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Referred to Committee on HIGHER EDUCATION AND
EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT

Introduced by:

Request of the Governor Pursuant
to Joint Rule 9

***AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION.***

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

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 Section 10a-9b of the general statutes is repealed and the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

3 (a) The constituent units of the state system of higher education, as
4 defined in section 10a-1, shall use best efforts to work with the Secretary
5 of the Office of Policy and Management, the Department of
6 Administrative Services and the Comptroller to fully utilize the CORE-
7 CT system in carrying out accounting processes and financial reporting
8 that meet constitutional needs and providing for budgetary and
9 financial reporting needs.

10 (b) [The] Each constituent [units of the state system of higher
11 education, as defined in section 10a-1,] unit shall [use best efforts to]
12 work with the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, the
13 Department of Administrative Services and the Comptroller to fully

14 utilize the CORE-CT system to provide for human resources and payroll
15 reporting and to initiate the process of determining consistent
16 classification and compensation for employees not represented by an
17 employee organization, as defined in section 5-270.

18 (c) Not later than October 1, 2025, and quarterly thereafter, each
19 constituent unit shall submit to the Comptroller, in the form and manner
20 prescribed by the Comptroller, data on the budget and expenditures of
21 such constituent unit and such constituent unit's central office, if any,
22 for inclusion in any program concerning state-wide fiscal transparency
23 and the databases maintained by the office of the Comptroller pursuant
24 to section 2-53l.

25 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2025*) Each public institution of higher
26 education and such institution's central or system office, if any, shall
27 submit data to the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System
28 maintained by the United States Department of Education's National
29 Center for Educational Statistics in accordance with 20 USC 1094(a)(17),
30 as amended from time to time. As used in this section, "public institution
31 of higher education" means the institutions of higher education that
32 comprise the constituent units of the state system of higher education,
33 as defined in section 10a-1 of the general statutes.

34 Sec. 3. Section 10a-57g of the general statutes is repealed and the
35 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

36 (a) As used in this section:

37 (1) ["Connecticut Preschool through Twenty and Workforce
38 Information Network" or "CP20 WIN"] "Preschool through Twenty and
39 Workforce Information Network" or "P20 WIN" means [the Preschool
40 through Twenty and Workforce Information Network maintained in the
41 state] a state integrated data system utilized for the purpose of matching
42 and integrating data of state agencies and other organizations to inform
43 policy and practice for education, workforce and supportive service
44 efforts.

45 [(2) "Data definitions" means the plain language descriptions of data
46 elements.

47 (3) "Data dictionary" means a listing of the names of a set of data
48 elements, their definitions and additional meta-data that does not
49 contain any actual data, but provides information about the data in a
50 data set.

51 (4) "Data elements" mean units of information that are stored or
52 accessed in any data system, such as a student identification number,
53 course code or cumulative grade point average.

54 (5) "Meta-data" means the information about a data element that
55 provides context for that data element, such as its definition, storage
56 location, format and size.]

57 [(6)] (2) "Participating agency" means the Connecticut State Colleges
58 and Universities, Department of Education, Labor Department, the
59 Office of Early Childhood, The University of Connecticut, the
60 Connecticut Conference of Independent Colleges [or] and any entity
61 that has executed an enterprise memorandum of understanding for
62 participation in the [CP20] P20 WIN and has been approved for
63 participation pursuant to the terms of the enterprise memorandum of
64 understanding.

65 [(7) "Preschool through Twenty and Workforce Information
66 Network" or "P20 WIN" means a state data system for the purpose of
67 matching and linking longitudinally data of state agencies and other
68 organizations to inform policy and practice for education, workforce
69 and supportive service efforts, including, but not limited to, the purpose
70 of conducting audits and evaluations of federal and state education
71 programs.]

72 [(8)] (3) "Enterprise memorandum of understanding" means a
73 foundational multiparty agreement that sets forth the details of how
74 data is shared and the respective legal rights and responsibilities of each

75 party within the data sharing process, [by which the same foundational
76 agreement may be used for new agencies to sign on to the data sharing
77 process and without having to re-sign as agencies sign on or off of such
78 agreement.]

