards set forth in any regulations promulgated thereunder, [to
1226 (1)] review and approve recommendations for the establishment of new
1227 academic programs for the universities within the Connecticut State
1228 University System, the [regional community-technical colleges]
1229 Connecticut State Community College and Charter Oak State College. [,
1230 and (2) until June 30, 2024, report all new programs and program
1231 changes to the Office of Higher Education.]

1232 Sec. 39. Subsection (b) of section 10a-44d of the general statutes is
1233 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
1234 *passage*):

1235 (b) There is established the Connecticut Open Educational Resource
1236 Coordinating Council, which shall be part of the Connecticut State
1237 Colleges and Universities. The chancellor shall appoint the members of
1238 the council, which shall consist of the following: (1) A state-wide
1239 coordinator, who shall collaborate with all institutions of higher
1240 education to promote open educational resources and administer
1241 grants; (2) one faculty member, one administrator and one staff member
1242 from The University of Connecticut; (3) one faculty member, one
1243 administrator and one staff member from the [regional community-
1244 technical college system] Connecticut State Community College; (4) one
1245 faculty member, one administrator and one staff member from Charter
1246 Oak State College; (5) one faculty member, one administrator and one
1247 staff member from the Connecticut State University System; (6) one
1248 faculty member, one administrator and one staff member from the

1249 independent institutions of higher education; and (7) one student from
1250 any public or independent institution of higher education in the state.
1251 All initial appointments to the council shall be made not later than
1252 September 1, 2019, and shall expire on August 30, 2022, regardless of
1253 when the initial appointment was made. Any member of the council
1254 may serve more than one term.

1255 Sec. 40. Section 10a-51 of the general statutes is repealed and the
1256 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

1257 (a) The governing board [of trustees] of any constituent unit of the
1258 state system of higher education may allocate funds from its General
1259 Fund appropriation for any expenses incurred in connection with the
1260 operation of a child care center utilized in the instructional program of
1261 such constituent unit.

1262 (b) The governing board [of trustees] of any such constituent unit
1263 may authorize the charging of a fee or schedule of fees to any person
1264 using any child care center operated by such constituent unit.

1265 Sec. 41. Subsection (a) of section 10a-55i of the general statutes is
1266 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
1267 *passage*):

1268 (a) There is established a Higher Education Consolidation Committee
1269 which shall be convened by the chairpersons of the joint standing
1270 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
1271 relating to higher education or such chairpersons' designee, who shall
1272 be a member of such joint standing committee. The membership of the
1273 Higher Education Consolidation Committee shall consist of the higher
1274 education subcommittee on appropriations and the chairpersons, vice
1275 chairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing committees of
1276 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to higher
1277 education and appropriations. The Higher Education Consolidation
1278 Committee shall establish a meeting and public hearing schedule for
1279 purposes of receiving updates from (1) the Board of Regents for Higher
1280 Education on the progress of the consolidation of the state system of

1281 higher education pursuant to this section, section 4-9c, subsection (g) of
1282 section 5-160, section 5-199d, as amended by this act, subsection (a) of
1283 section 7-323k, subsection (a) of section 7-608, subsection (a) of section
1284 10-9, section 10-155d, subdivision (15) of section 10-183b, sections 10a-
1285 1a to 10a-1d, inclusive, as amended by this act, 10a-3, as amended by
1286 this act, and 10a-3a, as amended by this act, 10a-8, as amended by this
1287 act, 10a-10a to 10a-11a, inclusive, 10a-17d and 10a-22a, subsection (f) of
1288 section 10a-22b, subsections (c) and (d) of section 10a-22d, sections 10a-
1289 22h and 10a-22k, subsection (a) of section 10a-22n, sections 10a-22r, 10a-
1290 22s, 10a-22u, 10a-22v, 10a-22x and 10a-34 to 10a-35a, inclusive, as
1291 amended by this act, subsection (a) of section 10a-48a, [sections 10a-71
1292 and] section 10a-72, as amended by this act, subsections (c) and (f) of
1293 section 10a-77, as amended by this act, [section 10a-88,] subsection (a) of
1294 section 10a-89, as amended by this act, subsection (c) of section 10a-99,
1295 as amended by this act, and sections 10a-102, 10a-104, 10a-105, 10a-109e,
1296 10a-143 and 10a-168a, as amended by this act, and (2) the Board of
1297 Regents for Higher Education and The University of Connecticut on the
1298 program approval process for the constituent units. The Higher
1299 Education Consolidation Committee shall convene its first meeting on
1300 or before September 15, 2011, and meet not less than once every two
1301 months.

1302 Sec. 42. Subdivision (8) of subsection (b) of section 10a-55r of the
1303 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
1304 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

1305 (8) Two designated by the Board of Regents for Higher Education,
1306 one of whom represents the Connecticut State University System and
1307 one of whom represents the [regional community-technical college
1308 system] Connecticut State Community College;

1309 Sec. 43. Subsection (b) of section 10a-55v of the general statutes is
1310 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
1311 *passage*):

1312 (b) Subject to the guidelines established by the Board of Regents for
1313 Higher Education, the Go Back to Get Ahead program shall provide,

1314 within available resources, an incentive of up to three free three-credit
1315 courses necessary for the completion of an associate's or bachelor's
1316 degree to any resident of this state who previously enrolled in an
1317 associate's or bachelor's degree program at any public or independent
1318 institution of higher education, who either (1) left such program prior to
1319 completing it, or (2) received an associate's degree and seeks to enroll in
1320 a bachelor's degree program, and who has not attended any institution
1321 of higher education for at least eighteen months as of June 30, 2014. Said
1322 program shall be limited to individuals who enroll, not later than
1323 September 30, 2016, in an associate's or bachelor's degree program at a
1324 state college within the Connecticut State University System, a former
1325 regional community-technical college or Charter Oak State College.

1326 Sec. 44. Subsection (b) of section 10a-55w of the general statutes is
1327 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
1328 *passage*):

1329 (b) The Connecticut State Colleges and Universities shall provide any
1330 student who has been accepted for admission to [an institution within
1331 the jurisdiction of the regional community-technical college system] the
1332 Connecticut State Community College with information about the
1333 existing transfer and articulation programs between [the regional
1334 technical-community colleges] said college and four-year public
1335 institutions of higher education.

1336 Sec. 45. Subsection (a) of section 10a-57d of the general statutes is
1337 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
1338 *passage*):

1339 (a) The Board of Regents for Higher Education, under the direction
1340 of its chief academic officer, shall establish a working group comprised
1341 of deans of continuing education programs, or their designees, at the
1342 [regional community-technical colleges] Connecticut State Community
1343 College to review all of the noncredit sub-baccalaureate certificate
1344 programs offered by [each regional community-technical college] the
1345 Connecticut State Community College for purposes of designing a
1346 uniform naming convention for such programs. Not later than January

1347 1, 2019, the working group shall design the uniform naming convention
1348 to enable students to distinguish between noncredit certificate programs
1349 with similar yet varied requirements within the same field of study. Any
1350 programs that vary shall be uniformly designated with indications of
1351 different, enhanced or more demanding requirements.

1352 Sec. 46. Section 10a-62 of the general statutes is repealed and the
1353 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

1354 The members of the New England Board of Higher Education shall
1355 be appointed as follows: (1) The Governor shall appoint two members,
1356 who shall be the Commissioner of Education and the Chief Workforce
1357 Officer, or their designees; (2) the president pro tempore of the Senate
1358 shall appoint three members who are residents of the state, one of whom
1359 shall be a member of the Senate and, upon the recommendation of the
1360 chancellor of the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities, one of
1361 whom shall represent the Connecticut State University System and one
1362 of whom shall represent the [regional community-technical college
1363 system] Connecticut State Community College; and (3) the speaker of
1364 the House of Representatives shall appoint three members who are
1365 residents of the state, one of whom shall be a member of the House of
1366 Representatives, one of whom shall represent The University of
1367 Connecticut based on the recommendation of the president of said
1368 university and one of whom shall represent the independent institutions
1369 of higher education in the state. The two persons appointed by the
1370 Governor shall be appointed for a term of four years from October
1371 twenty-fourth in the year of their appointment, except that in 1969 the
1372 Governor shall appoint one member for a term of six years from October
1373 24, 1969. Persons first appointed by the president pro tempore and the
1374 speaker shall serve until February 1, 1971, and persons appointed as
1375 their successors shall serve for terms of two years each commencing as
1376 of the first day of February in the year of their appointment. Persons
1377 appointed as of July 1, 2021, may continue to serve the remainder of
1378 their terms. Vacancies shall be filled for the remainder of unexpired
1379 terms in the same manner as original appointments are made.

1380 Sec. 47. Section 10a-67 of the general statutes is repealed and the
1381 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

1382 Notwithstanding any provisions of the general statutes to the
1383 contrary, the [Boards] Board of Trustees of [the Community-Technical
1384 Colleges, the Connecticut State University System and] The University
1385 of Connecticut and the Board of Regents for Higher Education shall fix
1386 fees for tuition for nonresident students who are enrolled in institutions
1387 under the jurisdiction of said boards through the New England Regional
1388 Student Program of not less than the tuition rate charged of resident
1389 students enrolled in similar programs plus fifty per cent of that rate,
1390 such revenue to be deposited to the revenues of the tuition funds of the
1391 respective constituent units.

1392 Sec. 48. Section 10a-72 of the general statutes is repealed and the
1393 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

1394 (a) [Subject to state-wide policy and guidelines established by the
1395 Board of Regents for Higher Education, said board of trustees] The
1396 Board of Regents for Higher Education shall administer the [regional
1397 community-technical colleges] Connecticut State Community College
1398 and plan for the expansion and development of [the institutions within
1399 its jurisdiction] said college. The Commissioner of Administrative
1400 Services, [on] upon request of [the] said board, [of trustees] shall, in
1401 accordance with section 4b-30, negotiate and execute leases on such
1402 physical facilities as [the] said board [of trustees] may deem necessary
1403 for proper operation of [such institutions] the campuses of said college,
1404 and said board [of trustees] may expend capital funds therefor, if such
1405 leasing is required during the planning and construction phases of
1406 [institutions within its jurisdiction] the campuses of said college for
1407 which such capital funds were authorized. The [board of trustees] Board
1408 of Regents for Higher Education may appoint and remove the chief
1409 executive officer of each [institution within its jurisdiction] campus of
1410 the Connecticut State Community College. [The] Said board [of trustees]
1411 may employ the faculty and other personnel needed to operate and
1412 maintain the [institutions within its jurisdiction] campuses of said

1413 college. Within the limitation of appropriations, [the] said board [of
1414 trustees] shall fix the compensation of such personnel, establish terms
1415 and conditions of employment and prescribe their duties and
1416 qualifications. Said board [of trustees] shall determine who constitutes
1417 its professional staff and establish compensation and classification
1418 schedules for its professional staff. Said board shall annually submit to
1419 the Commissioner of Administrative Services a list of the positions
1420 which it has included within the professional staff. [The] Said board
1421 shall establish a division of technical and technological education. [The
1422 board of trustees] Said board shall confer such certificates and degrees
1423 as are appropriate to the curricula of [community-technical colleges] a
1424 community college. [The] Said board [of trustees] shall prepare plans for
1425 the development of a [regional community-technical college] campus of
1426 the Connecticut State Community College and submit [the same] such
1427 plans to the Commissioner of Administrative Services and request said
1428 commissioner to select the site for such [college] campus. Within the
1429 limits of the bonding authority therefor, the Commissioner of
1430 Administrative Services, subject to the provisions of section 4b-23, may
1431 acquire such site and construct such buildings as are consistent with the
1432 plan of development.

1433 (b) [Subject to state-wide policy and guidelines established by the]
1434 The Board of Regents for Higher Education [, the board of trustees] shall:

1435 (1) Make rules for the governance of the [regional community-
1436 technical colleges] Connecticut State Community College, determine the
1437 general policies of said [colleges] college, including [those] such policies
1438 concerning the admission of students, and direct the expenditure of said
1439 [colleges'] college's funds within the amounts available;

1440 (2) Develop mission statements for the [regional community-
1441 technical colleges] Connecticut State Community College: The mission
1442 statement for the [regional community-technical colleges] Connecticut
1443 State Community College shall include, but need not be limited to, the
1444 following elements: (A) The educational needs of and constituencies
1445 served by said [colleges] college; (B) the degrees offered by said

1446 [colleges] college, and (C) the role and scope of each [institution within
1447 the community-technical college system] campus of said college, which
1448 shall include each [institution's] campus's particular strengths and
1449 specialties;

1450 (3) Establish policies for the [regional community-technical colleges]
1451 Connecticut State Community College;

1452 (4) Establish policies [which] that protect academic freedom and the
1453 content of courses and degree programs;

1454 (5) Establish new academic programs;

1455 (6) Make institutional mergers or closures;

1456 (7) Coordinate the programs and services of the [institutions under
1457 its jurisdiction] campuses of the Connecticut State Community College;

1458 (8) Promote fund-raising by the [institutions under its jurisdiction in
1459 order] campuses of the Connecticut State Community College to assist
1460 such [institutions] campuses, provided the board shall not directly
1461 engage in fund-raising except for purposes of providing funding for (A)
1462 scholarships or other direct student financial aid and (B) programs,
1463 services or activities at one or more of [the institutions within its
1464 jurisdiction] such campuses and report to the joint standing committee
1465 of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to higher
1466 education [by January 1, 1994, and] not later than January first,
1467 biennially, [thereafter,] on all such fund-raising; and

1468 (9) Charge the direct costs for a building project under its jurisdiction
1469 to the bond fund account for such project; provided, (A) such costs are
1470 charged in accordance with a procedure approved by the Treasurer and
1471 (B) nothing in this subdivision shall permit the charging of working
1472 capital costs, as defined in the applicable provisions of the Internal
1473 Revenue Code of 1986, or any subsequent corresponding internal
1474 revenue code of the United States, as from time to time amended, or
1475 costs originally paid from sources other than the bond fund account.

1476 (c) The [board of trustees] Board of Regents for Higher Education
1477 may request authority from the Treasurer to issue payment for claims
1478 against [said colleges] the Connecticut State Community College, other
1479 than a payment for payroll, debt service payable on state bonds to
1480 bondholders, paying agents, or trustees, or any payment the source of
1481 which includes the proceeds of a state bond issue.

1482 Sec. 49. Section 10a-72a of the general statutes is repealed and the
1483 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

1484 (a) Except when specifically prohibited by the conditions, if any,
1485 upon which a gift was created or by a conditional sales agreement, the
1486 Board of [Trustees for the Community-Technical Colleges is authorized
1487 to] Regents for Higher Education may sell, trade, or otherwise dispose
1488 of any unwanted, duplicate, out-of-date or irrelevant materials within
1489 the [regional community-technical college] Connecticut State
1490 Community College libraries, [under the jurisdiction of the board,]
1491 provided the monetary proceeds of such a transaction, if any, shall be
1492 deemed to be funds from private sources and, as such funds, shall be
1493 held in the manner prescribed by section 4-31a, as amended by this act,
1494 for use in furthering any purpose the board considers to be in harmony
1495 with the original purpose of the gift or purchase of such materials.

1496 (b) Fines collected by any [regional community-technical college]
1497 campus of the Connecticut State Community College library [under the
1498 jurisdiction of the board] shall be deposited in the [institutional]
1499 operating account of [such] the campus of said college on which such
1500 library is located.

1501 Sec. 50. Section 10a-72c of the general statutes is repealed and the
1502 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

1503 There is established a council to advise the Board of [Trustees of the
1504 Community-Technical Colleges] Regents for Higher Education in the
1505 performance of its statutory functions relating to technical and
1506 technological education. The council shall consist of: (1) The
1507 Commissioner of Economic and Community Development and the

1508 Labor Commissioner, (2) one technical or technological education
1509 faculty member from each campus of the [community-technical
1510 colleges] Connecticut State Community College appointed by the chief
1511 executive officer of each such [institution] campus, (3) one technical or
1512 technological education student from each campus of the [community-
1513 technical colleges] Connecticut State Community College elected by the
1514 student body of each such [institution] campus.

1515 Sec. 51. Section 10a-72d of the general statutes is repealed and the
1516 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

1517 The Board of [Trustees for the Community-Technical Colleges]
1518 Regents for Higher Education shall establish procedures for (1) the
1519 development of articulation agreements between the [regional
1520 community-technical colleges] Connecticut State Community College
1521 or a campus of said college and the Technical Education and Career
1522 System in order to ensure a successful transition to higher education for
1523 students attending a technical education and career school, and (2) the
1524 awarding of appropriate college credit for persons enrolled in and
1525 registered under the terms of a qualified apprenticeship training
1526 program, certified in accordance with regulations adopted by the Labor
1527 Commissioner and registered with the Labor Department under section
1528 31-22r.

1529 Sec. 52. Section 10a-72e of the general statutes is repealed and the
1530 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

1531 (a) [Not later than July 1, 2002, the Boards] The Board of Trustees [for
1532 the Connecticut Community-Technical Colleges, the Connecticut State
1533 University System,] of The University of Connecticut, [Charter Oak
1534 State College,] the Board of Regents for Higher Education and the
1535 governing boards of the Bridgeport Hospital School of Nursing and
1536 Connecticut's [Independent Colleges] independent institutions of
1537 higher education shall develop a plan to ensure that there are
1538 articulation agreements for their nursing programs to assist nurses in
1539 advancing their education and nursing credentials.

1540 (b) Not later than July 1, 2004, such boards [of trustees] shall
1541 implement the plan developed pursuant to subsection (a) of this section.

1542 Sec. 53. Section 10a-72f of the general statutes is repealed and the
1543 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

1544 Within available appropriations, the Board of [Trustees for
1545 Community-Technical Colleges] Regents for Higher Education may
1546 establish up to three pilot programs to provide for student household
1547 and family expenses of students with dependents while such students
1548 are attending [a community-technical college] the Connecticut State
1549 Community College. Participation in the pilot program shall be limited
1550 to students who are eligible for a federal Pell grant.

