

Higher Education
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	Page #	Analyst	Actual FY 24	Actual FY 25	Governor Estimated FY 26	Original Appropriation FY 27	Governor Revised FY 27	Difference Gov- Orig FY 27	% Diff Gov - Orig FY 27
General Fund									
Office of Higher Education	2	DD	13,723,774	34,533,913	33,573,891	55,111,046	54,588,830	(522,216)	(0.95)
University of Connecticut	4	DD	256,315,868	243,848,755	268,185,002	253,493,874	253,269,874	(224,000)	(0.09)
University of Connecticut Health Center	6	DD	146,388,592	133,449,550	143,304,890	139,103,259	138,470,259	(633,000)	(0.46)
Connecticut State Colleges and Universities	8	DD	476,928,547	474,903,679	478,957,063	502,237,692	498,386,672	(3,851,020)	(0.77)
Total - General Fund			893,356,781	886,735,897	924,020,846	949,945,871	944,715,635	(5,230,236)	(0.55)
Banking Fund									
Office of Higher Education	2	DD	-	-	-	-	532,300	532,300	n/a
Cannabis Regulatory Fund									
University of Connecticut Health Center	6	DD	178,385	178,385	178,385	178,385	178,385	-	-
Total - Appropriated Funds			893,535,166	886,914,282	924,199,231	950,124,256	945,426,320	(4,697,936)	(0.49)

Office of Higher Education DHE66500

Permanent Full-Time Positions

Fund	Actual FY 24	Actual FY 25	Governor Estimated FY 26	Original Appropriation FY 27	Governor Revised FY 27	Difference Gov- Orig FY 27	% Diff Gov - Orig FY 27
General Fund	27	28	28	28	28	-	-
Banking Fund	-	-	-	-	3	3	n/a

Budget Summary

Account	Actual FY 24	Actual FY 25	Governor Estimated FY 26	Original Appropriation FY 27	Governor Revised FY 27	Difference Gov- Orig FY 27	% Diff Gov - Orig FY 27
Personal Services	1,626,550	1,624,580	1,755,031	1,855,031	1,855,031	-	-
Other Expenses	1,227,589	715,697	2,205,103	3,142,258	731,175	(2,411,083)	(76.73)
Other Current Expenses							
Minority Advancement Program	1,690,528	1,269,221	1,674,835	1,674,835	1,674,835	-	-
National Service Act	454,740	278,799	320,151	320,151	320,151	-	-
Minority Teacher Incentive Program	446,669	408,737	570,134	570,134	570,134	-	-
CT Loan Reimbursement	-	1,583,045	500,000	6,000,000	6,000,000	-	-
Other Than Payments to Local Governments							
Roberta B. Willis Scholarship Fund	8,017,698	28,393,834	26,288,637	41,288,637	41,288,637	-	-
Various Grants	-	-	-	-	1,888,867	1,888,867	n/a
Health Care Adjunct Grant Program	260,000	260,000	260,000	260,000	260,000	-	-
Agency Total - General Fund	13,723,774	34,533,913	33,573,891	55,111,046	54,588,830	(522,216)	(0.95)
Personal Services	-	-	-	-	279,800	279,800	n/a
Other Expenses	-	-	-	-	30,000	30,000	n/a
Fringe Benefits	-	-	-	-	222,500	222,500	n/a
Agency Total - Banking Fund	-	-	-	-	532,300	532,300	n/a
Total - Appropriated Funds	13,723,774	34,533,913	33,573,891	55,111,046	55,121,130	10,084	0.02

Account	Governor Revised FY 27
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Policy Revisions

Transfer Legislative Grants to a Separate Account

Other Expenses	(2,361,083)
Various Grants	2,361,083
Total - General Fund	-

Governor

Transfer funding of \$2,361,083 from the Other Expenses account to the Various Grants account in FY 27.

Reduce Legislative Grants by 20%

Various Grants	(472,216)
Total - General Fund	(472,216)

Account	Governor Revised FY 27
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Governor

Reduce the Various Grants account by \$472,216 in FY 27 to reflect a reduction of 20% to legislative grants.

Transfer the Office of the Student Loan Ombudsperson from DOB to OHE

Personal Services	279,800
Other Expenses	30,000
Fringe Benefits	222,500
Total - Banking Fund	532,300
Positions - Banking Fund	3

Background

PA 15-162 established the Student Loan Ombudsperson within the Department of Banking (DOB) to analyze laws and policies at the federal, state, and local level that impact student loan borrowers and to make recommendations. The Ombudsperson also assists borrowers with complaints and other borrowing-related issues.

Governor

Transfer funding of \$532,300 and three positions in FY 27 from DOB to the Office of Higher Education for the Office of the Student Loan Ombudsperson. Funding and positions remain within the Banking Fund.

