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

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

3 "Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2025*) Not later than January 1,
4 2026, the Board of Regents for Higher Education shall adopt or update
5 the management and fiscal accountability policies applicable to each
6 constituent unit and institution of higher education governed by said
7 board and the central office of the Connecticut State Colleges and
8 Universities. Such policies shall include, but need not be limited to, the
9 following:

10 (1) The use of purchasing cards pursuant to subsection (c) of section
11 4-98 of the general statutes, that includes, but need not be limited to, the
12 (A) permitted and restricted uses of purchasing cards, (B) provision of
13 uniform training to each cardholder on such permitted and restricted

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

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

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

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

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

45 (1) The use of purchasing cards pursuant to subsection (c) of section
46 4-98 of the general statutes, that includes, but need not be limited to, the
47 (A) permitted and restricted uses of purchasing cards, (B) provision of
48 uniform training to each cardholder on such permitted and restricted
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64 such policy.

65 (3) Residency requirements for certain executive positions, including,
66 but not limited to, the president, vice-presidents and other equivalent
67 positions. Any employment contract negotiated on and after July 1,
68 2025, for the president of The University of Connecticut shall include a
69 requirement to maintain such president's primary residence in the state.

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

73 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2025*) (a) Not later than January 1, 2026,
74 the Board of Regents for Higher Education shall appoint a compliance
75 officer. The duties of such officer shall include, but need not be limited
76 to, (1) conducting audits on a regular basis of the records and

77 expenditures at each constituent unit and institution of higher education
78 governed by said board and the central office of the Connecticut State
79 Colleges and Universities to measure, as often as deemed necessary by
80 such officer, (A) compliance with applicable laws and regulations and
81 policies adopted by said board, (B) reliability of financial reporting and
82 record-keeping, (C) effectiveness and efficiency of operations, and (D)
83 assessing the adequacy and uniformity of internal controls and
84 compliance practices at each such institution and the central office; (2)
85 reporting to said board on the findings of such audit and assessment
86 and making recommendations for improvement; and (3) performing the
87 audit required pursuant to subsection (r) of section 1-84 of the general
88 statutes.

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

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

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

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

114 (c) Nothing in this section shall be construed to require a state or
115 quasi-public agency or constituent unit to: (1) Create unavailable
116 financial or management data or an information technology system that
117 does not exist, or (2) disclose consumer, client, patient, student or other
118 information otherwise protected by law from disclosure. "

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2025	New section
Sec. 2	July 1, 2025	New section
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