

Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee

JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No.: SB-1424

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR

Title: ASTRONAUTICAL SCIENCES TO CONFER DEGREES.

Vote Date: 3/11/2025

Vote Action: Joint Favorable

PH Date: 3/4/2025

File No.:

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

Higher Education and Advancement Committee.

REASONS FOR BILL:

Raised Bill SB-1424 seeks to confer the ability of the International Institute for the Astronautical Sciences to bestow degrees.

This bill, like [SB-1412: AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE NORWALK CONSERVATORY OF THE ARTS TO CONFER DEGREES](#), seek to meet the request made by institutions of higher education in Connecticut who, after dually receiving permission from the Office of Higher Education to bestow degrees, must attain an act favorably passed by the Connecticut General Assembly to confirm these decisions.

In the aggregate, this legislation will foster a sense of learning prowess in our state as more institutions may be buoyed by these two institution's successes, if the legislation is passed, and petition the Office of Higher Education for such powers, creating better ability to educate our state's populace in novel ways previously prevented by the lack of this legislation.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

[Office of Higher Education, Division Director, Sean Seepersad](#): See testimony included in [SB-1412](#).

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

[International Institute for Astronautical Sciences, Executive Director, Jason Reimuller](#): Supports this bill because it provides a great wealth of expertise in the field of astronautics.

With the passage of this bill by the General Assembly, the institution posits that with the expanded educational access, it would benefit our state's educational prowess, and economic vitality by both private and public means as increased government and global cooperate initiatives requiring such expertise provided by students educated at this institution.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

None expressed.

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Date: 3/18/2025