1551 Sec. 54. Section 10a-72g of the general statutes is repealed and the
1552 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

1553 The Board of [Trustees for Community-Technical Colleges] Regents
1554 for Higher Education shall take all feasible steps to maximize available
1555 federal funds in order to establish a nursing program at the
1556 Northwestern campus of the Connecticut State Community College.

1557 Sec. 55. Section 10a-72h of the general statutes is repealed and the
1558 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

1559 (a) On or before September 1, 2009, the Board of [Trustees of the
1560 Community-Technical Colleges] Regents for Higher Education shall
1561 appoint and convene an oversight board for the purposes of carrying
1562 out the provisions of subsection (b) of this section. Such oversight board
1563 shall include: (1) A representative of the faculty of the Norwalk campus
1564 of the Connecticut State Community College; (2) a representative of the
1565 faculty of the J. M. Wright Technical High School; (3) four
1566 representatives from trade vocations; (4) two representatives of the
1567 business community; and (5) a representative of a chamber of
1568 commerce. The [president] chief executive officer of the Norwalk
1569 campus of the Connecticut State Community College shall serve as the
1570 oversight board's chairperson.

1571 (b) On or before January 1, 2010, the oversight board established
1572 pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, in consultation with the Board
1573 of [Trustees of the Community-Technical Colleges] Regents for Higher
1574 Education and the Commissioner of Education, shall establish, within
1575 existing budgetary resources and staffing levels, a pilot program to
1576 operate during the school year commencing July 1, 2010, and each
1577 school year thereafter, to allow students to complete courses at the J. M.
1578 Wright Technical High School for college credit at the Norwalk campus
1579 of the Connecticut State Community College. Such program shall
1580 coordinate courses between the J. M. Wright Technical High School and
1581 the Norwalk campus of the Connecticut State Community College and
1582 provide students with access to vocational employment or
1583 postsecondary education.

1584 (c) On or before June 30, 2011, and annually thereafter, the Board of
1585 [Trustees of the Community-Technical Colleges] Regents for Higher
1586 Education and the Commissioner of Education shall report, in
1587 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a, to the joint standing
1588 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
1589 relating to education and higher education and employment
1590 advancement on the curriculum offered as part of the pilot program and
1591 the number of students who have earned course credit under the
1592 program established in subsection (b) of this section.

1593 Sec. 56. Section 10a-72i of the general statutes is repealed and the
1594 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

1595 (a) The Board of [Trustees of the Community-Technical Colleges]
1596 Regents for Higher Education shall develop a program to meet the
1597 educational and training needs of unemployed state residents by
1598 providing access to short-term, noncredit programs of study at the
1599 Connecticut State Community College that lead to the acquisition of job-
1600 related skills and workforce credentials.

1601 (b) The [board of trustees] Board of Regents for Higher Education
1602 shall establish an advisory committee to identify workforce needs,
1603 education and training requirements, support services and partnerships

1604 in fields with available or growing employment opportunities and in
1605 priority regions enduring high levels of unemployment. The advisory
1606 committee shall include representatives from the Labor Department, the
1607 Workforce Investment Boards, the Department of Economic and
1608 Community Development, the Connecticut Center for Advanced
1609 Technology, the Connecticut Business and Industry Association and
1610 labor organizations. The advisory committee shall examine the use of
1611 individual educational training accounts to assist [these individuals]
1612 participants, recommend eligibility requirements for participants,
1613 including, but not limited to, verification of unemployment and
1614 demonstration of financial need, and consider establishing pilot
1615 programs, the number and participants of which shall be determined by
1616 available funding resources. The advisory committee shall submit its
1617 recommendations to the [board of trustees] Board of Regents for Higher
1618 Education on or before November 1, 2010.

1619 (c) The [board of trustees] Board of Regents for Higher Education
1620 shall examine the costs associated with program delivery and
1621 modification for existing programs or the development of new
1622 noncredit programs focused on high-need, high-growth fields along
1623 with support for student tuition, fees, books, materials and academics.

1624 (d) The [community-technical colleges] Connecticut State
1625 Community College shall leverage state funding dedicated to this
1626 initiative in applications for federal funding included in the Student Aid
1627 and Fiscal Responsibility Act, the United States Department of
1628 Education's college access challenge grant program and other available
1629 grants for educational and career training programs to sustain and
1630 expand the individual educational training grants program throughout
1631 the [system of community colleges] Connecticut State Community
1632 College.

1633 Sec. 57. Section 10a-72j of the general statutes is repealed and the
1634 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

1635 [Each regional community-technical college] The chief executive
1636 officer of each campus of the Connecticut State Community College

1637 shall consult with the school counselors and school administrators at
1638 public high schools located within the region of the state in which such
1639 [college] campus is located for the purpose of establishing collaborative
1640 partnerships between such schools and such [college] campus. Such
1641 partnerships may include, but not be limited to, collaborative
1642 counseling programs for students interested in specific careers,
1643 evaluation and alignment of curricula and offering support or
1644 educational programs to improve student outcomes.

1645 Sec. 58. Section 10a-73 of the general statutes is repealed and the
1646 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

1647 The Board of [Trustees of the Community-Technical Colleges]
1648 Regents for Higher Education, upon the recommendation of the chief
1649 executive [officers] officer of [the regional community-technical
1650 colleges] a campus of the Connecticut State Community College, shall
1651 appoint for [each regional community-technical college] such campus a
1652 regional council, representative of the geographical area served. Each
1653 such council shall advise the board and the chief executive officer [of
1654 each regional community-technical college] with respect to appropriate
1655 educational programs to meet the needs of the communities in the
1656 region which it represents.

1657 Sec. 59. Section 10a-77 of the general statutes is repealed and the
1658 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

1659 (a) Subject to the provisions of section 10a-26, the Board of [Trustees
1660 of the Community-Technical Colleges] Regents for Higher Education
1661 shall fix fees for tuition at the [regional community-technical colleges]
1662 Connecticut State Community College and shall fix fees for such other
1663 purposes as the board deems necessary at the [regional community-
1664 technical colleges] college, and may make refunds to the same.

1665 (b) The Board of Regents for Higher Education shall establish and
1666 administer a fund to be known as the [Regional Community-Technical
1667 Colleges] Connecticut State Community College Operating Fund.
1668 Appropriations from general revenues of the state and, upon request by

1669 the board and with an annual review and approval by the Secretary of
1670 the Office of Policy and Management, the amount of the appropriations
1671 for fringe benefits and workers' compensation applicable to the
1672 [regional community-technical colleges] Connecticut State Community
1673 College pursuant to subsection (a) of section 4-73, shall be transferred
1674 from the Comptroller, and all tuition revenue received by the [regional
1675 community-technical colleges] Connecticut State Community College in
1676 accordance with the provisions of subsection (a) of this section shall be
1677 deposited in said fund. Income from student fees or related charges; the
1678 proceeds of auxiliary activities and business enterprises, gifts and
1679 donations; federal funds and grants for purposes other than research,
1680 and all receipts derived from the conduct by the [colleges] college of
1681 their education extension programs and summer school sessions shall
1682 be credited to said fund but shall be allocated to the central office and
1683 [institutional] campus operating accounts which shall be established
1684 and maintained for the central office and each [community-technical
1685 college] campus of the Connecticut State Community College. If the
1686 Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management disapproves such
1687 transfer, the secretary may require the amount of the appropriation for
1688 operating expenses to be used for personal services and fringe benefits
1689 to be excluded from said fund. The State Treasurer shall review and
1690 approve the transfer prior to such request by the board. The board shall
1691 establish an equitable policy, in accordance with section 10a-8, as
1692 amended by this act, for allocation of appropriations from general
1693 revenues of the state, fringe benefits transferred from the Comptroller
1694 and tuition revenue deposited in the [Regional Community-Technical
1695 Colleges] Connecticut State Community College Operating Fund. At the
1696 beginning of each quarter of the fiscal year, the board shall allocate and
1697 transfer, in accordance with said policy, moneys for expenditure in such
1698 [institutional] campus operating accounts, exclusive of amounts
1699 retained for central office operations and reasonable reserves for future
1700 distribution. All costs of waiving or remitting tuition pursuant to
1701 subsection (f) of this section shall be charged to the [Regional
1702 Community-Technical Colleges] Connecticut State Community College
1703 Operating Fund. Repairs, alterations or additions to facilities supported

1704 by operating funds and costing one million dollars or more shall require
1705 the approval of the General Assembly, or when the General Assembly
1706 is not in session, of the Finance Advisory Committee. Any balance of
1707 receipts above expenditures shall remain in said fund, except such sums
1708 as may be required for deposit into a debt service fund or the General
1709 Fund for further payment by the Treasurer of debt service on general
1710 obligation bonds of the state issued for purposes of the regional
1711 community-technical colleges, or after July 1, 2023, for the purposes of
1712 the Connecticut State Community College.

1713 (c) Commencing December 1, 1984, and thereafter not later than sixty
1714 days after the close of each quarter, the [board of trustees] Board of
1715 Regents for Higher Education shall submit to the joint standing
1716 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
1717 relating to appropriations and the budgets of state agencies, the Office
1718 of Higher Education and the Office of Policy and Management a report
1719 on the actual expenditures of the [Regional Community-Technical
1720 Colleges] Connecticut State Community College Operating Fund.

1721 (d) [Said board of trustees] The Board of Regents for Higher
1722 Education shall waive the payment of tuition at [any of the regional
1723 community-technical colleges] the Connecticut State Community
1724 College (1) for any dependent child of a person whom the armed forces
1725 of the United States has declared to be missing in action or to have been
1726 a prisoner of war while serving in such armed forces after January 1,
1727 1960, which child has been accepted for admission to [such institution]
1728 said college and is a resident of the state at the time such child is
1729 accepted for admission to [such institution] said college, (2) subject to
1730 the provisions of subsection (e) of this section, for any veteran, as
1731 defined in section 27-103, who performed service in time of war, as
1732 defined in section 27-103, except that for purposes of this subsection,
1733 "service in time of war" shall not include time spent in attendance at a
1734 military service academy, which veteran has been accepted for
1735 admission to [such institution] said college and is domiciled in this state
1736 at the time such veteran is accepted for admission to [such institution]
1737 said college, (3) for any resident of the state sixty-two years of age or

1738 older, provided, at the end of the regular registration period, there are
1739 enrolled in the course a sufficient number of students other than those
1740 residents eligible for waivers pursuant to this subdivision to offer the
1741 course in which such resident intends to enroll and there is space
1742 available in such course after accommodating all such students, (4) for
1743 any student attending the Connecticut State Police Academy who is
1744 enrolled in a law enforcement program at said academy offered in
1745 coordination with [a regional community-technical college] the
1746 Connecticut State Community College which accredits courses taken in
1747 such program, (5) for any active member of the Connecticut Army or
1748 Air National Guard who (A) has been certified by the Adjutant General
1749 or such Adjutant General's designee as a member in good standing of
1750 the guard, and (B) is enrolled or accepted for admission to [such
1751 institution] said college on a full-time or part-time basis in an
1752 undergraduate degree-granting program, (6) for any dependent child of
1753 a (A) police officer, as defined in section 7-294a, or supernumerary or
1754 auxiliary police officer, (B) firefighter, as defined in section 7-323j, or
1755 member of a volunteer fire company, (C) municipal employee, or (D)
1756 state employee, as defined in section 5-154, killed in the line of duty, (7)
1757 for any resident of the state who is a dependent child or surviving
1758 spouse of a specified terrorist victim who was a resident of this state, (8)
1759 for any dependent child of a resident of the state who was killed in a
1760 multivehicle crash at or near the intersection of Routes 44 and 10 and
1761 Nod Road in Avon on July 29, 2005, and (9) for any resident of the state
1762 who is a dependent child or surviving spouse of a person who was
1763 killed in action while performing active military duty with the armed
1764 forces of the United States on or after September 11, 2001, and who was
1765 a resident of this state. If any person who receives a tuition waiver in
1766 accordance with the provisions of this subsection also receives
1767 educational reimbursement from an employer, such waiver shall be
1768 reduced by the amount of such educational reimbursement. Veterans
1769 and members of the National Guard described in subdivision (5) of this
1770 subsection shall be given the same status as students not receiving
1771 tuition waivers in registering for courses at [regional community-
1772 technical colleges] the Connecticut State Community College.

1773 Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10a-30, as used in this
1774 subsection, "domiciled in this state" includes domicile for less than one
1775 year.

1776 (e) (1) If any veteran described in subsection (d) of this section has
1777 applied for federal educational assistance under the Post-9/11 Veterans
1778 Educational Assistance Act of 2008, the [board of trustees] Board of
1779 Regents for Higher Education shall waive the payment of tuition at [any
1780 of] the [regional community-technical colleges] Connecticut State
1781 Community College for such veteran in accordance with subdivision (2)
1782 of this subsection. If any such veteran certifies to said board that such
1783 veteran's application for such federal educational assistance has been
1784 denied or withdrawn, said board [of trustees] shall waive the payment
1785 of tuition in accordance with subsection (d) of this section.

1786 (2) (A) For purposes of this subdivision, "veteran tuition benefit"
1787 means the portion of federal educational assistance under the Post-9/11
1788 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008 to be paid to [a regional
1789 community-technical college] the Connecticut State Community
1790 College on behalf of a veteran that represents payment for tuition. Such
1791 portion shall be calculated by multiplying (i) the total amount of such
1792 federal educational assistance to be paid to [a regional community-
1793 technical college] said college on behalf of such veteran by (ii) an
1794 amount obtained by dividing (I) the actual tuition charged by [such]
1795 said college to such veteran by (II) the sum of the actual tuition and fees
1796 charged by [such] said college to such veteran.

1797 (B) Said board [of trustees] shall waive the payment of tuition in
1798 excess of the veteran tuition benefit at any of the regional community-
1799 technical colleges for such veteran.

1800 (f) Said board shall set aside from [its] the anticipated [regional
1801 community-technical college] tuition revenue from the Connecticut
1802 State Community College, an amount not less than that required by said
1803 board's tuition policy. Such funds shall be used to provide tuition
1804 waivers, tuition remissions, grants for educational expenses and student
1805 employment for residents enrolled in [regional community-technical

1806 colleges] the Connecticut State Community College as full or part-time
1807 matriculated students in a degree-granting program, or enrolled in a
1808 precollege remedial program, who demonstrate substantial financial
1809 need. Said board may also set aside from its anticipated tuition revenue
1810 an additional amount equal to one per cent of said tuition revenue for
1811 financial assistance for students who would not otherwise be eligible for
1812 financial assistance but who do have a financial need as determined by
1813 the college in accordance with this subsection. In determining such
1814 financial need, the college shall exclude the value of equity in the
1815 principal residence of the student's parents or legal guardians, or in the
1816 student's principal residence if the student is not considered to be a
1817 dependent of his parents or legal guardians and shall assess the earnings
1818 of a dependent student at the rate of thirty per cent.

1819 (g) The [Regional Community-Technical Colleges] Connecticut State
1820 Community College Operating Fund shall be reimbursed for the
1821 amount by which the tuition waivers granted under subsection (d) of
1822 this section exceed five per cent of tuition revenue through an annual
1823 state appropriation. The [board of trustees] Board of Regents for Higher
1824 Education shall request such an appropriation and said appropriation
1825 shall be based upon an estimate of tuition revenue loss using tuition
1826 rates in effect for the fiscal year in which such appropriation will apply.

1827 (h) [Said board of trustees] The Board of Regents for Higher
1828 Education shall allow any student who is a member of the armed forces
1829 called to active duty during any semester to enroll in any course for
1830 which such student had remitted tuition but which was not completed
1831 due to active duty status. Such course reenrollment shall be offered to
1832 any qualifying student for a period not exceeding four years after the
1833 date of release from active duty without additional tuition, student fee
1834 or related charge, except if such student has been fully reimbursed for
1835 the tuition, fees and charges for the course that was not completed.

1836 (i) The Board of Regents for Higher Education shall not assess or
1837 charge a graduation fee to any student enrolled in [a regional
1838 community-technical college] the Connecticut State Community

1839 College for the purpose of graduating from [such regional community-
1840 technical] said college.

1841 Sec. 60. Section 10a-77a of the general statutes is repealed and the
1842 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

1843 (a) (1) The Board of [Trustees of the Community-Technical Colleges]
1844 Regents for Higher Education shall establish a permanent Endowment
1845 Fund for the [Community-Technical College System] Connecticut State
1846 Community College to encourage donations from the private sector,
1847 with an incentive in the form of an endowment fund state grant, the net
1848 earnings on the principal of which are dedicated and made available to
1849 [a regional community-technical college or the community-technical
1850 college system as a whole] a campus of the Connecticut State
1851 Community College or said college, for endowed professorships,
1852 scholarships and programmatic enhancements. The fund shall be
1853 administered by the board, [of trustees,] or by a nonprofit entity
1854 entrusted for such purpose and qualified as a Section 501(c)(3)
1855 organization under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or any
1856 subsequent corresponding internal revenue code of the United States,
1857 as from time to time amended, and preferably constituted and
1858 controlled independent of the state and board [of trustees] so as to
1859 qualify the interest on state bonds the proceeds of which have been
1860 granted for deposit in the endowment fund as excludable from taxation
1861 under such code and shall, in any event, be held in a trust fund separate
1862 and apart from all other funds and accounts of the state and the
1863 [community-technical college system] Connecticut State Community
1864 College. There shall be deposited into the fund: (A) Endowment fund
1865 state grants; and (B) interest or other income earned on the investment
1866 of moneys in the endowment fund pending transfer of the principal of
1867 the fund for the purposes identified in this subdivision. Endowment
1868 fund eligible gifts made on behalf of a [regional community-technical
1869 college or the system] campus of the Connecticut State Community
1870 College or said college as a whole shall be deposited in a permanent
1871 endowment fund created for each [regional community-technical
1872 college and the system] campus of said college and said college as a

1873 whole in the appropriate foundation established pursuant to sections 4-
1874 37e, as amended by this act, and 4-37f, as amended by this act. A portion
1875 of the endowment fund state grant and a portion of earnings on such
1876 grant, including capital appreciation, shall be transferred, annually,
1877 within thirty days of the receipt of the endowment fund state grant by
1878 the permanent Endowment Fund for the [Community-Technical
1879 College System] Connecticut State Community College, to such [a
1880 regional community-technical college] endowment fund for a campus
1881 of said college based on the ratio of the total amount of such gifts made
1882 to such [regional community-technical college] campus to the total
1883 amount of all such gifts made to [all the regional community-technical
1884 colleges and the system as a whole] the Connecticut State Community
1885 College, provided the provisions of section 4-37f, as amended by this
1886 act, are satisfied.