Transfer Funding for Open Educational Resources Council

Other Expenses	(50,000)
Total - General Fund	(50,000)

Background

PA 19-117 established the Open Educational Resources Coordinating Council. The statewide body includes representatives from Connecticut's public and private institutions of higher education. The council's goal is to promote and support the adoption of Open Educational Resources (OER) which are free online and openly licensed instructional materials. The council focuses on "high impact" course areas that see the largest enrollments and also involve the highest textbook costs. PA 25-168, the FY 26 and FY 27 Budget, provided funding of \$50,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27 for this initiative.

Governor

Transfer funding of \$50,000 in FY 27 for the Open Educational Resources Coordinating Council to the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities.

Totals

Budget Components	Governor Revised FY 27
Original Appropriation - GF	55,111,046
Policy Revisions	(522,216)
Total Recommended - GF	54,588,830
Original Appropriation - BF	-
Policy Revisions	532,300
Total Recommended - BF	532,300

Positions	Governor Revised FY 27
Original Appropriation - GF	28
Total Recommended - GF	28
Original Appropriation - BF	-
Policy Revisions	3
Total Recommended - BF	3

University of Connecticut UOC67000

Permanent Full-Time Positions

Fund	Actual FY 24	Actual FY 25	Governor Estimated FY 26	Original Appropriation FY 27	Governor Revised FY 27	Difference Gov- Orig FY 27	% Diff Gov - Orig FY 27
General Fund	2,413	2,413	2,413	2,413	2,413	-	-

Budget Summary

Account	Actual FY 24	Actual FY 25	Governor Estimated FY 26	Original Appropriation FY 27	Governor Revised FY 27	Difference Gov- Orig FY 27	% Diff Gov - Orig FY 27
Other Current Expenses							
Operating Expenses	253,505,868	241,188,755	265,235,002	250,543,874	249,423,874	(1,120,000)	(0.45)
Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	-	-
Institute for Municipal and Regional Policy	700,000	550,000	550,000	550,000	550,000	-	-
UConn Veterans Program	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	-	-
Health Services - Regional Campuses	1,400,000	1,400,000	1,400,000	1,400,000	1,400,000	-	-
Puerto Rican Studies Initiative	210,000	210,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	-	-
Other Than Payments to Local Governments							
Various Grants	-	-	-	-	896,000	896,000	n/a
Agency Total - General Fund	256,315,868	243,848,755	268,185,002	253,493,874	253,269,874	(224,000)	(0.09)

Account	Governor Revised FY 27

Policy Revisions

Transfer Legislative Grants to a Separate Account

Operating Expenses	(1,120,000)
Various Grants	1,120,000
Total - General Fund	-

Governor

Transfer funding of \$1,120,000 from the Operating Expenses account to the Various Grants account in FY 27.

Reduce Legislative Grants by 20%

Various Grants	(224,000)
Total - General Fund	(224,000)

Governor

Reduce the Various Grants account by \$224,000 in FY 27 to reflect a reduction of 20% to legislative grants.

Totals

Budget Components	Governor Revised FY 27
Original Appropriation - GF	253,493,874
Policy Revisions	(224,000)
Total Recommended - GF	253,269,874

Positions	Governor Revised FY 27
Original Appropriation - GF	2,413
Total Recommended - GF	2,413

University of Connecticut Health Center UHC72000

Permanent Full-Time Positions

Fund	Actual FY 24	Actual FY 25	Governor Estimated FY 26	Original Appropriation FY 27	Governor Revised FY 27	Difference Gov- Orig FY 27	% Diff Gov - Orig FY 27
General Fund	1,698	1,698	1,698	1,698	1,698	-	-
Cannabis Regulatory Fund	2	2	2	2	2	-	-

Budget Summary

Account	Actual FY 24	Actual FY 25	Governor Estimated FY 26	Original Appropriation FY 27	Governor Revised FY 27	Difference Gov- Orig FY 27	% Diff Gov - Orig FY 27
Other Current Expenses							
Operating Expenses	145,965,137	133,019,815	142,875,155	136,673,524	135,508,524	(1,165,000)	(0.85)
AHEC	423,455	429,735	429,735	429,735	429,735	-	-
Neuromodulation Treatment	-	-	-	2,000,000	1,600,000	(400,000)	(20.00)
Other Than Payments to Local Governments							
Various Grants	-	-	-	-	932,000	932,000	n/a
Agency Total - General Fund	146,388,592	133,449,550	143,304,890	139,103,259	138,470,259	(633,000)	(0.46)
Agency Total - Cannabis Regulatory Fund							
Operating Expenses	178,385	178,385	178,385	178,385	178,385	-	-
Agency Total - Cannabis Regulatory Fund	178,385	178,385	178,385	178,385	178,385	-	-
Total - Appropriated Funds	146,566,977	133,627,935	143,483,275	139,281,644	138,648,644	(633,000)	(0.45)

Account	Governor Revised FY 27
Operating Expenses	(1,165,000)
Various Grants	1,165,000
Total - General Fund	-

Policy Revisions

Transfer Legislative Grants to a Separate Account

Operating Expenses	(1,165,000)
Various Grants	1,165,000
Total - General Fund	-

Governor

Transfer funding of \$1,165,000 from the Operating Expenses account to the Various Grants account in FY 27.

