



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 6887

January Session, 2025



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*) Not later than January 1, 2026,
2 the Board of Regents for Higher Education shall adopt or update the
3 management and fiscal accountability policies applicable to each
4 constituent unit and institution of higher education governed by said
5 board and the central office of the Connecticut State Colleges and
6 Universities. Such policies shall include, but need not be limited to, the
7 following:

8 (1) The use of purchasing cards pursuant to subsection (c) of section
9 4-98 of the general statutes, that includes, but need not be limited to, the
10 (A) permitted and restricted uses of purchasing cards, (B) provision of
11 uniform training to each cardholder on such permitted and restricted
12 uses and required record-keeping, and a signed acknowledgment of
13 receiving such training, (C) requirement for a secondary review and
14 sign-off on any exceptions to the spending limits on purchasing cards,
15 (D) provision of uniform training to each supervisor to regularly
16 monitor the use of purchasing cards, (E) use of purchasing cards by
17 persons in executive positions for food and entertainment costs, and (F)
18 establishment and enforcement of accountability measures to address
19 any purchasing card misuse, including, but not limited to, written

20 acknowledgment of such misuse, an agreement to remedy such misuse
21 and the revocation of purchasing cards when necessary.

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

28 (3) Residency requirements for certain executive positions, including,
29 but not limited to, the chancellor, vice-chancellors, president, vice-
30 presidents and other equivalent positions. Any employment contract
31 negotiated on and after July 1, 2025, for the chancellor of the Connecticut
32 State College and Universities shall include a requirement to maintain
33 such chancellor's primary residence in the state.

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

38 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2025*) Not later than January 1, 2026,
39 the Board of Trustees of The University of Connecticut shall adopt or
40 update policies concerning the management and fiscal accountability of
41 The University of Connecticut. Such policies shall include, but need not
42 be limited to, the following:

43 (1) The use of purchasing cards pursuant to subsection (c) of section
44 4-98 of the general statutes, that includes, but need not be limited to, the
45 (A) permitted and restricted uses of purchasing cards, (B) provision of
46 uniform training to each cardholder on such permitted and restricted
47 uses and required record-keeping, and a signed acknowledgment of
48 receiving such training, (C) requirement for a secondary review and
49 sign-off on any exceptions to the spending limits on purchasing cards,
50 (D) provision of uniform training to each supervisor to regularly
51 monitor the use of purchasing cards, (E) use of purchasing cards by

52 persons in executive positions for food and entertainment costs, and (F)
53 establishment and enforcement of accountability measures to address
54 any purchasing card misuse, including, but not limited to, written
55 acknowledgment of such misuse, an agreement to remedy such misuse
56 and the revocation of purchasing cards when necessary.

57 (2) The use of state vehicles that includes, but need not be limited to,
58 the (A) establishment of rules on the use of state vehicles and related
59 record-keeping, (B) treatment of state vehicle use for compensation and
60 tax purposes, and (C) establishment and enforcement of accountability
61 measures to address any state vehicle misuse and noncompliance with
62 such policy.

63 (3) Residency requirements for certain executive positions, including,
64 but not limited to, the president, vice-presidents and other equivalent
65 positions. Any employment contract negotiated on and after July 1,
66 2025, for the president of The University of Connecticut shall include a
67 requirement to maintain such president's primary residence in the state.

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

71 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2025*) (a) Not later than January 1, 2026,
72 the Board of Regents for Higher Education shall establish an internal
73 audit office. The duties of such office shall include, but need not be
74 limited to, (1) conducting audits on a regular basis of the records and
75 expenditures at each constituent unit and institution of higher education
76 governed by said board and the central office of the Connecticut State
77 Colleges and Universities to measure, as often as deemed necessary by
78 such office, (A) compliance with applicable laws and regulations and
79 policies adopted by said board, (B) reliability of financial reporting and
80 record-keeping, (C) effectiveness and efficiency of operations, and (D)
81 assessing the adequacy and uniformity of internal controls and
82 compliance practices at each such institution and the central office; (2)
83 reporting to said board on the findings of such audit and assessment

84 and making recommendations for improvement; and (3) performing the
85 audit required pursuant to subsection (r) of section 1-84 of the general
86 statutes.

87 (b) The Comptroller shall conduct a randomized post-audit
88 examination of the records and expenditures of the Connecticut State
89 Colleges and Universities. The Board of Regents for Higher Education
90 shall submit or allow access to all accounting records and expenditures
91 of the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities to the office of the
92 Comptroller for the purposes of such post-audit examination.

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

95 (a) The constituent units of the state system of higher education, as
96 defined in section 10a-1, shall use best efforts to work with the Secretary
97 of the Office of Policy and Management, the Department of
98 Administrative Services and the Comptroller to fully utilize the CORE-
99 CT system in carrying out accounting processes and financial reporting
100 that meet constitutional needs and providing for budgetary and
101 financial reporting needs.

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

110 (c) Not later than October 1, 2025, and quarterly thereafter, each
111 constituent unit shall submit to the Comptroller, in the form and manner
112 agreed upon by the Comptroller and such constituent unit, data, as
113 prescribed by the Comptroller, on the budget and expenditures of such
114 constituent unit and such constituent unit's central office, if any, for
115 inclusion in any program concerning state-wide fiscal transparency and

116 the databases maintained by the office of the Comptroller pursuant to
117 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

HED *Joint Favorable Subst.*

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