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AN ACT CONCERNING A FEE WAIVER AT PUBLIC
INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR CERTAIN
VETERANS AND MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL GUARD.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 26 \$	FY 27 \$
Board of Regents	OF - Revenue Loss	Potential Significant	Potential Significant
UConn	OF - Revenue Loss	Minimal	Minimal

Note: OF=Other Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill results in a revenue loss to the constituent units of higher education annually beginning in FY 26. It does so by requiring the units to waive certain fees paid by veterans and National Guard members, specifically: (1) fees for educational extension programs, including summer and winter school sessions; and (2) course enrollment fees at Charter Oak State College. The revenue loss would be dependent upon the number of veterans who took advantage of the additional fee waivers and the amount of the additional fees waived.

Across all Connecticut State Colleges and Universities, there are estimated to be 1,650 eligible students (1,230 veterans and 420 National Guard members) who could take advantage of the additional waivers. All fees impacted by the bill vary by institution and number of credit hours. The overall scope of the revenue loss at CSCU is unknown and may be significant.

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To illustrate: Of the four Connecticut State Universities, the highest FY 26 undergraduate, in-state extension fee is \$695 per credit hour. If all eligible CSU students received a waiver in that amount for one three-credit course, the revenue loss to the CSUs would be approximately \$1.4 million annually. At CT State, the FY 26 undergraduate, in-state extension fee is \$208 per credit hour. If all eligible CT State students received this waiver for one three-credit course, the revenue loss would be approximately \$129,800 annually. The total revenue loss to CSCU in this illustration would be \$1.6 million annually.

The bill's provision concerning the course enrollment fee waiver at Charter Oak State College (COSC) has no fiscal impact. COSC no longer charges a course enrollment fee.

The bill results in a minimal revenue loss annually beginning in FY 26 to UConn. There are currently no veterans attending UConn extension programs. To the extent that any veterans begin attending, there is a minimal revenue loss to UConn. The bill's provision waiving summer course fees has no fiscal impact to UConn as the university already provides such a waiver.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to the number of waiver recipients and extension fee increases.