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To: Subst. Senate Bill No. 1410

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"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO SUPPORT PROMISE PROGRAMS IN THE STATE."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) As used in this section, "promise
4 program" means a scholarship program that, in addition to a
5 scholarship, provides services and resources, including, but not limited
6 to, mentoring, peer support networks and internships, to scholarship
7 recipients to ensure the postsecondary academic success of such
8 recipients.

9 (b) There is established a task force to study options for developing a
10 state-wide initiative to expand college access and support success of
11 students in the state. Such study shall include, but need not be limited
12 to, (1) an examination of existing scholarship programs in the state, (2)
13 research and documentation of the unmet needs of students in the state,

14 and (3) specification of strategies for expanding comprehensive
15 scholarship services provided by promise programs, including, but not
16 limited to, through establishment of a public-private partnership to
17 coordinate such services state-wide.

18 (c) The task force shall consist of the following members:

19 (1) One appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,
20 who represents a promise program in the city of Hartford;

21 (2) One appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, who
22 represents a promise program in the city of New Haven;

23 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of
24 Representatives, who is a student or graduate of an institution of higher
25 education in the state and participates or participated in a promise
26 program;

27 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, who is student
28 or graduate of an institution of higher education in the state and is a
29 recipient of a federal Pell grant;

30 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of
31 Representatives, who is a school guidance counselor at a high school in
32 an alliance district;

33 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, who
34 represents a promise program in the city of Waterbury;

35 (7) The Commissioner of Higher Education, or the commissioner's
36 designee;

37 (8) The executive director of the Connecticut Higher Education
38 Supplemental Loan Authority, or the executive director's designee;

39 (9) One appointed by the Senate chairperson of the joint standing
40 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
41 relating to higher education and employment advancement, who has

42 experience as a superintendent or other administrator of a school
43 district;

44 (10) One appointed by the House of Representatives chairperson of
45 the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
46 cognizance of matters relating to higher education and employment
47 advancement, who has expertise in first-year experience collegiate
48 programs;

49 (11) One appointed by the Senate ranking member of the joint
50 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
51 matters relating to higher education and employment advancement,
52 who has expertise in college financial aid services; and

53 (12) One appointed by the House of Representatives ranking member
54 of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
55 cognizance of matters relating to higher education and employment
56 advancement, who has expertise in college admissions.

57 (d) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),
58 (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (9), (10), (11) or (12) of subsection (c) of this section
59 may be a member of the General Assembly.

60 (e) All initial appointments to the task force shall be made not later
61 than thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall
62 be filled by the appointing authority.

63 (f) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president pro
64 tempore of the Senate shall select two chairpersons of the task force from
65 among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall schedule
66 the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not later than sixty
67 days after the effective date of this section.

68 (g) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
69 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to higher
70 education shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

71 (h) Not later than January 1, 2026, the task force shall submit a report
72 on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of
73 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to higher
74 education and employment advancement, in accordance with the
75 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes. The task force shall
76 terminate on the date that it submits such report or January 1, 2026,
77 whichever is later."

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

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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