

Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee

JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No.: SB-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

Title: HIGHER EDUCATION.

Vote Date: 3/13/2025

Vote Action: Joint Favorable Substitute

PH Date: 2/20/2025

File No.:

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee

REASONS FOR BILL:

The purpose of this bill is to update statutory language to reflect structural changes within Connecticut's higher education system. The bill specifically replaces any references to the regional community-technical colleges to the Connecticut State Community Colleges (CSCU) and revises the designation of governing bodies, combining references to the Board of Trustees of the Connecticut State University System and the Board of Trustees of the Community-Technical Colleges under the Board of Regents for Higher Education. This bill aims to align with the state's recent reorganization of public higher education institutions to ensure legal clarity and continuity.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

[Connecticut State Colleges and Universities, Chancellor, Terrence Cheng](#): States that he is in support of the revisions to statutory language to reflect the state's consolidation of community colleges into the Connecticut State Community Colleges, and the recognition of the Board of Regents for Higher Education as the governing body for both Connecticut State Community College and the Connecticut State Universities. Chancellor Cheng also states that the technical revisions provide consistency across state law, which could ensure clarity for students, faculty, and policymakers alike.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

None expressed.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

None expressed.

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