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Referred to Committee on VETERANS' AND MILITARY
AFFAIRS

Introduced by:
(VA)

***AN ACT CONCERNING A FEE WAIVER AT PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF
HIGHER EDUCATION FOR CERTAIN VETERANS AND MEMBERS OF
THE NATIONAL GUARD.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 10a-26 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

3 (a) For the purposes of this section, sections 10a-77, as amended by
4 this act, 10a-99, as amended by this act, and 10a-105, as amended by this
5 act, and this part: (1) A "full-time student" means a student who has been
6 registered and who has been accepted for matriculation at a constituent
7 unit of the state system of higher education in a course of study leading
8 to an associate, bachelor or advanced degree or whose course of
9 instruction or credit hour load indicates pursuit toward a degree; (2)
10 "tuition" means a direct charge for institutional programs, which is
11 clearly delineated from any other fees.

12 (b) In order to defray part of the cost of the higher education
13 institutional programs at the constituent units of the state system of
14 higher education, tuition shall be charged as provided in said sections
15 10a-77, as amended by this act, 10a-99, as amended by this act, and 10a-

16 105, as amended by this act, for each full-time student or shall be
 17 prorated in the case of a student carrying less than seventy-five per cent
 18 of the credit hours defined as a full-time load by the institution. Any
 19 person enrolled in and paying extension fees for a course in an
 20 educational extension program or a summer session shall not be
 21 charged tuition for such course.

22 (c) (1) [Fees] Except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection,
 23 fees charged for educational extension programs and for summer school
 24 sessions under sections 10a-77, as amended by this act, 10a-99, as
 25 amended by this act, and 10a-105, as amended by this act, shall not be
 26 deemed to be tuition within the meaning of this section.

27 (2) (A) For any veteran described in subdivision (2) of subsection (d)
 28 of section 10a-77, subdivision (2) of subsection (d) of section 10a-99 or
 29 subdivision (2) of subsection (e) of section 10a-105, fees charged for
 30 educational extension programs and for summer school sessions under
 31 sections 10a-77, as amended by this act, 10a-99, as amended by this act,
 32 and 10a-105, as amended by this act, shall be deemed to be tuition within
 33 the meaning of this section.

34 (B) For any active member of the Connecticut Army or Air National
 35 Guard described in subdivision (5) of subsection (d) of section 10a-77,
 36 subdivision (5) of subsection (d) of section 10a-99 or subdivision (4) of
 37 subsection (e) of section 10a-105, fees charged for educational extension
 38 programs and for summer school sessions under sections 10a-77, as
 39 amended by this act, 10a-99, as amended by this act, and 10a-105, as
 40 amended by this act, shall be deemed to be tuition within the meaning
 41 of this section.

42 Sec. 2. Subsection (e) of section 10a-77 of the general statutes is
 43 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
 44 *2025*):

45 (e) (1) If any veteran described in subsection (d) of this section has
 46 applied for federal educational assistance under the Post-9/11 Veterans

47 Educational Assistance Act of 2008, the board of trustees shall waive the
48 payment of tuition at any of the regional community-technical colleges
49 for such veteran in accordance with subdivision (2) of this subsection. If
50 any such veteran certifies to said board that such veteran's application
51 for such federal educational assistance has been denied or withdrawn,
52 said board of trustees shall waive the payment of tuition in accordance
53 with subsection (d) of this section.

54 (2) (A) For purposes of this subdivision, "veteran tuition benefit"
55 means the portion of federal educational assistance under the Post-9/11
56 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008 to be paid to a regional
57 community-technical college on behalf of a veteran that represents
58 payment for tuition. Such portion shall be calculated by multiplying (i)
59 the total amount of such federal educational assistance to be paid to a
60 regional community-technical college on behalf of such veteran by (ii)
61 an amount obtained by dividing (I) the actual tuition charged by such
62 college to such veteran by (II) the sum of the actual tuition and fees
63 charged by such college to such veteran. For purposes of this
64 subparagraph, "actual tuition" is inclusive of any extension fees, in
65 accordance with the provisions of subdivision (2) of subsection (c) of
66 section 10a-26, as amended by this act.

67 (B) Said board of trustees shall waive the payment of tuition in excess
68 of the veteran tuition benefit at any of the regional community-technical
69 colleges for such veteran.

70 Sec. 3. Subsection (e) of section 10a-99 of the general statutes is
71 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
72 *2025*):

73 (e) (1) If any veteran described in subsection (d) of this section has
74 applied for federal educational assistance under the Post-9/11 Veterans
75 Educational Assistance Act of 2008, the board of trustees shall waive the
76 payment of tuition at the Connecticut State University System for such
77 veteran in accordance with subdivision (2) of this subsection. If any such

78 veteran certifies to said board that such veteran's application for such
79 federal educational assistance has been denied or withdrawn, said
80 board of trustees shall waive the payment of tuition in accordance with
81 subsection (d) of this section.

82 (2) (A) For purposes of this subdivision, "veteran tuition benefit"
83 means the portion of federal educational assistance under the Post-9/11
84 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008 to be paid to the
85 Connecticut State University System on behalf of a veteran that
86 represents payment for tuition. Such portion shall be calculated by
87 multiplying (i) the total amount of such federal educational assistance
88 to be paid to the Connecticut State University System on behalf of such
89 veteran by (ii) an amount obtained by dividing (I) the actual tuition
90 charged by the Connecticut State University System to such veteran by
91 (II) the sum of the actual tuition and fees charged by the Connecticut
92 State University System to such veteran. For purposes of this
93 subparagraph, "actual tuition" is inclusive of any extension fees, in
94 accordance with the provisions of subdivision (2) of subsection (c) of
95 section 10a-26, as amended by this act.

96 (B) Said board of trustees shall waive the payment of tuition in excess
97 of the veteran tuition benefit at the Connecticut State University System
98 for such veteran.

99 Sec. 4. Subsection (f) of section 10a-105 of the general statutes is
100 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
101 *2025*):

102 (f) (1) If any veteran described in subsection (e) of this section has
103 applied for federal educational assistance under the Post-9/11 Veterans
104 Educational Assistance Act of 2008, the board of trustees shall waive the
105 payment of tuition at The University of Connecticut for such veteran in
106 accordance with subdivision (2) of this subsection. If any such veteran
107 certifies to said board that such veteran's application for such federal
108 educational assistance has been denied or withdrawn, said board of

109 trustees shall waive the payment of tuition in accordance with
110 subsection (d) of this section.

111 (2) (A) For purposes of this subdivision, "veteran tuition benefit"
112 means the portion of federal educational assistance under the Post-9/11
113 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008 to be paid to The
114 University of Connecticut on behalf of a veteran that represents
115 payment for tuition. Such portion shall be calculated by multiplying (i)
116 the total amount of such federal educational assistance to be paid to The
117 University of Connecticut on behalf of such veteran by (ii) an amount
118 obtained by dividing (I) the actual tuition charged by The University of
119 Connecticut to such veteran by (II) the sum of the actual tuition and fees
120 charged by The University of Connecticut to such veteran. For purposes
121 of this subparagraph, "actual tuition" is inclusive of any extension fees,
122 in accordance with the provisions of subdivision (2) of subsection (c) of
123 section 10a-26, as amended by this act.

124 (B) Said board of trustees shall waive the payment of tuition in excess
125 of the veteran tuition benefit at The University of Connecticut for such
126 veteran.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	10a-26
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	10a-77(e)
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	10a-99(e)
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	10a-105(f)

Statement of Purpose:

To waive the payment of extension fees for certain veterans and members of the National Guard at public institutions of higher education in this state.

[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.]