Reduce Legislative Grants by 20%

Neuromodulation Treatment	(400,000)
Various Grants	(233,000)
Total - General Fund	(633,000)

Governor

Reduce the Neuromodulation Treatment account by \$400,000 and the Various Grants account by \$233,000 (for a total of \$633,000) in FY 27 to reflect a reduction of 20% to legislative grants.

Totals

Budget Components	Governor Revised FY 27
Original Appropriation - GF	139,103,259
Policy Revisions	(633,000)
Total Recommended - GF	138,470,259
Original Appropriation - CRF	178,385
Total Recommended - CRF	178,385

Positions	Governor Revised FY 27
Original Appropriation - GF	1,698
Total Recommended - GF	1,698
Original Appropriation - CRF	2
Total Recommended - CRF	2

Connecticut State Colleges and Universities

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Permanent Full-Time Positions

Fund	Actual FY 24	Actual FY 25	Governor Estimated FY 26	Original Appropriation FY 27	Governor Revised FY 27	Difference Gov- Orig FY 27	% Diff Gov - Orig FY 27
General Fund	4,633	4,633	4,633	4,633	4,633	-	-

Budget Summary

Account	Actual FY 24	Actual FY 25	Governor Estimated FY 26	Original Appropriation FY 27	Governor Revised FY 27	Difference Gov- Orig FY 27	% Diff Gov - Orig FY 27
Other Current Expenses							
Charter Oak State College	4,811,223	3,808,912	3,934,487	4,041,029	3,541,029	(500,000)	(12.37)
Community Tech College System	228,544,234	231,148,728	234,717,627	241,998,796	241,998,796	-	-
Connecticut State University	209,322,044	197,450,460	193,717,659	201,697,946	200,156,926	(1,541,020)	(0.76)
Board of Regents	560,084	594,722	503,881	519,512	519,512	-	-
Developmental Services	10,042,069	10,190,984	10,190,984	10,190,984	10,190,984	-	-
Outcomes-Based Funding Incentive	1,354,341	1,374,425	1,374,425	1,374,425	1,374,425	-	-
O'Neill Chair	315,000	315,000	315,000	315,000	315,000	-	-
Debt Free Community College	21,979,552	30,020,448	34,150,000	34,150,000	34,150,000	-	-
Expanded PACT	-	-	-	7,700,000	3,850,000	(3,850,000)	(50.00)
Disabilities Study	-	-	-	250,000	250,000	-	-
Various Initiatives	-	-	53,000	-	-	-	n/a
Other Than Payments to Local Governments							
Various Grants	-	-	-	-	2,040,000	2,040,000	n/a
Agency Total - General Fund	476,928,547	474,903,679	478,957,063	502,237,692	498,386,672	(3,851,020)	(0.77)

Account	Governor Revised FY 27

Policy Revisions

Transfer Legislative Grants to a Separate Account

Charter Oak State College	(500,000)
Connecticut State University	(2,000,000)
Various Grants	2,500,000
Total - General Fund	-

Governor

Transfer funding of \$2.5 million from the Connecticut State University and Charter Oak State College accounts to the Various Grants account in FY 27.

Reduce Legislative Grants by 20%

Various Grants	(510,000)
Total - General Fund	(510,000)

Governor

Reduce the Various Grants account by \$510,000 in FY 27 to reflect a reduction of approximately 20% to legislative grants.

Account	Governor Revised FY 27
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Provide Funding for Food Service Contracts at the State Universities

Connecticut State University	458,980
Total - General Fund	458,980

Background

New contracts for food service employees were recently negotiated at Central, Southern, and Western Connecticut State Universities.

Governor

Provide funding of \$458,980 in FY 27 for food service contracts at three of the state universities. This funding precludes increases in student fees to cover contract costs.

Transfer Funding for Open Educational Resources Council

Various Grants	50,000
Total - General Fund	50,000

Background

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Governor

Transfer funding of \$50,000 in FY 27 from the Office of Higher Education to the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities for the Open Educational Resources Coordinating Council.

Current Services

Reduce Funding for Finish Line Scholars Program to Reflect First Year Costs

Expanded PACT	(3,850,000)
Total - General Fund	(3,850,000)

Background

Section 69 of PA 25-168, the FY 26 and FY 27 Budget, creates the finish line scholars program beginning in FY 27. This extends the debt free community college program (previously known as PACT and recently renamed the Mary Ann Handley Award) through a bachelor's degree at the Connecticut State Universities (CSUs) and Charter Oak State College (COSC). Students who received debt free community college at CT State for at least 60 credits and then enroll at a CSU or COSC in fall 2026 or later are eligible.

Governor

Reduce funding by \$3,850,000 in FY 27 for the finish line scholars program to reflect first-year costs of the program.

Totals

Budget Components	Governor Revised FY 27
Original Appropriation - GF	502,237,692
Policy Revisions	(1,020)
Current Services	(3,850,000)
Total Recommended - GF	498,386,672

Positions	Governor Revised FY 27
Original Appropriation - GF	4,633
Total Recommended - GF	4,633