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Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee

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 HIGHER EDUCATION

SUMMARY: This act makes numerous minor and technical changes to reflect the merger of the community-technical colleges into the Connecticut State Community College in 2023, including replacing references to the former Board of Trustees for the Community-Technical Colleges with the Board of Regents of Higher Education as the board that oversees the Connecticut State Community College. It makes other changes to reflect that this board also oversees the Connecticut State University System. Correspondingly, it repeals obsolete statutes governing the Board of Trustees for Community-Technical Colleges and Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System (§ 115).

The act also replaces one member of the Building Code Training Council and two members of the Fire Marshal Training Council, whose appointments were previously made by the former Board of Trustees of the Community-Technical Colleges, with Connecticut State Community College representatives appointed by the Board of Regents (these councils provide advice on certification and training related to the building and fire codes) (§§ 106 & 107).

The act requires that in any 2025 public acts:

1. “Board of Regents for Higher Education” must be substituted any time that “board of trustees,” “Board of Trustees of the Connecticut State University System,” or “Board of Trustees of the Community-Technical Colleges” is used to mean the “Board of Trustees of the Connecticut State University System” or the “Board of Trustees of the Community Technical College System” and
2. “Connecticut State Community College” must be substituted for “regional community-technical colleges” or “regional community-technical college system.”

It also allows the Legislative Commissioner’s Office to make technical, grammatical, and punctuation changes to carry out these provisions in the 2025 public acts (§ 113).

The act also expands the requirement for submitting security protocol plans to the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP) to cover all independent institutions of higher education. These security protocols must address how to recognize students and others who may be at risk of harm to themselves or others, be reviewed biennially, and be submitted to DESPP if there are revisions. The institutions must also establish trained threat assessment teams for each campus.

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These provisions previously applied only to nonprofit institutions established in the state that have degree-granting authority, their main campus in Connecticut, and a primary function other than preparing students for religious vocation (§ 97).
EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage, except the provision on adjusting the 2025 public acts, the repeal of obsolete statutes, and one other technical change are effective July 1, 2025.