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Referred to Committee on HIGHER EDUCATION AND
EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT

Introduced by:
(HED)

***AN ACT CONCERNING HIGHER EDUCATION MANAGEMENT AND
FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY.***

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2025*) The Board of Regents for
2 Higher Education shall adopt or update policies concerning the
3 management and fiscal accountability of each constituent unit and
4 institution of higher education governed by said board and the central
5 office of the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities. Such policies
6 shall include, but need not be limited to, the following:

7 (1) The use of purchasing cards pursuant to subsection (c) of section
8 4-98 of the general statutes, that includes, but need not be limited to, the
9 (A) permitted and restricted uses of purchasing cards, (B) provision of
10 uniform training to each cardholder on such permitted and restricted
11 uses and required record-keeping, (C) requirement for a secondary
12 review and sign-off on any exceptions to the spending limits on
13 purchasing cards, (D) use of purchasing cards by persons in executive
14 positions for food and entertainment costs, and (E) establishment and

15 enforcement of accountability measures to address any purchasing card
16 misuse, including, but not limited to, the revocation of purchasing cards
17 when necessary.

18 (2) The use of state vehicles that includes, but need not be limited to,
19 the (A) establishment of rules on the use of state vehicles and related
20 record-keeping, (B) treatment of state vehicle use for compensation and
21 tax purposes, and (C) establishment and enforcement of accountability
22 measures to address any state vehicle misuse and noncompliance with
23 such policy.

24 (3) Residency requirements for certain executive positions, including,
25 but not limited to, the chancellor, vice-chancellors, president, vice-
26 presidents and other equivalent positions.

27 (4) The development and provision of uniform training to all
28 executives, administrators and staff at each such constituent unit,
29 institution of higher education and central office regarding the business
30 functions and compliance practices relevant to such position.

31 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2025*) The Board of Trustees of The
32 University of Connecticut shall adopt or update policies concerning the
33 management and fiscal accountability of The University of Connecticut.
34 Such policies shall include, but need not be limited to, the following:

35 (1) The use of purchasing cards pursuant to subsection (c) of section
36 4-98 of the general statutes, that includes, but need not be limited to, the
37 (A) permitted and restricted uses of purchasing cards, (B) provision of
38 uniform training to each cardholder on such permitted and restricted
39 uses and required record-keeping, (C) requirement for a secondary
40 review and sign-off on any exceptions to the spending limits on
41 purchasing cards, (D) use of purchasing cards by persons in executive
42 positions for food and entertainment costs, and (E) establishment and
43 enforcement of accountability measures to address any purchasing card
44 misuse, including, but not limited to, the revocation of purchasing cards
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49 tax purposes, and (C) establishment and enforcement of accountability
50 measures to address any state vehicle misuse and noncompliance with
51 such policy.

52 (3) Residency requirements for certain executive positions, including,
53 but not limited to, the president, vice-presidents and other equivalent
54 positions.

55 (4) The development and provision of uniform training to all
56 executives, administrators and staff at said university regarding the
57 business functions and compliance practices relevant to such position.

58 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2025*) (a) Not later than January 1, 2026,
59 the Board of Regents for Higher Education shall establish an internal
60 audit office. The duties of such office shall include, but need not be
61 limited to, (1) conducting an annual audit of the records and
62 expenditures at each constituent unit and institution of higher education
63 governed by said board and the central office of the Connecticut State
64 Colleges and Universities to measure (A) compliance with applicable
65 laws and regulations and policies adopted by said board, (B) reliability
66 of financial reporting and record-keeping, and (C) effectiveness and
67 efficiency of operations; (2) regularly assessing the adequacy and
68 uniformity of internal controls and compliance practices at each such
69 institution and the central office; (3) reporting to said board on the
70 findings of such audit and assessment and making recommendations
71 for improvement; and (4) performing the audit required pursuant to
72 subsection (r) of section 1-84 of the general statutes.

73 (b) The Comptroller shall conduct a randomized post-audit
74 examination of the records and expenditures of the Connecticut State
75 Colleges and Universities. The Board of Regents for Higher Education
76 shall submit or allow access to all accounting records and expenditures

77 of the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities to the office of the
78 Comptroller for the purposes of such post-audit examination.

79 Sec. 4. Section 10a-9b of the general statutes is repealed and the
80 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

81 (a) The constituent units of the state system of higher education, as
82 defined in section 10a-1, shall [use best efforts to] work with the
83 Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, the Department of
84 Administrative Services and the Comptroller to fully utilize the CORE-
85 CT system in carrying out accounting processes and financial reporting
86 that meet constitutional needs and providing for budgetary and
87 financial reporting needs.

88 (b) [The] Each constituent [units of the state system of higher
89 education, as defined in section 10a-1,] unit shall [use best efforts to]
90 work with the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, the
91 Department of Administrative Services and the Comptroller to fully
92 utilize the CORE-CT system to provide for human resources and payroll
93 reporting and to initiate the process of determining consistent
94 classification and compensation for employees not represented by an
95 employee organization, as defined in section 5-270.

96 (c) Not later than October 1, 2025, and quarterly thereafter, each
97 constituent unit shall submit to the Comptroller, in the form and manner
98 prescribed by the Comptroller, data on the budget and expenditures of
99 such constituent unit and such constituent unit's central office, if any,
100 for inclusion in any program concerning state-wide fiscal transparency
101 and the databases maintained by the office of the Comptroller pursuant
102 to section 2-53l.

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

Section 1	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	New section

Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	New section
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	10a-9b

Statement of Purpose:

To require (1) the Board of Regents for Higher Education and the Board of Trustees of The University of Connecticut to establish policies concerning the use of a purchase card and a state vehicle, a residency requirement for certain executive positions and uniform training; (2) the Board of Regents for Higher Education to establish an internal audit office and comply with a post-audit examination by the Comptroller; and (3) each constituent unit to submit data for inclusion on public databases maintained by the Comptroller.

[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.]