

## Aging Committee JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

**Bill No.:** HB-7006

AN ACT CONCERNING TUITION WAIVERS FOR NURSING HOME  
RESIDENTS WHO TAKE ONLINE COURSES AT REGIONAL COMMUNITY-

**Title:** TECHNICAL COLLEGES.

**Vote Date:** 3/4/2025

**Vote Action:** Joint Favorable

**PH Date:** 2/28/2025

**File No.:**

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### SPONSORS OF BILL:

Aging Committee

### REASONS FOR BILL:

This bill amends current law to waive tuition for any CT resident who lives in a nursing home and who takes any online courses at regional community-technical colleges. Nursing home residents are plagued with feelings of isolation, a lack of meaning or sense of purpose, low levels of participation with their surroundings, and more. This bill aims to address these issues by providing a path toward a better life through education and engagement which stimulates the mind and fosters the building of new relationships.

### RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

**Connecticut Aging and Disability Services, Ms. Mairead Painter, Long-Term Care Ombudsman:** She **supports** this legislation because it recognizes that quality of life goes beyond physical care. Providing tuition waivers for nursing home residents is a holistic approach to supporting people as they recover or adjust to long-term care.

**Commission on Women, Children, Seniors, Equity & Opportunity, Mr. Michael Werner, Lead Policy Analyst:** The Commission **supports** this proposal. By eliminating financial barriers, the bill will enable residents to expand their knowledge, connect with broader communities through these virtual classrooms and help them to develop new skills that can increase their overall well-being.

**NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:**

None Submitted.

**NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:**

None Submitted

**Reported by:** Richard Ferrari, Assistant Clerk  
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**Date:** 3/14/2025