79 (b) There is established a [Connecticut] Preschool through Twenty
80 and Workforce Information Network. [The purpose of the CP20] The
81 executive board of the P20 WIN, [is to] established pursuant to
82 subsection (c) of this section, shall establish processes and structures
83 governing the secure sharing of [critical longitudinal] data across
84 participating agencies, [through implementation of the standards and
85 policies of the Preschool through Twenty and Workforce Information
86 Network.]

87 (c) The Office of Policy and Management shall serve as the
88 administrator for P20 WIN to support the executive board and data
89 governing board, develop procedures for secure sharing and analysis of
90 data and provide program management to support the continued
91 operation and maintenance of P20 WIN, in accordance with the state
92 data plan and data sharing efforts specified in sections 4-67n and 4-67p;

93 [(c)] (d) The [CP20] P20 WIN shall be governed by an executive board
94 that shall provide oversight of such network. Said executive board shall
95 include, but need not be limited to, the chief executive officer of each
96 participating agency, or their respective designees, the Chief Workforce
97 Officer, or the officer's designee, and the Secretary of the Office of Policy
98 and Management, or the secretary's designee. The duties of the
99 executive board shall be to:

100 (1) Advance a vision for the [CP20] P20 WIN including a prioritized
101 research agenda with support from the Office of Policy and
102 Management.

103 (2) Convene as needed to respond to issues from the data governing
104 board.

105 (3) Identify and work to secure resources necessary to sustain [CP20]
106 P20 WIN funding.

107 (4) Support system implementation, maintenance and improvement
108 by advocating for the [CP20] P20 WIN in regard to policy, legislation
109 and resources.

110 (5) Advocate and support the state's vision for the [CP20] P20 WIN.

111 [(6) Have overall fiscal and policy responsibility for the CP20 WIN.

112 (7) Ensure that, in any circumstances in which public funds or
113 resources are to be jointly utilized with those from private entities, such
114 arrangements are governed by appropriate agreements approved by the
115 Attorney General.]

116 [(8)] (6) Establish a data governing board to establish and implement
117 policies related to cross-agency data management, including, but not
118 limited to, data confidentiality and security in alignment with the vision
119 for [CP20] the P20 WIN and any applicable law. In establishing such
120 policies, the data governing board shall consult with the Office of Policy
121 and Management, in accordance with the provisions of [section]
122 sections 4-67n and 4-67p and other applicable statutes and policies.

123 [(d)] (e) The executive board established pursuant to this section may
124 appoint advisory committees to make recommendations on data
125 stewardship, data system expansion and processes, and such other areas
126 that will advance the work of [CP20] the P20 WIN.

127 (f) (1) Each regional workforce development board established under
128 section 31-3k shall regularly submit data to the P20 WIN to report on the
129 performance and outcomes achieved by the state's workforce system,
130 including, but not limited to, workforce training and development
131 programs that receive federal and state funds or grants. Not later than
132 September 1, 2025, the Chief Workforce Officer shall, in consultation
133 with the Labor Commissioner, the Chief Data Officer and the regional

134 workforce development boards, establish standards for the submission
135 of data by regional workforce development boards specifying the data
136 to be submitted and the form and manner in which to submit such data.

137 [(e)] (2) On or before January 1, 2022, and annually thereafter, the
138 Chief Workforce Officer may, in consultation with the Chief Data
139 Officer and the Labor Commissioner, submit to the administrator of
140 [CP20] the P20 WIN a request for data and analysis of such data for the
141 purposes of assessing performance and outcomes of the state's
142 workforce system. Such data and analysis request shall be completed by
143 the administrator of [CP20] the P20 WIN not later than August 15, 2022,
144 and annually thereafter.

145 (g) Not later than October 1, 2025, and annually thereafter, each
146 constituent unit of the state system of higher education, as defined in
147 section 10a-1, and such constituent unit's central or system office, if any,
148 shall submit data to the P20 WIN to report on the outcomes of
149 postsecondary education and workforce development programs
150 operated by such constituent unit. Not later than September 1, 2025, the
151 Chief Data Officer shall establish standards for the submission of data
152 by such constituent unit and central or system office specifying the data
153 to be submitted and the form and manner in which to submit such data.
154 Any report produced from such data shall present be in aggregated
155 form and, consistent with any other provision of state or federal law,
156 shall not include any personally identifiable information of students or
157 participants in such programs.