1887 [(2) (A) For each of the fiscal years ending June 30, 2000, to June 30,
1888 2006, inclusive, as part of the state contract with donors of endowment
1889 fund eligible gifts, the Office of Higher Education, in accordance with
1890 section 10a-8b, shall deposit in the Endowment Fund for the
1891 Community-Technical College System a grant in an amount equal to
1892 half of the total amount of endowment fund eligible gifts received by or
1893 for the benefit of the community-technical college system as a whole and
1894 each regional community-technical college for the calendar year ending
1895 the December thirty-first preceding the commencement of such fiscal
1896 year, as certified by the chairperson of the board of trustees by February
1897 fifteenth to (i) the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, (ii)
1898 the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
1899 cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and the budgets of state
1900 agencies, and (iii) the Commissioner of Higher Education, provided
1901 such sums do not exceed the endowment fund state grant maximum
1902 commitment for the fiscal year in which the grant is made.

1903 (B) For each of the fiscal years ending June 30, 2007, to June 30, 2014,
1904 inclusive, as part of the state contract with donors of endowment fund
1905 eligible gifts, the Office of Higher Education, in accordance with section
1906 10a-8b, shall deposit in the Endowment Fund for the Community-

1907 Technical College System a grant in an amount equal to one-quarter of
1908 the total amount of endowment fund eligible gifts, except as provided
1909 in this subdivision, received by or for the benefit of the community-
1910 technical college system as a whole and each regional community-
1911 technical college for the calendar year ending the December thirty-first
1912 preceding the commencement of such fiscal year, as certified by the
1913 chairperson of the board of trustees by February fifteenth to (i) the
1914 Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, (ii) the joint standing
1915 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
1916 relating to appropriations and the budgets of state agencies, and (iii) the
1917 Commissioner of Higher Education, provided such sums do not exceed
1918 the endowment fund state grant maximum commitment for the fiscal
1919 year in which the grant is made. Endowment fund eligible gifts that
1920 meet the criteria set forth in this subdivision, made by donors during
1921 the period from January 1, 2005, to June 30, 2005, shall continue to be
1922 matched by the Office of Higher Education in an amount equal to one-
1923 half of the total amount of endowment fund eligible gifts received.
1924 Commitments by donors to make endowment fund eligible gifts for two
1925 or more years that meet the criteria set forth in this subdivision and that
1926 are made for the period prior to December 31, 2004, but ending before
1927 December 31, 2012, shall continue to be matched by the Office of Higher
1928 Education in an amount equal to one-half of the total amount of
1929 endowment fund eligible gifts received through the commitment.

1930 (C) In any such fiscal year in which the total of the eligible gifts
1931 received by the community-technical colleges exceeds the endowment
1932 fund state grant maximum commitment for such fiscal year the amount
1933 in excess of such endowment fund state grant maximum commitment
1934 shall be carried forward and be eligible for a matching state grant in any
1935 succeeding fiscal year from the fiscal year ending June 30, 2000, to the
1936 fiscal year ending June 30, 2014, inclusive, subject to the endowment
1937 fund state grant maximum commitment. Any endowment fund eligible
1938 gifts that are not included in the total amount of endowment fund
1939 eligible gifts certified by the chairperson of the board of trustees
1940 pursuant to this subdivision may be carried forward and be eligible for
1941 a matching state grant in any succeeding fiscal year from the fiscal year

1942 ending June 30, 2000, to the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014, inclusive,
1943 subject to the endowment fund state matching grant commitment for
1944 such fiscal year.]

1945 [(3)] (2) The Board of [Trustees of the Community-Technical Colleges]
1946 Regents for Higher Education shall adopt [, by October 1, 1997,]
1947 guidelines with respect to (A) the solicitation of endowment fund
1948 eligible gifts from private donors, and (B) governing the acceptance of
1949 gifts made by a foundation established pursuant to sections 4-37e, as
1950 amended by this act, and 4-37f, as amended by this act, to a [community-
1951 technical college] campus of the Connecticut State Community College
1952 or its employees for reimbursement of expenditures or payment of
1953 expenditures on behalf of [a community-technical college] such campus
1954 or its employees. Private donations shall not be construed to include
1955 proceeds of municipal grants.

1956 (b) For the purposes of this section: (1) "Endowment fund eligible
1957 gift" means a gift to or for the benefit of a [regional community-technical
1958 college or the community-technical college system] campus of the
1959 Connecticut State Community College or said college as a whole of cash
1960 or assets [which] that may be reduced to cash or [which] that has a value
1961 that is ascertainable by such [regional community-technical college or
1962 the community-technical college system as a whole which] campus or
1963 said college that the donor has specifically designated for deposit in the
1964 endowment fund or [which] that explicitly or implicitly by the terms of
1965 the gift [the regional community-technical college or community-
1966 technical college system as a whole] such campus or said college may
1967 and does deposit or permit to be deposited in the endowment funds; [.
1968 (2) "Endowment fund state grant"] and (2) "endowment fund state
1969 grant" means moneys that are transferred by the Office of Higher
1970 Education from the fund established pursuant to section 10a-8b to the
1971 endowment fund established pursuant to this section in an aggregate
1972 amount not exceeding the endowment fund state grant maximum
1973 commitment. [(3) "Endowment fund state grant maximum
1974 commitment" means an amount not exceeding two million dollars for
1975 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2000, two and one-half million dollars for

1976 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2001, three million dollars for the fiscal
1977 year ending June 30, 2002, three and one-half million dollars for the
1978 fiscal year ending June 30, 2003, and five million dollars for each of the
1979 fiscal years ending June 30, 2004, to June 30, 2014, inclusive.

1980 (c) Notwithstanding the endowment fund state grant maximum
1981 commitment levels for each fiscal year pursuant to subsection (b) of this
1982 section, the total of the endowment fund state grant maximum
1983 commitments for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2000, to June 30, 2014,
1984 inclusive, shall not exceed thirty-nine million five hundred thousand
1985 dollars.]

1986 Sec. 61. Section 10a-78 of the general statutes is repealed and the
1987 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

1988 (a) The Board of [Trustees for Regional Community-Technical
1989 Colleges] Regents for Higher Education shall establish a [regional
1990 community-technical college] campus to serve the southeastern area of
1991 Connecticut [as approved by the Board of Regents for Higher
1992 Education] to be part of the [state system of community-technical
1993 colleges] Connecticut State Community College.

1994 (b) The Board of [Trustees for Regional Community-Technical
1995 Colleges] Regents for Higher Education shall establish a [regional
1996 community-technical college] campus to serve the New Britain-Bristol
1997 area [as approved by the Board of Regents for Higher Education] to be
1998 part of the [state system of community-technical colleges] Connecticut
1999 State Community College.

2000 (c) The Board of [Trustees for Regional Community-Technical
2001 Colleges] Regents for Higher Education shall establish a [regional
2002 community-technical college] campus to serve the northeastern
2003 Connecticut area [as approved by the Board of Regents for Higher
2004 Education] to be part of the [state system of community-technical
2005 colleges] Connecticut State Community College.

2006 (d) The Board of [Trustees for Regional Community-Technical

2007 Colleges] Regents for Higher Education shall establish a [regional
2008 community-technical college] campus to serve the northern Connecticut
2009 area comprising the towns of East Granby, East Windsor, Ellington,
2010 Enfield, Somers, Stafford, Suffield and Windsor Locks [as approved by
2011 the Board of Regents for Higher Education] to be part of the [state
2012 system of community-technical colleges] Connecticut State Community
2013 College.

2014 (e) The Board of [Trustees for Regional Community-Technical
2015 Colleges] Regents for Higher Education shall establish a [regional
2016 community-technical college] campus to serve the lower Naugatuck
2017 Valley area comprising the towns of Ansonia, Derby, Shelton, Seymour,
2018 Oxford, Beacon Falls and Naugatuck [as approved by the Board of
2019 Regents for Higher Education] to be part of the [state system of
2020 community-technical colleges] Connecticut State Community College.

2021 (f) Repealed by P.A. 78-331, S. 3, 58.

2022 (g) The Board of [Trustees for Regional Community-Technical
2023 Colleges] Regents for Higher Education shall establish a [regional
2024 community-technical college] campus to serve the greater Waterbury
2025 area [as approved by the Board of Regents for Higher Education] to be
2026 part of the [state system of community-technical colleges] Connecticut
2027 State Community College.

2028 Sec. 62. Section 10a-78a of the general statutes is repealed and the
2029 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

2030 Not later than July 1, 2024, and annually thereafter until and
2031 including July 1, 2030, the Board of Regents for Higher Education shall
2032 submit a report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a, to
2033 the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
2034 cognizance of matters relating to higher education and employment
2035 advancement concerning the results achieved from the consolidation of
2036 the regional community-technical colleges into [a state community-
2037 technical college] the Connecticut State Community College. Such
2038 report shall include, but need not be limited to, a comparison of the

2039 following performance metrics from July 1, 2023, to the date of such
2040 report: (1) Percentage of students enrolled for the first time in credit-
2041 bearing courses who (A) complete introductory math and English
2042 course requirements not later than one year after enrollment, (B) enroll
2043 for a full semester and subsequently (i) reenroll for the following
2044 semester, (ii) reenroll for the next fall or spring semester after attending
2045 a fall or spring semester during the preceding academic year, or (iii)
2046 graduate, and (C) within the first three years of enrollment, (i) graduate,
2047 (ii) transfer to a four-year institution of higher education, or (iii) are still
2048 enrolled in a course of study; (2) ratios of students to (A) student
2049 counselors or advisors, (B) full-time faculty, and (C) part-time or adjunct
2050 faculty; (3) the number of executive positions at [each regional
2051 community-technical college or, upon the accreditation of a state
2052 community-technical college,] each campus of [a state community-
2053 technical college] the Connecticut State Community College; and (4) the
2054 number of personnel by location or functional area at [the college or]
2055 each campus and type of position including, but not limited to, faculty,
2056 direct student support staff, building operations, clerical or
2057 administrative staff and executive positions. As used in this section,
2058 "executive position" includes any (A) person with a title such as
2059 president, director or chief executive officer, (B) administrative head of
2060 an office or department, (C) deputy to an administrative head, (D)
2061 executive or personal secretary of such person, administrative head or
2062 deputy, and (E) other person in an equivalent position.

2063 Sec. 63. Section 10a-79 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2064 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

2065 The Board of [Trustees of the Community-Technical Colleges]
2066 Regents for Higher Education shall appoint a committee at each
2067 [regional community-technical college] campus of the Connecticut State
2068 Community College to establish traffic and parking regulations for
2069 passenger vehicles at such [college] campus. Such traffic committee,
2070 subject to the approval of said board and of the Office of the State Traffic
2071 Administration, may: (1) Prohibit, limit or restrict the parking of
2072 passenger vehicles; (2) determine speed limits; (3) install stop signs; (4)

2073 restrict roads or portions thereof to one-way traffic; (5) designate the
2074 location of crosswalks on any portion of any road or highway subject to
2075 the care, custody and control of said board; [of trustees;] (6) order signs
2076 to be erected and maintained designating such prohibitions or
2077 restrictions; and (7) impose a fine upon any person who fails to comply
2078 with any such prohibition or restriction. All fines so imposed at each
2079 [regional community-technical college] campus of the Connecticut State
2080 Community College, less an amount not to exceed the cost of enforcing
2081 traffic and parking regulations, shall be deposited in the [institutional]
2082 campus operating account of [such] said college for scholarships and
2083 library services or acquisitions. The Board of [Trustees of the
2084 Community-Technical Colleges] Regents for Higher Education shall
2085 establish at each [regional community-technical college] campus of the
2086 Connecticut State Community College a committee [which] that shall
2087 hear appeals of penalties assessed for parking or traffic violations. The
2088 membership of both the committee to establish traffic and parking
2089 regulations and the committee to hear traffic violation appeals shall
2090 include student and faculty representation.

2091 Sec. 64. Section 10a-80 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2092 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

2093 (a) The primary responsibilities of the [regional community-technical
2094 colleges] Connecticut State Community College shall be to (1) [to]
2095 provide programs of occupational, vocational, technical and
2096 technological and career education designed to provide training for
2097 immediate employment, job retraining or upgrading of skills to meet
2098 individual, community and state manpower needs; (2) [to] provide
2099 programs of general study including, but not limited to, remediation,
2100 general and adult education and continuing education designed to meet
2101 individual student goals; (3) [to] provide programs of study for college
2102 transfer representing the first two years of baccalaureate education; (4)
2103 [to] provide community service programs as defined in subsection (b)
2104 of this section; and (5) [to] provide student support services including,
2105 but not limited to, admissions, counseling, testing, placement,
2106 individualized instruction and efforts to serve students with special

2107 needs.

2108 (b) As used in this section, "community service programs" means
2109 educational, cultural, recreational and community directed services
2110 [which a community-technical college] that the Connecticut State
2111 Community College may provide in addition to its regular academic
2112 program. Such community service programs may include, but shall not
2113 be limited to, (1) activities designed to enrich the intellectual, cultural
2114 and social life of the community, (2) educational services designed to
2115 promote the development of skills for the effective use of leisure time,
2116 (3) activities and programs designed to assist in the identification and
2117 solution of community problems and (4) utilization of college facilities
2118 and services by community groups to the extent such usage does not
2119 conflict with the regular schedule of the college.

2120 Sec. 65. Section 10a-80a of the general statutes is repealed and the
2121 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

2122 The Board of [Trustees of the Community-Technical Colleges]
2123 Regents for Higher Education may, within available appropriations,
2124 develop manufacturing technology centers on three [community-
2125 technical college] campuses of the Connecticut State Community
2126 College in geographically diverse locations.

2127 Sec. 66. Section 10a-80b of the general statutes is repealed and the
2128 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

2129 The Board of [Trustees of the Community-Technical Colleges]
2130 Regents for Higher Education shall develop a policy for the Connecticut
2131 State Community College that (1) provides for the disbursement of
2132 financial aid to students who have met all federal, state and institutional
2133 requirements for financial aid by the first day of the academic term, or
2134 (2) permits students to use financial aid that has not yet been disbursed
2135 at stores on the campuses of the [colleges under the board's jurisdiction]
2136 college to purchase during the first week of the academic term required
2137 textbooks for courses taught at the [colleges] college.

2138 Sec. 67. Section 10a-80c of the general statutes is repealed and the
2139 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

2140 The Board of [Trustees of the Community-Technical Colleges]
2141 Regents for Higher Education shall require that green jobs certificate
2142 and degree programs offered [by] at each of the [community-technical
2143 colleges] campuses of the Connecticut State Community College be
2144 uniformly named.

2145 Sec. 68. Section 10a-80d of the general statutes is repealed and the
2146 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

2147 An adjunct faculty member of [a regional community-technical
2148 college] the Connecticut State Community College or Charter Oak State
2149 College shall be permitted to irrevocably waive membership in a
2150 Connecticut retirement plan not later than sixty days after commencing
2151 employment with [such regional community-technical college or
2152 Charter Oak State College] said colleges. Once the adjunct faculty
2153 member waives membership in a Connecticut retirement plan, such
2154 faculty member is no longer eligible to elect to participate in a
2155 Connecticut retirement plan in any subsequent part-time employment
2156 with the [regional community-technical college system] Connecticut
2157 State Community College, Charter Oak State College, the Board of
2158 Regents for Higher Education or any other constituent unit, as defined
2159 in section 10a-1, as amended by this act.

2160 Sec. 69. Section 10a-80e of the general statutes is repealed and the
2161 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

2162 Any person, as defined in section 1-79, who donates tangible
2163 property to a regional community-technical college or, on and after July
2164 1, 2023, to the Connecticut State Community College, or any campus
2165 thereof, shall be immune from civil liability for damage or injury
2166 occurring on or after October 1, 2013, resulting from any act, error or
2167 omission by such person with respect to such donated tangible
2168 property, unless such damage or injury was caused by the reckless,
2169 wilful or wanton misconduct of such person.

2170 Sec. 70. Subsection (d) of section 10a-80f of the general statutes is
2171 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
2172 *passage*):

2173 (d) Beginning in the fall semester of 2020, and for each academic
2174 semester thereafter, each advanced manufacturing certificate program
2175 established at a public high school shall enroll (1) public high school
2176 students in grade eleven or twelve from the school districts of the local
2177 or regional board or boards of education that have entered into the
2178 memorandum of understanding pursuant to subsection (b) or (c) of this
2179 section, to simultaneously earn high school credits from the public high
2180 school in which the student is enrolled and college credits and an
2181 advanced manufacturing certificate from the [regional community-
2182 technical college] Connecticut State Community College or the
2183 independent institution of higher education that operates the advanced
2184 manufacturing certificate program, and (2) upon the approval of the
2185 local or regional board of education, adults for classes during the
2186 evening and weekend hours to earn an advanced manufacturing
2187 certificate from the [regional community-technical college] Connecticut
2188 State Community College or the independent institution of higher
2189 education that operates the advanced manufacturing certificate
2190 program.

