



Substitute House Bill No. 6887

Public Act No. 25-71

AN ACT CONCERNING HIGHER EDUCATION MANAGEMENT AND FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY.

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

Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2025*) Not later than January 1, 2026, the Board of Regents for Higher Education shall adopt or update the management and fiscal accountability policies applicable to each constituent unit and institution of higher education governed by said board and the central office of the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities. Such policies shall include, but need not be limited to, the following:

(1) The use of purchasing cards pursuant to subsection (c) of section 4-98 of the general statutes, that includes, but is not limited to, the (A) permitted and restricted uses of purchasing cards, (B) provision of uniform training to each cardholder on such permitted and restricted uses and required record-keeping, and a signed acknowledgment of receiving such training, (C) requirement for a secondary review and sign-off on any exceptions to the spending limits on purchasing cards, (D) provision of uniform training to each supervisor to regularly monitor the use of purchasing cards, (E) use of purchasing cards by persons in executive positions for food and entertainment costs, and (F) establishment and enforcement of accountability measures to address

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any purchasing card misuse, including, but not limited to, written acknowledgment of such misuse, an agreement to remedy such misuse and the revocation of purchasing cards when necessary.

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

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

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

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

(1) The use of purchasing cards pursuant to subsection (c) of section 4-98 of the general statutes, that includes, but is not limited to, the (A) permitted and restricted uses of purchasing cards, (B) provision of uniform training to each cardholder on such permitted and restricted uses and required record-keeping, and a signed acknowledgment of

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receiving such training, (C) requirement for a secondary review and sign-off on any exceptions to the spending limits on purchasing cards, (D) provision of uniform training to each supervisor to regularly monitor the use of purchasing cards, (E) use of purchasing cards by persons in executive positions for food and entertainment costs, and (F) establishment and enforcement of accountability measures to address any purchasing card misuse, including, but not limited to, written acknowledgment of such misuse, an agreement to remedy such misuse and the revocation of purchasing cards when necessary.

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

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

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

Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2025*) Not later than January 1, 2026, the Board of Regents for Higher Education shall appoint a compliance officer. The duties of such officer shall include, but need not be limited to, (1) conducting audits on a regular basis of the records and expenditures at each constituent unit and institution of higher education governed by said board and the central office of the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities to measure, as often as deemed necessary by

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such officer, (A) compliance with applicable laws and regulations and policies adopted by said board, (B) reliability of financial reporting and record-keeping, (C) effectiveness and efficiency of operations, and (D) assessing the adequacy and uniformity of internal controls and compliance practices at each such institution and the central office; (2) reporting to said board on the findings of such audit and assessment and making recommendations for improvement; and (3) performing the audit required pursuant to subsection (r) of section 1-84 of the general statutes.

Sec. 4. Section 2-53l of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

(a) On or before July 1, 2011, until July 8, 2019, the legislative Office of Fiscal Analysis shall establish and maintain searchable online electronic databases on said office's Internet web site for purposes of posting state expenditures, including state contracts and grants. On and after July 8, 2019, said databases shall be maintained by the office of the Comptroller on said office's publicly accessible Internet web site for purposes of posting expenditures of the state and quasi-public [agency expenditures] agencies and constituent units of the state system of higher education, including disaggregated payments and data related to state and quasi-public agency and constituent unit contracts and grants, state and quasi-public agency and constituent unit employee payroll and state retiree pensions.

(b) Each budgeted agency, as defined in section 4-69, [and] quasi-public agency, as defined in section 1-120, and constituent unit, as defined in section 10a-1, shall submit, in a timely manner, any information requested by the Comptroller for the purpose of maintaining the electronic databases.

(c) Nothing in this section shall be construed to require a state or quasi-public agency or constituent unit to: (1) Create unavailable

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financial or management data or an information technology system that does not exist, or (2) disclose consumer, client, patient, student or other information otherwise protected by law from disclosure.

Governor's Action:
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