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sHB-6445

AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE OFFICE OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

As Amended by House "A" (LCO 10398)

House Calendar No.: 128

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 26 \$	FY 27 \$
Board of Regents for Higher Education	GF - Potential Cost	Less than 5,000	Less than 5,000

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill results in a potential cost of less than \$5,000 annually to the Board of Regents for Higher Education beginning in FY 26. It does so by requiring institutions of higher education that offer concurrent enrollment courses to be accredited by the National Alliance of Concurrent Enrollment Partnerships (NACEP) by July 1, 2028.

Costs associated with NACEP accreditation include: (1) application fees totaling \$800 (including a \$100 additional endorsement); and (2) between \$353 and \$553 plus travel costs to attend an accreditation institute. Additionally, ongoing membership costs are: (1) an annual membership fee of \$560; and (2) an annual accreditation fee of \$250. The Connecticut State Universities and CT State are not currently accredited by NACEP. The bill has no fiscal impact to the University of Connecticut, as it is already accredited by NACEP.

The bill makes a variety of other changes regarding: (1) dual and

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concurrent enrollment; (2) programs and responsibilities of the Office of Higher Education; and (3) spending on transitional support services by the Board of Regents for Higher Education. These changes have no fiscal impact.

The Out Years

The ongoing, above identified fiscal impact will continue into the future subject to NACEP accreditation fees.