2191 Sec. 71. Section 10a-87 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2192 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

2193 The Board of [Trustees of the Connecticut State University System]
2194 Regents for Higher Education shall maintain: Western Connecticut State
2195 University, Southern Connecticut State University, Eastern Connecticut
2196 State University and Central Connecticut State University. The board [of
2197 trustees] shall offer curricula [which shall prepare] that prepares
2198 persons who have successfully completed [the same] such curricula to
2199 teach in the schools of the state at any of said institutions as the board
2200 shall deem appropriate and, in addition, programs of study in academic
2201 and career fields. [, provided the board of trustees shall submit to the
2202 Board of Regents for Higher Education for review and approval

2203 recommendations for program terminations at any of said institutions
2204 in accordance with the provisions of subdivision (7) of subsection (a) of
2205 section 10a-6.] The board [of trustees] shall establish policies [which]
2206 that protect academic freedom and the content of course and degree
2207 programs. [, provided such policies shall be consistent with state-wide
2208 policy and guidelines established by the Board of Regents for Higher
2209 Education.] Each of said institutions shall confer such degrees in
2210 education and in academic and career fields as are appropriate to the
2211 curricula of said institution and as are usually conferred by the
2212 institutions. [.] Said institutions may confer honorary degrees [may be
2213 conferred by said institutions] upon approval of each honorary degree
2214 recipient by the Board of [Trustees of the Connecticut State University
2215 System] Regents for Higher Education.

2216 Sec. 72. Section 10a-89 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2217 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

2218 (a) [Subject to state-wide policy and guidelines established by the
2219 Board of Regents for Higher Education, the board of trustees] The Board
2220 of Regents for Higher Education shall provide for the administration of
2221 the Connecticut State University System, plan for the expansion and
2222 development of the institutions within its jurisdiction, and submit such
2223 plans to the Commissioner of Administrative Services for review and
2224 recommendations. The Commissioner of Administrative Services upon
2225 request of the board [of trustees] shall, in accordance with section 4b-30,
2226 negotiate and execute leases on such physical facilities as the board [of
2227 trustees] may deem necessary for proper operation of such institutions,
2228 and the board [of trustees] may, with the permission of the
2229 Commissioner of Administrative Services and the State Properties
2230 Review Board, expend capital funds therefor if such leasing is required
2231 during the planning and construction phases of institutions [within its
2232 jurisdiction] within the Connecticut State University System for which
2233 such capital funds were authorized. Subject to such policies as may be
2234 established by the board, [of trustees,] the chief executive officer of each
2235 institution within the [jurisdiction of the board] Connecticut State
2236 University System may make buildings and other facilities under its

2237 control available to nonprofit and other organizations or to individuals
2238 for temporary uses not inconsistent with the educational purpose of the
2239 institution. The [board of trustees] Board of Regents for Higher
2240 Education may appoint or remove the chief executive officer of each
2241 institution within [its jurisdiction] the Connecticut State University
2242 System, and with respect to its own operation the board [of trustees]
2243 may appoint and remove executive staff. The board [of trustees] may
2244 employ faculty and other personnel needed to maintain and operate the
2245 institutions within [its jurisdiction] the Connecticut State University
2246 System. Within the limitation of appropriations, the board [of trustees]
2247 shall fix the compensation of such personnel, establish terms and
2248 conditions of employment and prescribe their duties and qualifications.
2249 The board [of trustees] shall determine who constitutes its professional
2250 staff and establish compensation and classification schedules for its
2251 professional staff. The board [of trustees] shall annually submit to the
2252 Commissioner of Administrative Services a list of the positions which it
2253 has included within the professional staff. The board [of trustees] may
2254 appoint one or more physicians for the Connecticut State University
2255 System and shall provide such physicians with suitable facilities for the
2256 performance of such duties as it prescribes. [Subject to state-wide policy
2257 and guidelines established by the Board of Regents for Higher
2258 Education, the board of trustees] The board shall: (1) Make rules for the
2259 government of the Connecticut State University System and shall
2260 determine the general policies of the university system, including those
2261 concerning the admission of students and the expenditure of the funds
2262 of institutions [under its jurisdiction] within the Connecticut State
2263 University System within the amounts available; (2) develop the
2264 mission statement for the university system which shall include, but not
2265 be limited to the following elements: (A) The educational needs of and
2266 constituencies served by the institutions within [its jurisdiction] the
2267 university system; (B) the degrees offered by such institutions; and (C)
2268 the role and scope of each institution within the university system,
2269 which shall include each institution's particular strengths and
2270 specialties; (3) establish policies for the university system and for the
2271 individual institutions [under its jurisdiction] within such system; (4)

2272 make institutional mergers or closures; (5) coordinate the programs and
2273 services of the institutions [under its jurisdiction] within the university
2274 system; (6) be authorized to enter into agreements, consistent with the
2275 provisions of section 5-141d, to save harmless and indemnify sponsors
2276 of research grants to institutions [under its jurisdiction] within the
2277 university system, provided such an agreement is required to receive
2278 the grant and limits liability to damages or injury resulting from acts or
2279 omissions related to such research by employees of such institutions; (7)
2280 promote fund-raising by the institutions [under its jurisdiction] within
2281 the university system in order to assist such institutions and report to
2282 the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
2283 cognizance of matters relating to higher education by January 1, 1994,
2284 and biennially thereafter, on all such fund-raising; and (8) charge the
2285 direct costs for a building project [under its jurisdiction] within the
2286 university system to the bond fund account for such project, provided
2287 (A) such costs are charged in accordance with a procedure approved by
2288 the Treasurer; and (B) nothing in this subdivision shall permit the
2289 charging of working capital, as defined in the applicable provisions of
2290 the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or any subsequent corresponding
2291 internal revenue code of the United States, as from time to time
2292 amended, or costs originally paid from sources other than the bond fund
2293 account.

2294 (b) The [board of trustees] Board of Regents for Higher Education
2295 shall: (1) Review and approve institutional budget requests and prepare,
2296 [and submit to the Board of Governors of Higher Education,] in
2297 accordance with the provisions of section 10a-8, as amended by this act,
2298 the budget request for the Connecticut State University System; and (2)
2299 propose facility planning and capital expenditure budget priorities for
2300 the institutions [under its jurisdiction] within the university system. The
2301 board may request authority from the Treasurer to issue payment for
2302 claims against the state university system, other than a payment for
2303 payroll, debt service payable on state bonds to bondholders, paying
2304 agents, or trustees, or any payment the source of which includes the
2305 proceeds of a state bond issue.

2306 Sec. 73. Subsection (a) of section 10a-89a of the general statutes is
2307 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
2308 *passage*):

2309 (a) Except when specifically prohibited by the conditions, if any,
2310 upon which a gift was created or by a conditional sales agreement, the
2311 Board of [Trustees of the Connecticut State University System] Regents
2312 for Higher Education is authorized to sell, trade, or otherwise dispose
2313 of any unwanted, duplicate, out-of-date or irrelevant materials within
2314 the libraries [under the jurisdiction of the board] within the Connecticut
2315 State University System, provided the monetary proceeds of such a
2316 transaction, if any, shall be deemed to be funds from private sources
2317 and, as such funds, shall be held in the manner prescribed by section 4-
2318 31a, as amended by this act, for use in furthering any purpose the board
2319 considers to be in harmony with the original purpose of the gift or
2320 purchase of such materials.

2321 Sec. 74. Subsections (a) to (c), inclusive, of section 10a-89b of the
2322 general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
2323 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

2324 (a) The Board of [Trustees for the Connecticut State University
2325 System is authorized to] Regents for Higher Education on behalf of the
2326 Connecticut State University System may borrow money from the
2327 Connecticut Health and Educational Facilities Authority for any project
2328 for which the authority is authorized to make loans pursuant to chapter
2329 187 and to refinance any such borrowing, and in connection therewith
2330 the Board of [Trustees for the Connecticut State University System is
2331 authorized to] Regents for Higher Education on behalf of the
2332 Connecticut State University System may enter into any loan or other
2333 agreement and to make such covenants, representations and
2334 indemnities as the board [of trustees] deems necessary or desirable to
2335 obtain such loans from the authority or to facilitate the issue of bonds
2336 by the authority to finance such loans, including agreements with
2337 providers of letters of credit, insurance or other credit facilities for such
2338 financings. Any such agreement, covenant, representation and

2339 indemnification shall be a full faith and credit obligation of the
2340 Connecticut State University System. The Board of [Trustees of the
2341 Connecticut State University System] Regents for Higher Education
2342 may secure such obligations by a pledge of the revenues to be derived
2343 from the operation or use of a project or projects, from tuition payments,
2344 from student fees, from dormitory or dining hall income or from other
2345 general revenues of the Connecticut State University System. Any
2346 pledge made by the Connecticut State University System pursuant to
2347 this section and sections 10a-186a and 10a-187 shall be valid and binding
2348 from the time when the pledge is made. The lien of any such pledge
2349 shall be valid and binding as against all parties having claims of any
2350 kind in tort, contract or otherwise against the Connecticut State
2351 University System, irrespective of whether the parties have notice of the
2352 claims. Notwithstanding any provision of the Uniform Commercial
2353 Code, [to the contrary,] no instrument by which such a pledge is created
2354 need be recorded or filed. Any revenues or other receipts, funds,
2355 moneys or income so pledged and thereafter received by the
2356 Connecticut State University System shall be subject immediately to the
2357 lien of the pledge without any physical delivery thereof or further act
2358 and such lien shall have priority over all other liens, including without
2359 limitation the lien of any person who, in the ordinary course of business,
2360 furnishes services or materials to the Connecticut State University
2361 System.

2362 (b) The obligations of the Connecticut State University System and
2363 any pledge entered into by the Connecticut State University System
2364 pursuant to this section and sections 10a-186a and 10a-187 shall be
2365 binding upon any successor body or entity and no dissolution or
2366 termination of the Connecticut State University System shall take effect
2367 unless adequate provision is made for the payment and fulfillment of
2368 any obligations entered into by the Connecticut State University System
2369 pursuant to this section and said sections 10a-186a and 10a-187.

2370 (c) Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special act
2371 [which] that may require that any revenue from the operation of
2372 facilities of the Connecticut State University System or any revenue of

2373 all state universities from student fees and dormitory and dining hall
2374 income or any other revenue of the Connecticut State University System
2375 be paid to the State Treasurer for the payment of debt service on any
2376 bonds issued by the state, any revenues pledged by the [board of
2377 trustees] Board of Regents for Higher Education pursuant to this section
2378 and said sections 10a-186a and 10a-187 shall be applied first to the extent
2379 necessary to fulfill the obligations for which such revenues are pledged,
2380 and only thereafter to the State Treasurer.

2381 Sec. 75. Section 10a-89c of the general statutes is repealed and the
2382 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

2383 (a) If the General Assembly for each fiscal year following the fiscal
2384 year ending June 30, 1998, to the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008,
2385 inclusive, does not appropriate from the General Fund for the specific
2386 purpose of debt service on self-liquidating general obligation bonds of
2387 the state or obligations of the Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State
2388 University System or Board of Regents for Higher Education financed
2389 through the Connecticut Health and Educational Facilities Authority for
2390 residential and other auxiliary service facilities, excluding any
2391 appropriation for such debt service to be paid from revenues from
2392 student fees and dormitory and dining hall income to be paid by the
2393 Board of [Trustees for the Connecticut State University System] Regents
2394 for Higher Education to the State Treasurer for the payment of such self-
2395 liquidating general obligation bonds of the state, (1) the amount of five
2396 million dollars, or (2) an amount equal to half the sum of revenue from
2397 student fees received by all the state universities within the Connecticut
2398 State University System from the uniform assessment of all full-time
2399 students enrolled at any time at any of the state universities within the
2400 Connecticut State University System, except for charges for tuition or
2401 dormitory or dining charges or student activity fee or other fee charged
2402 by an individual state university, commonly called the university fee,
2403 for the calendar year ending the preceding December thirty-first, as
2404 certified by the chairperson of the board [of trustees] by February
2405 fifteenth to the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management,
2406 whichever amount is less, the State Bond Commission may, in

2407 accordance with the provisions of this section, from time to time
2408 authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds of the state in one or
2409 more series in principal amounts not exceeding five million dollars in
2410 any such fiscal year, to finance the design, construction or renovation of
2411 residential and other auxiliary service facilities at state universities
2412 within the Connecticut State University System, and in any event not
2413 exceeding the amount which the General Assembly failed to
2414 appropriate for debt service for that fiscal year in the manner provided
2415 in this section. For purposes of this section the term "residential and
2416 other auxiliary facilities" (A) means any residential facilities, student
2417 centers, dining facilities and other auxiliary service facilities at state
2418 universities within the Connecticut State University System, and (B)
2419 includes, but is not limited to, low rise dormitory code compliance
2420 renovations at Central Connecticut State University; code compliance at
2421 Central Connecticut State University, Eastern Connecticut State
2422 University, Southern Connecticut State University and Western
2423 Connecticut State University; student center addition and renovations
2424 at Central Connecticut State University; student center addition and
2425 renovations at Eastern Connecticut State University; construction of a
2426 new student center at Southern Connecticut State University; Burr Hall
2427 residence hall renovations at Eastern Connecticut State University;
2428 improvements to Connecticut Hall at Southern Connecticut State
2429 University; and Shafer Hall residence conversion at Eastern Connecticut
2430 State University.

2431 (b) All provisions of section 3-20 or the exercise of any right or power
2432 granted thereby which are not inconsistent with the provisions of this
2433 section are hereby adopted and shall apply to all state bonds authorized
2434 by the State Bond Commission pursuant to this section, and temporary
2435 notes in anticipation of the money to be derived from the sale of any
2436 such state bonds so authorized may be issued in accordance with said
2437 section 3-20 and from time to time renewed. Such state bonds shall
2438 mature at such time or times not exceeding twenty years from their
2439 respective dates as may be provided in or pursuant to the resolution or
2440 resolutions of the State Bond Commission authorizing such state bonds.
2441 Such state bonds issued pursuant to this section shall be general

2442 obligations of the state and the full faith and credit of the state of
2443 Connecticut are pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest
2444 on such bonds as the same becomes due, and accordingly and as part of
2445 the contract of the state with the holders of such state bonds,
2446 appropriation of all amounts necessary for punctual payment of such
2447 principal and interest is hereby made, and the Treasurer shall pay such
2448 principal and interest as the same become due.

2449 (c) None of said state bonds shall be authorized except upon a finding
2450 by the State Bond Commission that there has been filed with it a request
2451 for such authorization, which is signed by the Secretary of the Office of
2452 Policy and Management and stating such terms and conditions as said
2453 commission, in its discretion, may require. Each such request for an
2454 authorization of state bonds shall state an amount equal to half the sum
2455 of revenue from student fees received by all of the state universities
2456 within the Connecticut State University System for the calendar year
2457 ending prior to the last fiscal year, as certified by the chairperson of the
2458 [board of trustees] Board of Regents for Higher Education, and the
2459 amount of all state appropriations for debt service on self-liquidating
2460 general obligation bonds of the state or obligations of the Connecticut
2461 State University System financed through the Connecticut Health and
2462 Educational Facilities Authority for the prior fiscal year, as described in
2463 subsection (a) of this section.

2464 Sec. 76. Section 10a-89e of the general statutes is repealed and the
2465 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

2466 The Board of [Trustees for the Connecticut State University System]
2467 Regents for Higher Education shall: (1) Consolidate the purchasing
2468 process for the [system] Connecticut State University System at the
2469 central office; (2) expedite the purchasing process by adjusting policies
2470 and utilizing enabling technologies; and (3) redesign and train central
2471 purchasing personnel to focus on customer service, vendor
2472 management activities and the establishment of system contracts.

2473 Sec. 77. Section 10a-89f of the general statutes is repealed and the
2474 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

2475 The Board of [Trustees of the Connecticut State University System]
2476 Regents for Higher Education shall develop a policy for the Connecticut
2477 State University System that (1) provides for the disbursement of
2478 financial aid to students who have met all federal, state and institutional
2479 requirements for financial aid by the first day of the academic term, or
2480 (2) permits students to use financial aid that has not yet been disbursed
2481 at stores on the campuses of the universities [under the board's
2482 jurisdiction] within said university system to purchase during the first
2483 week of the academic term required textbooks for courses taught at the
2484 universities.

2485 Sec. 78. Section 10a-90 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2486 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

2487 The Board of [Trustees for the Connecticut State University System]
2488 Regents for Higher Education, with the approval of the Governor and
2489 the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, may lease state-
2490 owned land under its care, custody or control to private developers for
2491 construction of dormitory buildings, provided such developers agree to
2492 lease such buildings to [such] said board [of trustees] with an option to
2493 purchase and provided further that any such agreement to lease is
2494 subject to the provisions of section 4b-23, prior to the making of the
2495 original lease by [the] said board. [of trustees.] The plans for such
2496 buildings shall be subject to approval of such board, the Commissioner
2497 of Administrative Services and the State Properties Review Board and
2498 such leases shall be for the periods and upon such terms and conditions
2499 as the Commissioner of Administrative Services determines, and such
2500 buildings, while privately owned, shall be subject to taxation by the
2501 town in which they are located. The Board of [Trustees for the
2502 Connecticut State University System] Regents for Higher Education
2503 may also deed, transfer or lease state-owned land under its care, custody
2504 or control to the State of Connecticut Health and Educational Facilities
2505 Authority for financing or refinancing the planning, development,
2506 acquisition and construction and equipping of dormitory buildings and
2507 student housing facilities and to lease or sublease such dormitory
2508 buildings or student housing facilities and authorize the execution of

2509 financing leases of land, interests therein, buildings and fixtures in order
2510 to secure obligations to repay any loan from the State of Connecticut
2511 Health and Educational Facilities Authority from the proceeds of bonds
2512 issued thereby pursuant to the provisions of chapter 187 made by the
2513 authority to finance or refinance the planning, development, acquisition
2514 and construction of dormitory buildings. Any such financing lease shall
2515 not be subject to the provisions of section 4b-23 and the plans for such
2516 dormitories shall be subject only to the approval of the board. Such
2517 financing leases shall be for such periods and upon such terms and
2518 conditions that the board shall determine. Any state property so leased
2519 shall not be subject to local assessment and taxation and such state
2520 property shall be included as property of the Connecticut State
2521 University System for the purpose of computing a grant in lieu of taxes
2522 pursuant to section 12-18b.