158 Sec. 4. Subsection (e) of section 4-68m of the general statutes is
159 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
160 *2025*):

161 (e) (1) At the request of the division, the Department of Correction,
162 the Board of Pardons and Paroles, the Department of Mental Health and
163 Addiction Services, the Department of Emergency Services and Public
164 Protection, the Chief Court Administrator, the executive director of the

165 Court Support Services Division of the Judicial Branch, the Chief State's
166 Attorney, [and] the Chief Public Defender and each public institution of
167 higher education, as defined in section 2 of this act, shall provide the
168 division with information and data needed by the division to perform
169 its duties under subsection (b) of this section.

170 (2) The division shall have access to individualized records
171 maintained by the Judicial Branch and the agencies specified in
172 subdivision (1) of this subsection as needed for research purposes. The
173 division, in collaboration with the Judicial Branch and the agencies
174 specified in subdivision (1) of this subsection, shall develop protocols to
175 protect the privacy of such individualized records consistent with state
176 and federal law. The division shall use such individualized records for
177 statistical analyses only and shall not use such records in any other
178 manner that would disclose the identity of individuals to whom the
179 records pertain.

180 (3) Any information or data provided to the division pursuant to this
181 subsection that is confidential in accordance with state or federal law
182 shall remain confidential while in the custody of the division and shall
183 not be disclosed.

184 Sec. 5. (*Effective July 1, 2025*) The Board of Trustees of The University
185 of Connecticut and the Board of Regents for Higher Education, in
186 consultation with the Office of Policy and Management, shall each
187 examine said respective board's policies and procedures concerning
188 accounts receivable holds for students currently enrolled or seeking to
189 enroll in postsecondary education programs in correctional facilities.
190 Not later than January 1, 2026, said boards shall revise and update such
191 policies and procedures regarding release of accounts receivable holds
192 to ensure that incarcerated students can enroll in postsecondary
193 education programs without delay.

194 Sec. 6. Subsection (c) of section 4-124w of the general statutes is
195 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*

196 2025):

197 (c) The Chief Workforce Officer may call upon any office,
198 department, board, commission, public institution of higher education
199 or other agency of the state to supply such reports, information, data
200 and assistance as may be reasonable, necessary and appropriate in order
201 to carry out the Chief Workforce Officer's or the Office of Workforce
202 Strategy's duties and requirements. Each officer or employee of such
203 office, department, board, commission, public institution of higher
204 education or other agency of the state shall furnish such reports,
205 information, data and assistance as requested by the Chief Workforce
206 Officer, to the extent permitted under state and federal law. Any request
207 for data from a participating agency in [CP20] P20 WIN, established
208 pursuant to section 10a-57g, as amended by this act, shall be submitted
209 through [CP20] P20 WIN in accordance with the policies and procedures
210 established by [CP20] P20 WIN.

211 Sec. 7. Subdivision (19) of subsection (b) of section 12-15 of the general
212 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
213 (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

214 (19) To the extent allowable under federal law, return information to
215 another state agency or to support a data request submitted through
216 [CP20] P20 WIN, established in section 10a-57g, as amended by this act,
217 in accordance with the policies and procedures of [CP20] P20 WIN for
218 the purposes of evaluation or research, provided the recipient of such
219 data enters into a data sharing agreement pursuant to section 4-67aa if
220 such recipient is not a state agency;

221 Sec. 8. Subsection (e) of section 17b-112l of the general statutes is
222 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
223 *2025*):

224 (e) Not later than July 1, 2020, pursuant to the advisory authority
225 established in section 3-125, the Office of the Attorney General, in
226 consultation with the Two-Generational Advisory Board, the Secretary

227 of the Office of Policy and Management, the Chief Data Officer
 228 appointed pursuant to section 4-67p and the [Connecticut] Preschool
 229 through Twenty and Workforce Information Network, established
 230 pursuant to section 10a-57g, as amended by this act, shall develop a
 231 uniform interagency data sharing protocol to remove legal barriers to
 232 promote cross-agency and cross-sector collaboration under this section
 233 to the fullest extent permitted under state and federal laws.

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

Section 1	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	10a-9b
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	10a-57g
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	4-68m(e)
Sec. 5	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	New section
Sec. 6	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	4-124w(c)
Sec. 7	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	12-15(b)(19)
Sec. 8	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	17b-112l(e)

Statement of Purpose:

To implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

[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.]