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**"AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS FOR  
REVISIONS TO THE COMMERCE STATUTES."**

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and  
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2026*) (a) As used in this section:

4 (1) "Institution of higher education" means a public institution of  
5 higher education that participates in the Roberta B. Willis Scholarship  
6 program, established pursuant to section 10a-173 of the general statutes;

7 (2) "Financial aid" means the sum of all scholarships, grants and  
8 federal, state and institutional aid received by a student. "Financial aid"  
9 does not include any federal, state or private student loans received by  
10 a student;

11 (3) "Cost of attendance" has the same meaning as provided in 20 USC  
12 1087ll, as amended from time to time;

13 (4) "Private scholarship" means a grant or scholarship awarded by  
14 any nongovernmental entity to offset the educational costs of a student;  
15 and

16 (5) "Unmet need" means the unpaid portion, if any, of a student's cost  
17 of attendance at an institution of higher education after subtracting such  
18 student's financial aid and student loans.

19 (b) No institution of higher education may reduce the amount of  
20 financial aid awarded to any student who receives a federal Pell grant  
21 or a grant under the Roberta B. Willis Scholarship program as a result  
22 of such student receiving a private scholarship, provided an institution  
23 of higher education may reduce the amount of financial aid (1) if a  
24 student's total financial aid meets or exceeds such student's cost of  
25 attendance, or (2) if such reduction is necessary to bring the total  
26 financial aid awarded to a student athlete, as defined in section 10a-56  
27 of the general statutes, in compliance with the individual or team  
28 financial aid restrictions of an athletic association or conference,  
29 including, but not limited to, the NCAA, as defined in section 10a-55k  
30 of the general statutes. For such student whose total amount of financial  
31 aid is less than such student's cost of attendance, an institution of higher  
32 education shall apply the amount of any private scholarship received by  
33 such student to first offset such student's unmet need, and then to  
34 reduce the amount of student loans included in such student's financial  
35 aid package."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 501	July 1, 2026	New section