2523 Sec. 79. Subsection (a) of section 10a-91 of the general statutes is
2524 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
2525 *passage*):

2526 (a) The Board of [Trustees of the Connecticut State University System]
2527 Regents for Higher Education on behalf of the Connecticut State
2528 University System, with the approval of the Governor, the
2529 Commissioner of Administrative Services and the State Properties
2530 Review Board, may lease land or buildings under its care, custody or
2531 control to private developers for rental housing and commercial
2532 establishments. Such leases shall be for periods and upon such terms
2533 and conditions, including, but not limited to, provision for adequate
2534 liability insurance to be maintained by the lessee for the benefit of the
2535 state and rental terms, as may be determined by the Commissioner of
2536 Administrative Services and, in the case of a lease of land, may provide
2537 for the construction of buildings thereon to be used for rental housing
2538 and commercial establishments, the plans of which shall be subject to
2539 the approval of the board, [of trustees,] the Commissioner of
2540 Administrative Services and the State Properties Review Board. Said
2541 board [of trustees] may provide for water, heat and waste disposal
2542 services on a cost-reimbursement basis to such leased premises. Said

2543 board may designate the kinds of concessions for supplying goods,
2544 commodities, services and facilities to be permitted on such land and
2545 may select the permittees, or said board may delegate such functions to
2546 the private developers with which it contracts pursuant to this section.

2547 Sec. 80. Section 10a-91b of the general statutes is repealed and the
2548 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

2549 The purpose of The Board of Regents for Higher Education
2550 Infrastructure Act is to enhance the intellectual capacity of the state by
2551 providing the infrastructure needed to prepare this state's present and
2552 future workforce, to contribute to the increased competitiveness of this
2553 state's businesses and to have a positive impact on economic
2554 development within this state, through a special capital improvement
2555 program established for the [regional community-technical colleges]
2556 Connecticut State Community College, the Connecticut State University
2557 System and Charter Oak State College that assures a state commitment
2558 to support the financing of the acquisition, construction, reconstruction,
2559 improvement and equipping of facilities, structures and related systems
2560 for the benefit of this state and the [regional community-technical
2561 colleges] Connecticut State Community College, the Connecticut State
2562 University System and Charter Oak State College, all to the public
2563 benefit and good, and the exercise of the powers, to the extent and
2564 manner provided in The Board of Regents for Higher Education
2565 Infrastructure Act, is declared to be for a public purpose and to be the
2566 exercise of an essential government function. Sections 10a-91c to 10a-
2567 91h, inclusive, as amended by this act, being necessary for the welfare
2568 of this state and its inhabitants, shall be liberally construed to effect the
2569 purposes thereof.

2570 Sec. 81. Subdivision (7) of section 10a-91c of the general statutes is
2571 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
2572 *passage*):

2573 (7) "System" means the [regional community-technical colleges]
2574 Connecticut State Community College, the Connecticut State University
2575 System, Charter Oak State College and constituent units of the state

2576 system of higher education, established pursuant to sections [10a-71]
2577 10a-72 to 10a-101, inclusive, as amended by this act, and sections 10a-
2578 143 to 10a-143b, inclusive.

2579 Sec. 82. Subsection (f) of section 10a-91d of the general statutes is
2580 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
2581 *passage*):

2582 (f) Not later than July 1, 2015, and biannually thereafter, the Board of
2583 Regents for Higher Education shall, in accordance with section 11-4a,
2584 report to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having
2585 cognizance of matters relating to higher education and finance on how
2586 the Board of Regents for Higher Education disbursed to and divided
2587 among each state university and each [regional community-technical
2588 college] campus of the Connecticut State Community College the
2589 proceeds of the general obligation bonds issued pursuant to subsection
2590 (a) of section 10a-91e for each of the projects listed under the Board of
2591 Regents for Higher Education in subsection (a) of this section.

2592 Sec. 83. Section 10a-92 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2593 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

2594 The Board of [Trustees of the Connecticut State University System]
2595 Regents for Higher Education shall appoint a committee at each state
2596 university campus within the Connecticut State University System to
2597 establish traffic and parking regulations for passenger vehicles on such
2598 campus. Such traffic committee, subject to the approval of said board
2599 and of the Office of the State Traffic Administration, may: (1) Prohibit,
2600 limit or restrict the parking of passenger vehicles; (2) determine speed
2601 limits; (3) install stop signs; (4) restrict roads or portions thereof to one-
2602 way traffic; (5) designate the location of crosswalks on any portion of
2603 any road or highway subject to the care, custody and control of said
2604 board; [of trustees;] (6) order signs to be erected and maintained
2605 designating such prohibitions or restrictions; and (7) impose a fine upon
2606 any person who fails to comply with any such prohibition or restriction.
2607 Violation of any provision of this section shall be an infraction. All fines
2608 so imposed at each state university, less an amount not to exceed the

2609 cost of enforcing traffic and parking regulations, shall be deposited in
2610 the institutional operating account of such state university for
2611 scholarships and library services or acquisitions. The Board of [Trustees
2612 of the Connecticut State University System] Regents for Higher
2613 Education shall establish at each state university campus within the
2614 Connecticut State University System a committee [which] that shall hear
2615 appeals of penalties assessed for parking or traffic violations. The
2616 membership of both the committee to establish traffic and parking
2617 regulations and the committee to hear traffic violation appeals shall
2618 include student and faculty representation.

2619 Sec. 84. Section 10a-94 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2620 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

2621 The Board of [Trustees of the Connecticut State University System]
2622 Regents for Higher Education on behalf of the Connecticut State
2623 University System shall maintain, as a part of its extension programs,
2624 summer sessions at such place or places as may be practicable and may
2625 fix the tuition fees to be charged.

2626 Sec. 85. Section 10a-98 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2627 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

2628 As used in this section and sections 10a-98a to 10a-98g, inclusive, (1)
2629 "board" means the Board of [Trustees of the Connecticut State
2630 University System;] Regents for Higher Education; (2) "foundation"
2631 means the research foundation established in accordance with section
2632 10a-98a; (3) "employee" means any member of the faculty or staff of the
2633 Connecticut State University System or the foundation, or any other
2634 employee thereof; and (4) "invention" means any invention or discovery
2635 and shall be divided into the following categories: [A.] (A) Any
2636 invention conceived by one employee solely, or by employees jointly;
2637 [B.] (B) any invention conceived by one or more employees jointly with
2638 one or more other persons; [C.] or (C) any invention conceived by one
2639 or more persons who are not employees.

2640 Sec. 86. Section 10a-99 of the general statutes is repealed and the

2641 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

2642 (a) Subject to the provisions of section 10a-26, the Board of [Trustees
2643 of the Connecticut State University System] Regents for Higher
2644 Education shall fix fees for tuition and [shall fix fees] for such other
2645 purposes as the board deems necessary [at the] for each state university
2646 within the Connecticut State University System, and may make refunds
2647 of the same.

2648 (b) The Board of Regents for Higher Education shall establish and
2649 administer a fund to be known as the Connecticut State University
2650 System Operating Fund. Appropriations from general revenues of the
2651 state and upon request by the Connecticut State University System and
2652 with the annual review and approval by the Secretary of the Office of
2653 Policy and Management, the amount of the appropriations for fringe
2654 benefits pursuant to subsection (a) of section 4-73, shall be transferred
2655 from the State Comptroller and all tuition revenue received by the
2656 Connecticut State University System in accordance with the provisions
2657 of subsection (a) of this section shall be deposited in said fund. Income
2658 from student fees or related charges, the proceeds of auxiliary activities
2659 and business enterprises, gifts and donations, federal funds and grants,
2660 subject to the provisions of sections 10a-98 to 10a-98g, inclusive, as
2661 amended by this act, and all receipts derived from the conduct by a state
2662 university of its education extension program and its summer school
2663 session shall be credited to said fund but shall be allocated to the central
2664 office and institutional operating accounts which shall be established
2665 and maintained for the central office and each state university. Any such
2666 gifts and donations, federal funds and grants for purposes of research
2667 shall be allocated to separate accounts within such central office and
2668 institutional operating accounts. If the Secretary of the Office of Policy
2669 and Management disapproves such transfer, the secretary may require
2670 the amount of the appropriation for operating expenses to be used for
2671 personal services and fringe benefits to be excluded from said fund. The
2672 State Treasurer shall review and approve the transfer prior to such
2673 request by the university. The board shall establish an equitable policy,
2674 in accordance with section 10a-8, as amended by this act, for allocation

2675 of appropriations from general revenues of the state, fringe benefits
2676 transferred from the State Comptroller and tuition revenue deposited in
2677 the Connecticut State University System Operating Fund. At the
2678 beginning of each quarter of the fiscal year, the board shall allocate and
2679 transfer, in accordance with said policy, moneys for expenditure in such
2680 institutional operating accounts, exclusive of amounts retained for
2681 central office operations and reasonable reserves for future distribution.
2682 All costs of waiving or remitting tuition pursuant to subsection (f) of this
2683 section shall be charged to the Connecticut State University System
2684 Operating Fund. Repairs, alterations or additions to facilities supported
2685 by the Connecticut State University System Operating Fund and costing
2686 one million dollars or more shall require the approval of the General
2687 Assembly, or when the General Assembly is not in session, of the
2688 Finance Advisory Committee. Any balance of receipts above
2689 expenditures shall remain in said fund, except such sums as may be
2690 required for deposit into a debt service fund or the General Fund for
2691 further payment by the Treasurer of debt service on general obligation
2692 bonds of the state issued for purposes of the Connecticut State
2693 University System.

2694 (c) Commencing December 1, 1984, and thereafter not later than sixty
2695 days after the close of each quarter, the [board of trustees] Board of
2696 Regents for Higher Education shall submit, in accordance with the
2697 provisions of section 11-4a, to the joint standing committee of the
2698 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
2699 appropriations and the budgets of state agencies, the Office of Higher
2700 Education and the Office of Policy and Management a report on the
2701 actual expenditures of the Connecticut State University System
2702 Operating Fund.

2703 (d) [Said board] The Board of Regents for Higher Education shall
2704 waive the payment of tuition fees for undergraduate and graduate
2705 degree programs at the Connecticut State University System (1) for any
2706 dependent child of a person whom the armed forces of the United States
2707 has declared to be missing in action or to have been a prisoner of war
2708 while serving in such armed forces after January 1, 1960, which child

2709 has been accepted for admission to such institution and is a resident of
2710 the state at the time such child is accepted for admission to such
2711 institution, (2) subject to the provisions of subsection (e) of this section,
2712 for any veteran, as defined in section 27-103, who performed service in
2713 time of war, as defined in section 27-103, except that for purposes of this
2714 subsection, "service in time of war" shall not include time spent in
2715 attendance at a military service academy, which veteran has been
2716 accepted for admission to such institution and is domiciled in this state
2717 at the time such veteran is accepted for admission to such institution, (3)
2718 for any resident of the state sixty-two years of age or older who has been
2719 accepted for admission to such institution, provided (A) such resident
2720 is enrolled in a degree-granting program, or (B) at the end of the regular
2721 registration period, there are enrolled in the course a sufficient number
2722 of students other than those residents eligible for waivers pursuant to
2723 this subdivision to offer the course in which such resident intends to
2724 enroll and there is space available in such course after accommodating
2725 all such students, (4) for any student attending the Connecticut Police
2726 Academy who is enrolled in a law enforcement program at said
2727 academy offered in coordination with the university which accredits
2728 courses taken in such program, (5) for any active member of the
2729 Connecticut Army or Air National Guard who (A) has been certified by
2730 the Adjutant General or such Adjutant General's designee as a member
2731 in good standing of the guard, and (B) is enrolled or accepted for
2732 admission to such institution on a full-time or part-time basis in an
2733 undergraduate or graduate degree-granting program, (6) for any
2734 dependent child of a (A) police officer, as defined in section 7-294a, or
2735 supernumerary or auxiliary police officer, (B) firefighter, as defined in
2736 section 7-323j, or member of a volunteer fire company, (C) municipal
2737 employee, or (D) state employee, as defined in section 5-154, killed in
2738 the line of duty, (7) for any resident of this state who is a dependent
2739 child or surviving spouse of a specified terrorist victim who was a
2740 resident of the state, (8) for any dependent child of a resident of the state
2741 who was killed in a multivehicle crash at or near the intersection of
2742 Routes 44 and 10 and Nod Road in Avon on July 29, 2005, and (9) for
2743 any resident of the state who is a dependent child or surviving spouse

2744 of a person who was killed in action while performing active military
2745 duty with the armed forces of the United States on or after September
2746 11, 2001, and who was a resident of this state. If any person who receives
2747 a tuition waiver in accordance with the provisions of this subsection also
2748 receives educational reimbursement from an employer, such waiver
2749 shall be reduced by the amount of such educational reimbursement.
2750 Veterans and members of the National Guard described in subdivision
2751 (5) of this subsection shall be given the same status as students not
2752 receiving tuition waivers in registering for courses at Connecticut state
2753 universities. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10a-30, as used
2754 in this subsection, "domiciled in this state" includes domicile for less
2755 than one year.

2756 (e) (1) If any veteran described in subsection (d) of this section has
2757 applied for federal educational assistance under the Post-9/11 Veterans
2758 Educational Assistance Act of 2008, the [board of trustees] Board of
2759 Regents for Higher Education shall waive the payment of tuition at the
2760 Connecticut State University System for such veteran in accordance
2761 with subdivision (2) of this subsection. If any such veteran certifies to
2762 said board that such veteran's application for such federal educational
2763 assistance has been denied or withdrawn, said board [of trustees] shall
2764 waive the payment of tuition in accordance with subsection (d) of this
2765 section.

2766 (2) (A) For purposes of this subdivision, "veteran tuition benefit"
2767 means the portion of federal educational assistance under the Post-9/11
2768 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008 to be paid to the
2769 Connecticut State University System on behalf of a veteran that
2770 represents payment for tuition. Such portion shall be calculated by
2771 multiplying (i) the total amount of such federal educational assistance
2772 to be paid to the Connecticut State University System on behalf of such
2773 veteran by (ii) an amount obtained by dividing (I) the actual tuition
2774 charged by the Connecticut State University System to such veteran by
2775 (II) the sum of the actual tuition and fees charged by the Connecticut
2776 State University System to such veteran.

2777 (B) Said board [of trustees] shall waive the payment of tuition in
2778 excess of the veteran tuition benefit at the Connecticut State University
2779 System for such veteran.

2780 (f) [Said board] The Board of Regents for Higher Education shall set
2781 aside from its anticipated tuition revenue, an amount not less than that
2782 required by the [board of governors'] tuition policy established under
2783 subdivision (3) of subsection (a) of section 10a-6, as amended by this act.
2784 Such funds shall be used to provide tuition waivers, tuition remissions,
2785 grants for educational expenses and student employment for any
2786 undergraduate or graduate student who is enrolled as a full or part-time
2787 matriculated student in a degree-granting program, or enrolled in a
2788 precollege remedial program, and who demonstrates substantial
2789 financial need. Said board may also set aside from its anticipated tuition
2790 revenue an additional amount equal to one per cent of said tuition
2791 revenue for financial assistance for students who would not otherwise
2792 be eligible for financial assistance but who do have a financial need as
2793 determined by the university in accordance with this subsection. In
2794 determining such financial need, the university shall exclude the value
2795 of equity in the principal residence of the student's parents or legal
2796 guardians, or in the student's principal residence if the student is not
2797 considered to be a dependent of his parents or legal guardians and shall
2798 assess the earnings of a dependent student at the rate of thirty per cent.

2799 (g) The Connecticut State University System Operating Fund shall be
2800 reimbursed for the amount by which the tuition waivers granted under
2801 subsection (d) of this section exceed two and one-half per cent of tuition
2802 revenue through an annual state appropriation. The [board of trustees]
2803 Board of Regents for Higher Education shall request such an
2804 appropriation and said appropriation shall be based upon an estimate
2805 of tuition revenue loss using tuition rates in effect for the fiscal year in
2806 which such appropriation will apply.

2807 (h) [Said board of trustees] The Board of Regents for Higher
2808 Education shall allow any student who is a member of the armed forces
2809 called to active duty during any semester to enroll in any course for

2810 which such student had remitted tuition but which was not completed
2811 due to active duty status. Such course reenrollment shall be offered to
2812 any qualifying student for a period not exceeding four years after the
2813 date of release from active duty without additional tuition, student fee
2814 or related charge, except if such student has been fully reimbursed for
2815 the tuition, fees and charges for the course that was not completed.

2816 (i) The Board of Regents for Higher Education shall not assess or
2817 charge a graduation fee to any student enrolled in the Connecticut State
2818 University System for the purpose of graduating from a state university
2819 within such system.

2820 Sec. 87. Section 10a-99a of the general statutes is repealed and the
2821 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

2822 (a) (1) The Board of [Trustees of the Connecticut State University
2823 System] Regents for Higher Education shall establish a permanent
2824 Endowment Fund for the Connecticut State University System to
2825 encourage donations from the private sector, with an incentive in the
2826 form of an endowment fund state grant, the net earnings on the
2827 principal of which are dedicated and made available to a state university
2828 or the Connecticut State University System as a whole, for endowed
2829 professorships, scholarships and programmatic enhancements. The
2830 fund shall be administered by the [board of trustees] Board of Regents
2831 for Higher Education, or by a nonprofit entity entrusted for such
2832 purpose and qualified as a Section 501(c)(3) organization under the
2833 Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or any subsequent corresponding
2834 internal revenue code of the United States, as from time to time
2835 amended, and preferably constituted and controlled independent of the
2836 state and university so as to qualify the interest on state bonds the
2837 proceeds of which have been granted for deposit in the endowment
2838 fund as excludable from federal taxation under such code and shall, in
2839 any event, be held in a trust fund separate and apart from all other funds
2840 and accounts of the state and university. There shall be deposited into
2841 the fund: (A) Endowment fund state grants; and (B) interest or other
2842 earnings from the investment of moneys in the endowment fund

2843 pending transfer of the principal of the fund for the purposes identified
2844 in this subdivision. Endowment fund eligible gifts made on behalf of a
2845 state university or the system as a whole shall be deposited in a
2846 permanent endowment fund created for each such state university and
2847 the system as a whole in the appropriate foundation established
2848 pursuant to sections 4-37e, as amended by this act, and 4-37f, as
2849 amended by this act. A portion of the endowment fund state grant and
2850 a portion of earnings on such grant, including capital appreciation, shall
2851 be transferred, annually, within thirty days of the receipt of the
2852 endowment fund state grant by the permanent Endowment Fund for
2853 the Connecticut State University System, to such a state university
2854 endowment fund based on the ratio of the total amount of such gifts
2855 made to such state university to the total amount of all such gifts made
2856 to all the state universities and the system as a whole, provided the
2857 provisions of section 4-37f, as amended by this act, are satisfied.

