



General Assembly

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**Committee Bill No. 6074**

LCO No. 4054



Referred to Committee on HIGHER EDUCATION AND  
EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT

Introduced by:  
(HED)

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE STUDENT LOAN REIMBURSEMENT  
PROGRAM.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General  
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (c) of section 10a-19m of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
3 *passage*):

4 (c) (1) The Commissioner of Higher Education shall award grants to  
5 persons approved to participate in the student loan reimbursement  
6 program on a first-come, first-served basis, provided such person meets  
7 the requirements of this subsection.

8 (2) Each participant in the program shall volunteer for a nonprofit  
9 organization that is registered with the Department of Consumer  
10 Protection or a municipal government in the state for not less than fifty  
11 unpaid hours for each year of participation in the student loan  
12 reimbursement program. For purposes of this section, "volunteer hours"  
13 shall include, but need not be limited to, service on the board of directors  
14 for a nonprofit organization, [and] military service and volunteering for  
15 a religious organization or as a firefighter or emergency medical services

16 personnel, as defined in section 19a-175. A participant may combine the  
 17 volunteer hours for one or more organizations to fulfill the requirement  
 18 of this subdivision.

19 (3) Each participant in the program shall annually submit to the  
 20 Office of Higher Education, in the manner prescribed by the  
 21 commissioner, a (A) statement from a student loan servicer that includes  
 22 the amounts for the outstanding loan balance for such student loan and  
 23 the total of the year-to-date payments made on such student loan, and  
 24 (B) form documenting the number of volunteer hours completed by  
 25 such participant that is (i) signed by such participant's supervisor or  
 26 other employee of the nonprofit organization or municipal government  
 27 for which such participant volunteered, or, for military service, such  
 28 participant's commanding officer, and (ii) notarized.

29 (4) The Office of Higher Education shall reimburse each program  
 30 participant who meets the requirements of this section for student loan  
 31 payments an amount of not more than five thousand dollars, annually,  
 32 provided no person shall participate in the student loan reimbursement  
 33 program for more than four years or receive more than twenty thousand  
 34 dollars in aggregate reimbursement for student loan payments.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	10a-19m(c)

**Statement of Purpose:**

To specify that the volunteer service requirement for the student loan reimbursement program includes volunteering for one or more nonprofit organizations or religious organizations or volunteering as a firefighter or emergency medical personnel.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*

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