2858 [(2) (A) For each of the fiscal years ending June 30, 2000, to June 30,
2859 2006, inclusive, as part of the state contract with donors of endowment
2860 fund eligible gifts, the Office of Higher Education, in accordance with
2861 section 10a-8b, shall deposit in the Endowment Fund for the
2862 Connecticut State University System a grant in an amount equal to half
2863 of the total amount of endowment fund eligible gifts received by or for
2864 the benefit of the Connecticut State University System as a whole and
2865 each state university for the calendar year ending the December thirty-
2866 first preceding the commencement of such fiscal year, as certified by the
2867 chairperson of the board of trustees by February fifteenth to (i) the
2868 Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, (ii) the joint standing
2869 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
2870 relating to appropriations and the budgets of state agencies, and (iii) the
2871 Commissioner of Higher Education, provided such sums do not exceed
2872 the endowment fund state grant maximum commitment for the fiscal
2873 year in which the grant is made.

2874 (B) For each of the fiscal years ending June 30, 2007, to June 30, 2014,
2875 inclusive, as part of the state contract with donors of endowment fund
2876 eligible gifts, the Office of Higher Education, in accordance with section

2877 10a-8b, shall deposit in the Endowment Fund for the Connecticut State
2878 University System a grant in an amount equal to one-quarter of the total
2879 amount of endowment fund eligible gifts, except as provided for in this
2880 subdivision, received by or for the benefit of the Connecticut State
2881 University System as a whole and each state university for the calendar
2882 year ending the December thirty-first preceding the commencement of
2883 such fiscal year, as certified by the chairperson of the board of trustees
2884 by February fifteenth to (i) the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
2885 Management, (ii) the joint standing committee of the General Assembly
2886 having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and the budgets
2887 of state agencies, and (iii) the Commissioner of Higher Education,
2888 provided such sums do not exceed the endowment fund state grant
2889 maximum commitment for the fiscal year in which the grant is made.
2890 Endowment fund eligible gifts that meet the criteria set forth in this
2891 subdivision, made by donors during the period from January 1, 2005, to
2892 June 30, 2005, shall continue to be matched by the Office of Higher
2893 Education in an amount equal to one-half of the total amount of
2894 endowment fund eligible gifts received. Commitments by donors to
2895 make endowment fund eligible gifts for two or more years that meet the
2896 criteria set forth in this subdivision and that are made for the period
2897 prior to December 31, 2004, but ending before December 31, 2012, shall
2898 continue to be matched by the Office of Higher Education in an amount
2899 equal to one-half of the total amount of endowment fund eligible gifts
2900 received.

2901 (C) In any such fiscal year in which the total of the eligible gifts
2902 received by the Connecticut State University System as a whole and
2903 each state university exceed the endowment fund state grant maximum
2904 commitment for such fiscal year the amount in excess of such
2905 endowment fund state grant maximum commitment shall be carried
2906 forward and be eligible for a matching state grant in any succeeding
2907 fiscal year from the fiscal year ending June 30, 2000, to the fiscal year
2908 ending June 30, 2014, inclusive, subject to the endowment fund state
2909 grant maximum commitment. Any endowment fund eligible gifts that
2910 are not included in the total amount of endowment fund eligible gifts
2911 certified by the chairperson of the board of trustees pursuant to this

2912 subdivision may be carried forward and be eligible for a matching state
2913 grant in any succeeding fiscal year from the fiscal year ending June 30,
2914 2000, to the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014, inclusive, subject to the
2915 endowment fund state matching grant maximum commitment for such
2916 fiscal year.]

2917 [(3)] (2) The Board of [Trustees of the Connecticut State University
2918 System] Regents for Higher Education shall adopt, by October 1, 1997,
2919 guidelines with respect to (A) the solicitation of endowment fund
2920 eligible gifts from private donors, and (B) governing the acceptance of
2921 gifts made by a foundation established pursuant to sections 4-37e, as
2922 amended by this act, and 4-37f, as amended by this act, to a state
2923 university or its employees for reimbursement of expenditures or
2924 payment of expenditures on behalf of a state university or its employees.
2925 Private donations shall not be construed to include proceeds of federal
2926 grants but may include proceeds of municipal grants.

2927 (b) For the purposes of this section: (1) "Endowment fund eligible
2928 gift" means a gift to or for the benefit of any of the state universities of
2929 the Connecticut State University System or the system as a whole of cash
2930 or assets which may be reduced to cash or which has the value that is
2931 ascertainable by the state universities or the system as a whole and
2932 which the donor has specifically designated for deposit in the
2933 endowment fund or which explicitly or implicitly by the terms of the
2934 gift, the universities or the system as a whole may and does deposit or
2935 permit to be deposited in the endowment funds; [.] and (2)
2936 ["Endowment fund state grant"] "endowment fund state grant" means
2937 moneys transferred by the Office of Higher Education from the fund
2938 established pursuant to section 10a-8b to the endowment fund
2939 established pursuant to this section in an aggregate amount not
2940 exceeding the endowment fund state grant maximum commitment. [(3)
2941 "Endowment fund state grant maximum commitment" means an
2942 amount not exceeding two and one-half million dollars in the fiscal year
2943 ending June 30, 2000, five million dollars for each of the fiscal years
2944 ending June 30, 2001, and June 30, 2002, and seven million five hundred
2945 thousand dollars for each of the fiscal years ending June 30, 2003, to June

2946 30, 2014, inclusive.]

2947 Sec. 88. Section 10a-144 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2948 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

2949 There is established a higher education center for the central
2950 Naugatuck Valley region. The [regional community-technical college]
2951 Connecticut State Community College campus established for the
2952 greater Waterbury area pursuant to subsection (g) of section 10a-78, as
2953 amended by this act, shall be located at such center. The University of
2954 Connecticut shall have access to classrooms, faculty office space and
2955 concurrent and cooperative use of common student facilities including,
2956 but not limited to, library and athletic fields, at such center. The Board
2957 of Regents for Higher Education, in conjunction with the chancellor of
2958 the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities, or the chancellor's
2959 designee, shall develop an annual joint use plan for such center. On or
2960 before September 1, 1993, and annually thereafter, the chancellor of the
2961 Connecticut State Colleges and Universities shall call and convene an
2962 initial meeting for the development of such plan.

2963 Sec. 89. Section 10a-149 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2964 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

2965 (a) In addition to other powers granted in the general statutes,
2966 authority and responsibility for the operation of the state's public
2967 institutions of higher education shall be vested in (1) the Board of
2968 Trustees of The University of Connecticut which shall have exclusive
2969 responsibility for programs leading to research doctoral, doctor of
2970 medicine, doctor of dental medicine and juris doctor degrees, (2) the
2971 Board of [Trustees of the Connecticut State University System] Regents
2972 for Higher Education on behalf of the Connecticut State University
2973 System which shall have special responsibility for the preparation of
2974 personnel for the public schools of the state including master's degree
2975 programs, education doctoral degree programs, including an education
2976 doctoral degree program in nursing education, and other graduate
2977 study in education, and authority for providing (A) liberal arts and
2978 career programs at the bachelors, masters and sixth year level, and (B)

2979 professional doctoral degree programs, except programs leading to
2980 research doctoral, doctor of medicine, doctor of dental medicine and
2981 juris doctor degrees, (3) the Board of [Trustees of the Community-
2982 Technical Colleges] Regents for Higher Education on behalf of the
2983 Connecticut State Community College which shall have responsibility
2984 for providing programs, as enumerated in section 10a-80, as amended
2985 by this act, leading, where appropriate, to an associate degree or
2986 occupational certificate and programs leading to the degree of associate
2987 in applied science and such other appropriate degrees or certificates [as
2988 are approved by the Board of Regents for Higher Education] and for
2989 such terminal vocational retraining and continuing education programs
2990 leading to occupational certificates as are appropriate, and (4) the Board
2991 of Regents for Higher Education which shall have responsibility for the
2992 award of external degrees and credits earned at Charter Oak State
2993 College by examination and by other forms of validation and by
2994 evaluation of learning, including transfer of credit, provided the
2995 authority of the [Boards] Board of Trustees of The University of
2996 Connecticut [, the Connecticut State University System and the
2997 Community-Technical Colleges] and the Board of Regents for Higher
2998 Education on behalf of the Connecticut State University System and the
2999 Connecticut State Community College to award degrees of the
3000 respective institutions shall not be affected.

3001 (b) In approving programs provided under subparagraph (B) of
3002 subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of this section, the Board of [Trustees
3003 for the Connecticut State University System] Regents for Higher
3004 Education shall consider (1) the effect a proposed professional doctoral
3005 degree program would have on the budget of the state university within
3006 the Connecticut State University System seeking to offer such program,
3007 (2) whether expertise in the subject matter of such program currently
3008 exists at [the] such state university, (3) the current and projected
3009 accreditation standards governing such program, and (4) the current
3010 and projected professional standards in the occupational field for which
3011 students would qualify for employment upon graduation from such
3012 program.

3013 Sec. 90. Section 10a-151a of the general statutes is repealed and the
3014 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3015 (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of [any general statute or
3016 regulation to the contrary] the general statutes or regulations of
3017 Connecticut state agencies, the [Boards] Board of Trustees [for the
3018 Community-Technical Colleges, the Connecticut State University
3019 System and] of The University of Connecticut and the Board of Regents
3020 for Higher Education shall annually designate from the funds available
3021 to each board for equipment an amount to be spent by each institution
3022 under its jurisdiction for the purchase of equipment used for research
3023 purposes, library media and library books for each such fiscal year.

3024 (b) Within the limitations of funds designated pursuant to subsection
3025 (a) of this section by each board [of trustees] for the purchase of
3026 equipment used for research purposes, library media and library books,
3027 the expenditure of such funds and the purposes therefor shall be in the
3028 sole jurisdiction of the chief executive officer of each institution, subject
3029 to the policies of [the] each board [of trustees] and shall not be subject to
3030 the approval of any other state agency, but shall be subject to auditing
3031 procedures required pursuant to section 2-90, provided the purchase of
3032 equipment used for research purposes and library media shall be made
3033 from the most competitive source. Such officer shall report annually to
3034 the board [of trustees] of [his] such officer's respective institution on the
3035 expenditure of funds.

3036 Sec. 91. Subsection (a) of section 10a-151b of the general statutes is
3037 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
3038 *passage*):

3039 (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of chapter 58, and sections 4-98,
3040 4a-4, 4a-5, 4a-6, 4d-2, and 4d-5 to the contrary, a chief executive officer
3041 may purchase equipment, supplies and contractual services, execute
3042 personal service agreements, as defined in section 4-212, or lease
3043 personal property compatible, where relevant, with standards for
3044 computer architecture established by the Department of Administrative
3045 Services, without the approval of the Comptroller, the Secretary of the

3046 Office of Policy and Management or the Commissioner of
3047 Administrative Services, provided the chief executive officer consults
3048 with the commissioner and such purchases are made in accordance with
3049 this section and in accordance with policies [which] that are (1) adopted
3050 by the governing board [of trustees] of the constituent unit after
3051 reasonable opportunity for interested persons to present their views,
3052 and (2) subject to section 4-175. For purposes of this section, "chief
3053 executive officer" means the chief executive officer of a constituent unit
3054 of the state system of higher education or the chief executive officer of
3055 an institution or campus within the jurisdiction of such a constituent
3056 unit. The provisions of sections 4-212 to 4-219, inclusive, and section 9
3057 of public act 93-336 shall not apply to personal service agreements
3058 executed pursuant to this section.

3059 Sec. 92. Section 10a-151c of the general statutes is repealed and the
3060 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3061 Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, [to the
3062 contrary,] the chief executive officer of each institution within the
3063 jurisdiction of a constituent unit of the state system of higher education
3064 shall have the authority to approve travel requests and the payment of
3065 travel expenses incurred by employees of their institutions, in
3066 accordance with rates and policies approved by the governing board [of
3067 trustees] of the constituent unit, provided such rates and policies are (1)
3068 [are] approved after reasonable opportunity has been provided for
3069 interested persons to present their views, and (2) [are] subject to section
3070 4-175. Travel expenses paid pursuant to this subsection shall be paid
3071 upon the order of the Comptroller.

3072 Sec. 93. Section 10a-151d of the general statutes is repealed and the
3073 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3074 On or before January 1, 2015, and annually thereafter, the governing
3075 board [of trustees] of each constituent unit of the state system of higher
3076 education shall submit a report, in accordance with the provisions of
3077 section 11-4a, to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly
3078 having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and the budgets

3079 of state agencies concerning expenditures pursuant to [section] sections
3080 4a-52a, 10a-151b, as amended by this act, and 10a-151c, as amended by
3081 this act, during the preceding fiscal year.

3082 Sec. 94. Section 10a-152 of the general statutes is repealed and the
3083 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3084 The governing boards [of trustees] of each constituent unit, subject to
3085 the provisions of the general statutes, may receive any federal funds
3086 made available to this state for postsecondary educational purposes and
3087 expend such funds for the purpose or purposes for which they are made
3088 available. The State Treasurer shall be the custodian of such funds.
3089 [Said] Such boards may allocate and use any appropriate or special fund
3090 to meet the matching requirements of any federal act making funds
3091 available to the state for postsecondary educational purposes.

3092 Sec. 95. Section 10a-154a of the general statutes is repealed and the
3093 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3094 Any record maintained or kept on file by a governing board [of
3095 trustees] of a constituent unit of the state system of higher education
3096 [which] that is a record of the performance and evaluation of a faculty
3097 or professional staff member of such constituent unit shall not be
3098 deemed to be a public record and shall not be subject to disclosure under
3099 the provisions of section 1-210, unless such faculty or professional staff
3100 member consents in writing to the release of his records by the
3101 governing board [of trustees] of the constituent unit. Such consent shall
3102 be required for each request for a release of such records.

3103 Sec. 96. Section 10a-154b of the general statutes is repealed and the
3104 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3105 Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 5-214 and 5-215 or any
3106 other provision of the general statutes or special act, [to the contrary,]
3107 the chief executive officer of a constituent unit of the state system of
3108 higher education and the chief executive officer of an institution or
3109 campus within the jurisdiction of a constituent unit of the state system

3110 of higher education may establish positions and approve the filling of
3111 all position vacancies of such constituent unit or institution within the
3112 limits of available funds and in accordance with policies approved by
3113 the governing board [of trustees] of the constituent unit.

3114 Sec. 97. Section 10a-156a of the general statutes is repealed and the
3115 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3116 (a) [Not later than October 1, 2013, each] Each constituent unit of the
3117 state system of higher education and each independent institution of
3118 higher education [, as defined in subsection (a) of section 10a-173,] shall
3119 submit an up-to-date security protocol plan to the Department of
3120 Emergency Services and Public Protection. Such plan shall identify
3121 procedures specifically designed to heighten awareness by all faculty
3122 and staff regarding potentially at-risk students and other individuals on
3123 campus through effective educational strategies. Such procedures shall
3124 be designed to educate faculty and staff on how to recognize and
3125 respond to students and such other individuals who may be at risk of
3126 harm to themselves or others. Not later than July 1, 2015, and biennially
3127 thereafter, each constituent unit and independent institution of higher
3128 education shall review the security protocol plan with each of its chiefs
3129 of police or heads of campus security to determine whether such plan
3130 adequately addresses campus security concerns or requires revisions. In
3131 the event that revisions are required, the constituent unit or
3132 independent institution of higher education making revisions shall
3133 submit a revised security protocol plan to the Department of Emergency
3134 Services and Public Protection not later than August first of the year in
3135 which revisions are deemed necessary.

3136 (b) [Not later than January 1, 2014, each] Each constituent unit and
3137 independent institution of higher education shall establish a trained
3138 threat assessment team for each of its campuses. The threat assessment
3139 team shall consist of individuals selected by the president of each state
3140 college [, regional community-technical college] or university or
3141 independent institution of higher education in consultation with its
3142 chief of police or head of campus security and may include not less than

3143 one member of its special police force or campus security personnel,
3144 administration, faculty and senior and mid-level staff. The chief of
3145 police or head of campus security at each state college [, regional
3146 community-technical college] and university and independent
3147 institution of higher education shall be responsible for ensuring that
3148 every member of the threat assessment team (1) is capable of executing
3149 the security protocol plan developed in accordance with subsection (a)
3150 of this section, and (2) receives comprehensive training in identifying
3151 potentially at-risk students, other potentially at-risk individuals on
3152 campus and any other potential threats to campus safety.

3153 Sec. 98. Section 10a-157 of the general statutes is repealed and the
3154 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3155 (a) [Not later than July 1, 2013, the regional community-technical
3156 college system] The Connecticut State Community College and the
3157 Connecticut State University System shall develop and implement a
3158 general education core of courses for which not fewer than thirty
3159 academic credits shall be offered by each such constituent unit as part
3160 of its liberal arts and sciences programs and any other degree program
3161 designated as a transfer program. A student who graduates from any
3162 such liberal arts and sciences program or transfer program or transfers
3163 from such program to another of such constituent units or to another
3164 institution within the same constituent unit shall transfer any credits
3165 earned while enrolled in such program toward the general education
3166 core curriculum requirements of the constituent unit to which such
3167 student transfers.

3168 (b) Teaching faculty from the [regional community-technical college
3169 system] Connecticut State Community College and the Connecticut
3170 State University System, elected pursuant to a uniform, system-wide
3171 election by the faculty senates representing each of such constituent
3172 units, shall be included in the development and implementation of the
3173 general education core of courses.

3174 Sec. 99. Subsections (b) to (e), inclusive, of section 10a-157a of the
3175 general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu

3176 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3177 (b) Not later than the start of the fall semester of 2014 for the
3178 Connecticut State University System and not later than the start of the
3179 fall semester of 2015 for the [regional community-technical colleges]
3180 Connecticut State Community College, and for each semester thereafter,
3181 if a public institution of higher education determines, by use of multiple
3182 commonly accepted measures of skill level, that a student is likely to
3183 succeed in college level work with supplemental support, the public
3184 institution of higher education shall offer such student remedial support
3185 that is embedded with the corresponding entry level course in a college
3186 level program. Such embedded support shall be offered during the same
3187 semester as and in conjunction with the entry level course for purposes
3188 of providing the student with supplemental support in the entry level
3189 course.

3190 (c) Not later than the start of the fall semester of 2015 and for each
3191 semester thereafter, if a public institution of higher education
3192 determines, by use of multiple commonly accepted measures of skill
3193 level, that a student is below the skill level required for success in college
3194 level work with supplemental support, the public institution of higher
3195 education shall offer such student one intensive semester of remedial
3196 support that (1) is designed to provide such student with the knowledge
3197 and skills necessary to be placed in an entry level course in a college
3198 level program, and (2) such student may repeat subject to the public
3199 institution of higher education's course repeat policy provided [that]
3200 such policy shall not prohibit a minimum of one repeat attempt.

3201 (d) Not later than the start of the fall semester of 2015 and for each
3202 semester thereafter, if a public institution of higher education
3203 determines, by use of multiple commonly accepted measures of skill
3204 level, that a student is below the skill level required for success in an
3205 intensive semester of remedial support, the public institution of higher
3206 education shall offer such student the opportunity to participate in a
3207 transitional college readiness program before the start of the next
3208 semester. Such student shall complete such transitional college

3209 readiness program prior to receiving embedded remedial support, as
3210 provided in subsection (b) of this section or intensive remedial support,
3211 as provided in subsection (c) of this section. The Board of Regents for
3212 Higher Education, in consultation with Connecticut's P-20 Council and
3213 the faculty advisory committee to the Board of Regents for Higher
3214 Education, shall develop options for a transitional college readiness
3215 program.

3216 (e) Not later than the start of the fall semester of 2014 for the
3217 Connecticut State University System and not later than the start of the
3218 fall semester of 2015 for the [regional community-technical colleges]
3219 Connecticut State Community College, and for each semester thereafter,
3220 each public institution of higher education shall offer only remedial
3221 support, including remedial courses, that is authorized pursuant to
3222 subsections (b), (c) and (d) of this section.

3223 Sec. 100. Subsection (b) of section 10a-158 of the general statutes is
3224 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
3225 *passage*):

3226 (b) Not later than January 1, 2014, and biennially thereafter, the Board
3227 of Regents for Higher Education shall compare (1) the salaries of the
3228 administrators at each public institution of higher education within the
3229 Connecticut State University System and the [regional-community
3230 technical college system] Connecticut State Community College with
3231 the salaries of administrators with similar responsibilities at peer public
3232 institutions of higher education in the United States, (2) the ratio of
3233 administrators to students and of administrators to faculty at each
3234 public institution of higher education within the Connecticut State
3235 University System and the [regional-community technical college
3236 system] Connecticut State Community College with the ratio of
3237 administrators to students and of administrators to faculty at peer
3238 public institutions of higher education in the United States, and (3) the
3239 salaries of the administrators in the central office of the Board of Regents
3240 for Higher Education with the salaries of administrators with similar
3241 responsibilities in the central office of similar state university systems in

3242 the United States.

3243 Sec. 101. Subsection (b) of section 10a-168a of the general statutes is
3244 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
3245 *passage*):

3246 (b) Within available appropriations, the program shall provide grants
3247 to minority students (1) in teacher education programs for their junior
3248 or senior year, or both such years, at any four-year institution of higher
3249 education, (2) completing the requirements of such a teacher education
3250 program as a graduate student, provided such student received a grant
3251 pursuant to this section for one year at the undergraduate level, or (3)
3252 enrolled in the alternate route to certification program administered
3253 through the Office of Higher Education or the Department of Education.
3254 No student shall receive a grant under the program for more than two
3255 years. Maximum grants shall not exceed five thousand dollars per year.
3256 The office shall ensure that at least ten per cent of the grant recipients
3257 are minority students who transfer from [a] the Connecticut [regional
3258 community-technical college] State Community College.

3259 Sec. 102. Subdivision (5) of subsection (a) of section 10a-173 of the
3260 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
3261 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3262 (5) "Public institution of higher education" means the constituent
3263 units of the state system of higher education identified in subdivisions
3264 (1) and (2) of section 10a-1, as amended by this act, except the [regional
3265 community-technical colleges] Connecticut State Community College;

3266 Sec. 103. Section 10a-174 of the general statutes is repealed and the
3267 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3268 (a) As used in this section:

3269 (1) "Award" means the greater of: (A) The unpaid portion, if any, of a
3270 qualifying student's eligible institutional costs after subtracting his or
3271 her financial aid, or (B) a minimum award of five hundred dollars for a
3272 full-time student or three hundred dollars for a part-time student;

3273 (2) "Eligible institutional costs" means the tuition and required fees
3274 incurred each semester by an individual student that are established by
3275 the Board of Regents for Higher Education for the [regional community-
3276 technical colleges] Connecticut State Community College;

3277 (3) "Financial aid" means the sum of all scholarships, grants and
3278 federal, state and institutional aid received by a qualifying student.
3279 "Financial aid" does not include any federal, state or private student
3280 loans received by a qualifying student;

3281 (4) "Qualifying student" means any person who (A) graduated from
3282 a public or nonpublic high school, (B) enrolls as a full-time or part-time
3283 student for the fall semester of 2020, or any semester thereafter, at [a
3284 regional community-technical college] the Connecticut State
3285 Community College in a program leading to a degree or certificate, (C)
3286 is classified as an in-state student pursuant to section 10a-29, (D) is
3287 making satisfactory academic progress while enrolled at [a regional
3288 community-technical college] the Connecticut State Community
3289 College, (E) has completed the Free Application for Federal Student Aid,
3290 and (F) has accepted all available financial aid or is a transition program
3291 student;

3292 (5) "Full-time student" means a student who is enrolled at [a regional
3293 community-technical college] the Connecticut State Community
3294 College and (A) is carrying twelve or more credit hours in a semester,
3295 or (B) has a learning disability documented with the [regional
3296 community-technical college] Connecticut State Community College in
3297 which he or she is enrolled and is enrolled in the maximum number of
3298 credit hours that is feasible for such student to attempt in a semester, as
3299 determined by such student's academic advisor;

3300 (6) "Semester" means the fall or spring semester of an academic year.
3301 "Semester" does not include a summer semester or session;

3302 (7) "Part-time student" means a student who is enrolled at [a regional
3303 community-technical college] the Connecticut State Community
3304 College and is carrying not less than six but fewer than twelve credit

3305 hours in a semester; and

3306 (8) "Transition program student" means any person who (A) is a
3307 resident of this state, (B) has not graduated from high school, (C) is
3308 enrolled in a transition program pursuant to such person's
3309 individualized education program, and (D) enrolls in one or more
3310 courses at [a regional community-technical college] the Connecticut
3311 State Community College.

3312 (b) The Board of Regents for Higher Education shall (1) establish a
3313 debt-free community college program to make awards to qualifying
3314 students each semester, (2) adopt rules, procedures and forms necessary
3315 to implement the debt-free community college program, and (3) submit
3316 a report outlining such rules, procedures and forms, in accordance with
3317 the provisions of section 11-4a, to the joint standing committee of the
3318 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to higher
3319 education. Awards made to qualifying students pursuant to the debt-
3320 free community college program shall be designated as the "Mary Ann
3321 Handley Award".

3322 (c) For the fall semester of 2020, and each semester thereafter, the
3323 Board of Regents for Higher Education shall make awards to qualifying
3324 students within available appropriations. An award shall be available
3325 to a qualifying student for the first seventy-two credit hours earned by
3326 the qualifying student at [a regional community-technical college] the
3327 Connecticut State Community College, provided the qualifying student
3328 meets and continues to meet the requirements of this section. The board
3329 shall not use an award to supplant any financial aid, including, but not
3330 limited to, state or institutional aid, otherwise available to a qualifying
3331 student.

3332 (d) Not later than November 1, 2024, and March 1, 2025, and each
3333 semester thereafter, the Board of Regents for Higher Education shall
3334 report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a, to the joint
3335 standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of
3336 matters relating to higher education and employment advancement and
3337 appropriations and the budgets of the state agencies regarding the debt-

3338 free community college program, including, but not limited to, (1) the
3339 number of qualifying students enrolled at the [regional community-
3340 technical colleges] Connecticut State Community College during each
3341 semester, (2) the number of qualifying students receiving minimum
3342 awards and the number of qualifying students receiving awards for the
3343 unpaid portion of eligible institutional costs, (3) the average number of
3344 credit hours the qualifying students enrolled in each semester and the
3345 average number of credit hours the qualifying students completed each
3346 semester, (4) the average amount of the award made to qualifying
3347 students under this section for the unpaid portion of eligible
3348 institutional costs, and (5) the completion rates of qualifying students
3349 receiving awards under this section by degree or certificate program.

3350 Sec. 104. Subsection (b) of section 14-73 of the general statutes is
3351 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
3352 *passage*):

3353 (b) Application for an instructor's license or a master instructor's
3354 license shall be in writing and shall contain such information as the
3355 commissioner requires. Each applicant for an instructor's license or a
3356 master instructor's license, or for any renewal thereof, shall be
3357 fingerprinted and shall furnish evidence satisfactory to the
3358 commissioner that such applicant: (1) Is of good moral character
3359 considering such person's state and national criminal history records
3360 checks conducted in accordance with section 29-17a, and record, if any,
3361 on the state child abuse and neglect registry established pursuant to
3362 section 17a-101k. If any applicant for a license or the renewal of a license
3363 has a criminal record or is listed on the state child abuse and neglect
3364 registry, the commissioner shall make a determination of whether to
3365 issue or renew an instructor's license or master instructor's license in
3366 accordance with the standards and procedures set forth in section 14-44
3367 and the regulations adopted pursuant to said section; (2) has held a
3368 license to drive a motor vehicle for the past five consecutive years and
3369 has a driving record satisfactory to the commissioner, including no
3370 record of a conviction or administrative license suspension for a drug or
3371 alcohol-related offense during such five-year period; (3) has passed a

3372 physical examination, administered not more than ninety days prior to
3373 the date of application, by a physician, physician assistant or an
3374 advanced practice registered nurse licensed to practice within the state
3375 and the physician, physician assistant or advanced practice registered
3376 nurse certifies that the applicant is physically fit to operate a motor
3377 vehicle and provide instruction in driving; (4) has received a high school
3378 diploma or has an equivalent academic education; and (5) has
3379 completed an instructor training course of forty-five clock hours given
3380 by a school or agency approved by the commissioner, except that any
3381 such course given by an institution [under the jurisdiction of the board
3382 of trustees of] within the Connecticut State University System shall be
3383 approved by the commissioner and the State Board of Education.
3384 During the period of licensure, an instructor shall notify the
3385 commissioner, within forty-eight hours, of an arrest or conviction for a
3386 misdemeanor or felony, or an arrest, conviction or administrative
3387 license suspension for a drug or alcohol-related offense. Upon such
3388 notification, the commissioner may suspend, revoke or withdraw the
3389 instructor's license or master instructor's license pursuant to the
3390 provisions of section 14-79.

3391 Sec. 105. Subsection (c) of section 20-195ttt of the general statutes is
3392 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
3393 *passage*):

3394 (c) The Commissioner of Health Strategy, or the commissioner's
3395 designee, shall act as the chair of the Community Health Worker
3396 Advisory Body and shall appoint the following members to said body:

3397 (1) Six members who are actively practicing as community health
3398 workers in the state;

3399 (2) A member of the Community Health Workers Association of
3400 Connecticut;

3401 (3) A representative of a community-based community health worker
3402 training organization;

3403 (4) A representative of [a regional community-technical college] the
3404 Connecticut State Community College;

3405 (5) An employer of community health workers;

3406 (6) A representative of a health care organization that employs
3407 community health workers;

3408 (7) A health care provider who works directly with community health
3409 workers; and

3410 (8) The Commissioner of Public Health, or the commissioner's
3411 designee.

3412 Sec. 106. Section 29-251b of the general statutes is repealed and the
3413 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3414 There is established, within the Department of Administrative
3415 Services, a Building Code Training Council which shall advise the State
3416 Building Inspector and the Codes and Standards Committee on all
3417 matters pertaining to certification training programs, continuing
3418 educational programs for building officials pursuant to section 29-262
3419 and programs for all other persons eligible to receive training pursuant
3420 to subsections (a) and (c) of section 29-251c. The council shall be
3421 composed of sixteen members, who shall be residents of this state,
3422 appointed as follows: (1) The State Building Inspector, or his designee;
3423 (2) one by the Codes and Standards Committee, who shall be a member
3424 of said committee; (3) three by the Connecticut Building Officials
3425 Association, each of whom shall be a member of said association; (4)
3426 [one] two by the Board of Regents for Higher Education, one of whom
3427 shall be a representative of the Connecticut State Community College;
3428 [(5) one by the Board of Trustees of the Community-Technical Colleges;
3429 (6)] (5) one by the Governor, who shall be a chief elected official of a
3430 municipality; [(7)] (6) seven by the Commissioner of Administrative
3431 Services: (A) One of whom shall be an architect licensed pursuant to
3432 chapter 390, selected from a list of individuals submitted by the
3433 Connecticut Chapter of the American Institute of Architects; (B) one of

3434 whom shall be a professional engineer, licensed pursuant to chapter 391,
3435 selected from a list of individuals submitted by the Connecticut
3436 Engineers in Private Practice; (C) one of whom shall be a landscape
3437 architect, licensed pursuant to chapter 396, selected from a list of
3438 individuals submitted by the Connecticut Chapter of the American
3439 Society of Landscape Architects; (D) one of whom shall be an interior
3440 designer, registered pursuant to chapter 396a, selected from a list of
3441 individuals submitted by the Connecticut Coalition of Interior
3442 Designers; (E) one of whom shall be a member of the Connecticut State
3443 Building Trades Council, selected from a list of individuals submitted
3444 by said organization; and (F) two of whom shall be builders, general
3445 contractors or superintendents of construction, one having expertise in
3446 residential building construction, selected from a list of individuals
3447 submitted by the Home Builders Association of Connecticut, Inc., and
3448 one having expertise in nonresidential building construction, selected
3449 from a list of individuals submitted by the Associated General
3450 Contractors of Connecticut, Incorporated; and [(8)] (7) one by the
3451 president pro tempore of the Senate, who shall be a member of the
3452 public. The council shall elect a chairperson and vice-chairperson from
3453 among its members. Any member who fails to attend at least fifty per
3454 cent of all meetings held during any calendar year or fails to attend three
3455 consecutive meetings shall be deemed to have resigned from the
3456 council. Vacancies on the council shall be filled by the appointing
3457 authority. Members of the council shall serve without compensation but
3458 shall, within the limits of available funds as approved by the
3459 Commissioner of Administrative Services, be reimbursed for necessary
3460 expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

3461 Sec. 107. Section 29-298a of the general statutes is repealed and the
3462 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3463 There shall be established within the Department of Administrative
3464 Services a Fire Marshal Training Council which shall advise the State
3465 Fire Marshal and the Codes and Standards Committee on all matters
3466 pertaining to (1) certification training programs, (2) decertification
3467 hearings, (3) in-service training for fire marshals in the state, and (4)

3468 programs for all other persons eligible to receive training pursuant to
3469 subsections (a) to (c), inclusive, of section 29-251c. The council shall be
3470 composed of twelve members as follows: The State Fire Marshal or his
3471 designee; a member of the Codes and Standards Committee to be
3472 elected by such committee; three members appointed by the
3473 Connecticut Fire Marshals Association, one of whom shall be a
3474 volunteer, one of whom shall be a part-time paid, and one of whom shall
3475 be a full-time, local fire marshal, deputy fire marshal or fire inspector;
3476 [one member] three members appointed by the Board of Regents for
3477 Higher Education, two of whom shall be representatives of the
3478 Connecticut State Community College; [two members appointed by the
3479 Board of Trustees for the Community-Technical Colleges;] the chief
3480 elected official of a municipality having a population in excess of
3481 seventy thousand persons, appointed by the Governor; the chief elected
3482 official of a municipality having a population of less than seventy
3483 thousand persons, appointed by the Governor; and two public
3484 members, appointed by the Governor. Members shall be residents of
3485 this state and shall not be compensated for their services but shall be
3486 reimbursed for necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their
3487 duties. The council may elect such officers as it deems necessary.

3488 Sec. 108. Section 32-6j of the general statutes is repealed and the
3489 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3490 In the assessment and provision of job training for employers, the
3491 Commissioner of Economic and Community Development and the chief
3492 executive officer of Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated shall request
3493 the assistance of the Labor Commissioner. Upon receipt of a request for
3494 job training pursuant to this section, the Labor Commissioner shall
3495 notify the chancellor of the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities,
3496 or the chancellor's designee, of such request. The chancellor, or the
3497 chancellor's designee, shall determine if a training program exists or can
3498 be designed at [a regional community-technical college] the Connecticut
3499 State Community College to meet such training need and shall notify
3500 the Labor Commissioner of such determination. The Labor
3501 Commissioner shall to the extent possible make arrangements for the

3502 participation of the [regional community-technical colleges]
3503 Connecticut State Community College, the Connecticut State University
3504 System, other institutions of higher education, other postsecondary
3505 institutions, adult education programs and the Technical Education and
3506 Career System in implementing the program. Nothing in this section
3507 shall preclude the Labor Commissioner from considering or choosing
3508 other providers to meet such training need.

3509 Sec. 109. Section 32-70d of the general statutes is repealed and the
3510 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3511 [Within] Not later than thirty days after the Commissioner of
3512 Economic and Community Development approves the designation of
3513 an area as an enterprise zone in a municipality under subdivision (2) of
3514 subsection (c) of section 32-70, the municipality shall establish a
3515 community enterprise zone board. The board shall establish policy for
3516 the promotion and development of the zone, coordinate economic
3517 development programs in the zone with related job training and social
3518 services programs and adopt an enterprise zone revitalization plan. The
3519 plan shall specify goals and objectives for the enterprise zone, describe
3520 strategies to attain such goals and establish an implementation
3521 schedule. The municipality shall submit its plan to the Commissioner of
3522 Economic and Community Development for review and comment. The
3523 board shall consist of (1) the following officials of such municipality, or
3524 designees of such officials: The official responsible for economic
3525 development programs; the chief executive official, or his designee; a
3526 representative of the legislative body, who shall be appointed by such
3527 body; the chief of police, or his designee; the housing administrator, or
3528 his designee; and a representative of the school board, who shall be
3529 appointed by such board; (2) a representative of the [regional
3530 community-technical college] Connecticut State Community College
3531 campus serving the region in which the municipality is located, if
3532 applicable, who shall be appointed by the chief executive officer of such
3533 college; (3) two representatives of the business community of the
3534 municipality, one of whom shall be a member of the chamber of
3535 commerce from the municipality; (4) two persons who own businesses

3536 located in the enterprise zone; and (5) two representatives of
3537 neighborhood community organizations serving the area in which the
3538 zone is located or, if no such organization exists, two residents of said
3539 area. The board members described in subdivisions (3), (4) and (5) of
3540 this section shall be appointed by the chief executive official of the
3541 municipality.

3542 Sec. 110. Subsection (a) of section 32-612 of the general statutes is
3543 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
3544 *passage*):

3545 (a) A downtown higher education center project, as described in
3546 section 32-600, shall be developed by the Department of Administrative
3547 Services in consultation with the Board of [Trustees of the Community-
3548 Technical Colleges] Regents for Higher Education. Said project shall not
3549 require approval by the State Properties Review Board.

3550 Sec. 111. Subsection (b) of section 32-615 of the general statutes is
3551 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
3552 *passage*):

3553 (b) The proceeds of the sale of said bonds, to the extent of the amount
3554 stated in subsection (a) of this section, shall be used by the [regional
3555 community-technical college system] Connecticut State Community
3556 College for the purpose of development of the downtown higher
3557 education center project, as defined in section 32-600.

3558 Sec. 112. Section 48-9 of the general statutes is repealed and the
3559 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3560 Subject to the provisions of section 4b-23, the state may take land, or
3561 any interest or estate therein, for the site, or for any addition to the site,
3562 of any state institution or courthouse, or for any addition to the site of
3563 any institution [under the jurisdiction of the Board of Trustees of] within
3564 the Connecticut State University System, Technical Education and
3565 Career System or technical college or for the purposes of subsection (e)
3566 of section 22a-133m, and also may take water from any river, brook,

3567 spring or springs, pond or lake for the purpose of providing such supply
3568 of water as the convenience and necessity of such institution may
3569 require. The amount of damages for any such taking shall be determined
3570 in the manner provided by section 48-10.

3571 Sec. 113. (*Effective July 1, 2025*) (a) Wherever the words "board of
3572 trustees", "Board of Trustees of the Connecticut State University System"
3573 or "Board of Trustees of the Community-Technical Colleges" are used to
3574 denote the Board of Trustees of the Connecticut State University System
3575 or the Board of Trustees of the Community-Technical Colleges in any
3576 public act of the 2025 session, the words "Board of Regents for Higher
3577 Education" shall be substituted in lieu thereof.

3578 (b) Wherever the words "regional community-technical colleges" or
3579 "regional community-technical college system" are used to denote a
3580 constituent unit of the state system of higher education in any public act
3581 of the 2025 session, the words "the Connecticut State Community
3582 College" shall be substituted in lieu thereof.

3583 (c) The Legislative Commissioners' Office shall, in codifying such
3584 public acts of the 2025 session, make such technical, grammatical and
3585 punctuation changes as are necessary to carry out the purposes of this
3586 section.

3587 Sec. 114. Subsection (r) of section 1-84 of the general statutes is
3588 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
3589 *2025*):

3590 (r) (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (b) and (c) of
3591 this section, a member of the faculty or a member of a faculty bargaining
3592 unit of a constituent unit of the state system of higher education may
3593 enter into a consulting agreement or engage in a research project with a
3594 public or private entity, provided such agreement or project does not
3595 conflict with the member's employment with the constituent unit, as
3596 determined by policies established by the governing board [of trustees]
3597 for such constituent unit.

3598 (2) The governing board [of trustees] for each constituent unit of the
3599 state system of higher education shall establish policies to ensure that
3600 any such member who enters such a consulting agreement or engages
3601 in such a research project (A) is not inappropriately using university
3602 proprietary information in connection with such agreement or project,
3603 (B) does not have an interest in such agreement or project that interferes
3604 with the proper discharge of his or her employment with the constituent
3605 unit, and (C) is not inappropriately using such member's association
3606 with the constituent unit in connection with such agreement or project.
3607 Such policies shall (i) establish procedures for the disclosure, review and
3608 management of conflicts of interest relating to any such agreement or
3609 project, (ii) require the approval by the chief academic officer of the
3610 constituent unit, or his or her designee, prior to any such member
3611 entering into any such agreement or engaging in any such project, and
3612 (iii) include procedures that impose sanctions and penalties on any
3613 member for failing to comply with the provisions of the policies.
3614 Annually, the internal audit office of each constituent unit shall audit
3615 the constituent unit's compliance with such policies and report its
3616 findings to the committee of the constituent unit established pursuant
3617 to subdivision (3) of this subsection. For purposes of this subsection,
3618 "consulting" means the provision of services for compensation to a
3619 public or private entity by a member of the faculty or member of a
3620 faculty bargaining unit of a constituent unit of the state system of higher
3621 education: (I) When the request to provide such services is based on
3622 such member's expertise in a field or prominence in such field, and (II)
3623 while such member is not acting in the capacity of a state employee, and
3624 "research" means a systematic investigation, including, but not limited
3625 to, research development, testing and evaluation, designed to develop
3626 or contribute to general knowledge in the applicable field of study.

3627 (3) There is established a committee for each constituent unit of the
3628 state system of higher education to monitor the constituent unit's
3629 compliance with the policies and procedures described in subdivision
3630 (2) of this subsection governing consulting agreements and research
3631 projects with public or private entities by a member of the faculty or a

3632 member of a faculty bargaining unit of such constituent unit. Each
3633 committee shall consist of nine members as follows: (A) Three members,
3634 appointed jointly by the Governor, the speaker of the House of
3635 Representatives, the president pro tempore of the Senate, the majority
3636 leader of the House of Representatives, the majority leader of the Senate,
3637 the minority leader of the House of Representatives and the minority
3638 leader of the Senate, who shall serve as members for each such
3639 committee; (B) one member appointed by the chairperson of the
3640 constituent unit's governing board [of trustees] from the membership of
3641 such board; (C) the chief academic officer of the constituent unit, or his
3642 or her designee; (D) three members appointed by the chief executive
3643 officer of the constituent unit; and (E) one member appointed by the
3644 chairperson of the Citizen's Ethics Advisory Board from the
3645 membership of such board. Members shall serve for a term of two years.
3646 Any vacancies shall be filled by the appointing authority. Each
3647 committee shall (i) review the annual reports submitted by the internal
3648 audit office for the constituent unit, pursuant to subdivision (2) of this
3649 subsection, (ii) make recommendations, annually, to the governing
3650 board [of trustees] of the constituent unit concerning the policies and
3651 procedures of the constituent unit established pursuant to subdivision
3652 (2) of this subsection, including any changes to such policies and
3653 procedures, and (iii) send a copy of such recommendations, in
3654 accordance with section 11-4a, to the joint standing committees of the
3655 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to higher
3656 education and government administration.

3657 (4) The provisions of subsections (b) and (c) of this section shall apply
3658 to any member of the faculty or member of a faculty bargaining unit of
3659 a constituent unit of the state system of higher education who enters
3660 such a consulting agreement or engages in such a research project
3661 without prior approval, as described in subdivision (2) of this
3662 subsection.

3663 Sec. 115. Sections 10a-71 and 10a-88 of the general statutes are
3664 repealed. (*Effective July 1, 2025*)

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

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	3-27a
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	3-31b(a)
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	4-29
Sec. 4	<i>from passage</i>	4-31a(a)
Sec. 5	<i>from passage</i>	4-37e(3) to (5)
Sec. 6	<i>from passage</i>	4-37f(3) and (4)
Sec. 7	<i>from passage</i>	4-124z
Sec. 8	<i>from passage</i>	4-124gg
Sec. 9	<i>from passage</i>	4a-11(b)
Sec. 10	<i>from passage</i>	4b-55(10)
Sec. 11	<i>from passage</i>	5-177
Sec. 12	<i>from passage</i>	5-199d
Sec. 13	<i>from passage</i>	7-313c(a)
Sec. 14	<i>from passage</i>	10-4p(a)
Sec. 15	<i>from passage</i>	10-15h(b)
Sec. 16	<i>from passage</i>	10-21j(a)
Sec. 17	<i>from passage</i>	10-98b
Sec. 18	<i>from passage</i>	10-155
Sec. 19	<i>from passage</i>	10-264h(a)
Sec. 20	<i>from passage</i>	10-264i(a)(1)
Sec. 21	<i>from passage</i>	10-264l(a) to (c)
Sec. 22	<i>from passage</i>	10-264n
Sec. 23	<i>from passage</i>	10-283(a)(1)
Sec. 24	<i>from passage</i>	10a-1
Sec. 25	<i>from passage</i>	10a-1a(a)
Sec. 26	<i>from passage</i>	10a-1b
Sec. 27	<i>from passage</i>	10a-1c
Sec. 28	<i>from passage</i>	10a-3
Sec. 29	<i>from passage</i>	10a-3a
Sec. 30	<i>from passage</i>	10a-6(a)
Sec. 31	<i>from passage</i>	10a-8
Sec. 32	<i>from passage</i>	10a-11b(a)(1)
Sec. 33	<i>from passage</i>	10a-19c
Sec. 34	<i>from passage</i>	10a-20
Sec. 35	<i>from passage</i>	10a-20a
Sec. 36	<i>from passage</i>	10a-25h(a)
Sec. 37	<i>from passage</i>	10a-25j
Sec. 38	<i>from passage</i>	10a-35a(a)

Sec. 39	<i>from passage</i>	10a-44d(b)
Sec. 40	<i>from passage</i>	10a-51
Sec. 41	<i>from passage</i>	10a-55i(a)
Sec. 42	<i>from passage</i>	10a-55r(b)(8)
Sec. 43	<i>from passage</i>	10a-55v(b)
Sec. 44	<i>from passage</i>	10a-55w(b)
Sec. 45	<i>from passage</i>	10a-57d(a)
Sec. 46	<i>from passage</i>	10a-62
Sec. 47	<i>from passage</i>	10a-67
Sec. 48	<i>from passage</i>	10a-72
Sec. 49	<i>from passage</i>	10a-72a
Sec. 50	<i>from passage</i>	10a-72c
Sec. 51	<i>from passage</i>	10a-72d
Sec. 52	<i>from passage</i>	10a-72e
Sec. 53	<i>from passage</i>	10a-72f
Sec. 54	<i>from passage</i>	10a-72g
Sec. 55	<i>from passage</i>	10a-72h
Sec. 56	<i>from passage</i>	10a-72i
Sec. 57	<i>from passage</i>	10a-72j
Sec. 58	<i>from passage</i>	10a-73
Sec. 59	<i>from passage</i>	10a-77
Sec. 60	<i>from passage</i>	10a-77a
Sec. 61	<i>from passage</i>	10a-78
Sec. 62	<i>from passage</i>	10a-78a
Sec. 63	<i>from passage</i>	10a-79
Sec. 64	<i>from passage</i>	10a-80
Sec. 65	<i>from passage</i>	10a-80a
Sec. 66	<i>from passage</i>	10a-80b
Sec. 67	<i>from passage</i>	10a-80c
Sec. 68	<i>from passage</i>	10a-80d
Sec. 69	<i>from passage</i>	10a-80e
Sec. 70	<i>from passage</i>	10a-80f(d)
Sec. 71	<i>from passage</i>	10a-87
Sec. 72	<i>from passage</i>	10a-89
Sec. 73	<i>from passage</i>	10a-89a(a)
Sec. 74	<i>from passage</i>	10a-89b(a) to (c)
Sec. 75	<i>from passage</i>	10a-89c
Sec. 76	<i>from passage</i>	10a-89e
Sec. 77	<i>from passage</i>	10a-89f
Sec. 78	<i>from passage</i>	10a-90
Sec. 79	<i>from passage</i>	10a-91(a)

Sec. 80	<i>from passage</i>	10a-91b
Sec. 81	<i>from passage</i>	10a-91c(7)
Sec. 82	<i>from passage</i>	10a-91d(f)
Sec. 83	<i>from passage</i>	10a-92
Sec. 84	<i>from passage</i>	10a-94
Sec. 85	<i>from passage</i>	10a-98
Sec. 86	<i>from passage</i>	10a-99
Sec. 87	<i>from passage</i>	10a-99a
Sec. 88	<i>from passage</i>	10a-144
Sec. 89	<i>from passage</i>	10a-149
Sec. 90	<i>from passage</i>	10a-151a
Sec. 91	<i>from passage</i>	10a-151b(a)
Sec. 92	<i>from passage</i>	10a-151c
Sec. 93	<i>from passage</i>	10a-151d
Sec. 94	<i>from passage</i>	10a-152
Sec. 95	<i>from passage</i>	10a-154a
Sec. 96	<i>from passage</i>	10a-154b
Sec. 97	<i>from passage</i>	10a-156a
Sec. 98	<i>from passage</i>	10a-157
Sec. 99	<i>from passage</i>	10a-157a(b) to (e)
Sec. 100	<i>from passage</i>	10a-158(b)
Sec. 101	<i>from passage</i>	10a-168a(b)
Sec. 102	<i>from passage</i>	10a-173(a)(5)
Sec. 103	<i>from passage</i>	10a-174
Sec. 104	<i>from passage</i>	14-73(b)
Sec. 105	<i>from passage</i>	20-195ttt(c)
Sec. 106	<i>from passage</i>	29-251b
Sec. 107	<i>from passage</i>	29-298a
Sec. 108	<i>from passage</i>	32-6j
Sec. 109	<i>from passage</i>	32-70d
Sec. 110	<i>from passage</i>	32-612(a)
Sec. 111	<i>from passage</i>	32-615(b)
Sec. 112	<i>from passage</i>	48-9
Sec. 113	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	New section
Sec. 114	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	1-84(r)
Sec. 115	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	Repealer section

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In Sec. 48(b)(8), "[by] not later than January 1, 1994, and biennially thereafter," was changed to "[by January 1, 1994, and] not later than January first, biennially, [thereafter,]", in Sec. 83, "which shall hear" was

changed to "[which] that shall hear", in Sec. 87(b)(2), "Endowment fund state grant" was changed to "["Endowment fund state grant"] endowment fund state grant", , and in Sec. 109, "Within thirty days" was changed to "[Within] Not later than thirty days", for consistency with standard drafting conventions.

HED *Joint Favorable Subst.*

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:** None**Municipal Impact:** None**Explanation**

The bill makes a variety of technical and conforming changes to higher education statutes. This has no fiscal impact.

OLR Bill Analysis**sSB 1297*****AN ACT CONCERNING MINOR REVISIONS TO THE HIGHER EDUCATION STATUTES CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CONNECTICUT STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND THE BOARD OF REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION.*****SUMMARY**

This bill makes numerous minor and technical changes to reflect the merger of the community-technical colleges into the Connecticut State Community College in 2023, including replacing references to the former Board of Trustees for the Community-Technical Colleges with the Board of Regents of Higher Education as the board that oversees the Connecticut State Community College. It makes other changes to reflect that this board also oversees the Connecticut State University System. Correspondingly, it repeals obsolete statutes governing the Board of Trustees for Community-Technical Colleges and Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System (§ 115).

It also replaces one member of the Building Code Training Council and two members of the Fire Marshal Training Council whose appointments are currently made by the former Board of Trustees of the Community-Technical Colleges, with appointments of representatives of Connecticut State Community College by the Board of Regents (these councils provide advice on certification and training related to the building and fire codes) (§§ 106 & 107).

The bill provides that in any 2025 public acts:

1. “Board of Regents for Higher Education” must be substituted any time that “board of trustees,” “Board of Trustees of the Connecticut State University System,” or “Board of Trustees of the Community-Technical Colleges” is used to mean the “Board

of Trustees of the Connecticut State University System” or the “Board of Trustees of the Community Technical College System”;

2. “Connecticut State Community College” must be substituted for “regional community-technical colleges” or “regional community-technical college system”; and
3. the Legislative Commissioner’s Office can make technical, grammatical, and punctuation changes to carry out these provisions in the 2025 public acts (§ 113).

The bill also expands the requirement to submit security protocol plans to the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP) to all independent institutions of higher education. These security protocols must address how to recognize students and others who may be at risk of harm to themselves or others, be reviewed biennially, and be submitted to DESPP if there are revisions. The institutions must also establish trained threat assessment teams for each campus. It is unclear when this expanded group of institutions is required to comply with these provisions.

These provisions currently apply only to nonprofit institutions established in the state that have degree-granting authority, their main campus in Connecticut, and a primary function other than preparing students for religious vocation (§ 97).

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage, except the provision on 2025 public acts, the repeal of obsolete statutes, and a technical change are effective July 1, 2025.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 18 Nay 0 (03/13/2025)