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Referred to Committee on Education

Introduced by:  
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**AN ACT CONCERNING VARIOUS HIGHER EDUCATION ISSUES.**

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of section 10a-77 of the  
2 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
3 thereof:

4 (2) For each of the fiscal years ending June 30, 2000, to June 30,  
5 [2009] 2014, inclusive, as part of the state contract with donors of  
6 endowment fund eligible gifts, the Department of Higher Education, in  
7 accordance with section 10a-8b, shall deposit in the endowment fund  
8 for the Community-Technical College System a grant in an amount  
9 equal to half of the total amount of endowment fund eligible gifts  
10 received by or for the benefit of the community-technical college  
11 system as a whole and each regional community-technical college for  
12 the calendar year ending the December thirty-first preceding the  
13 commencement of such fiscal year, as certified by the chairperson of  
14 the board of trustees by February fifteenth to (A) the Secretary of the  
15 Office of Policy and Management, (B) the joint standing committee of  
16 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to  
17 appropriations and the budgets of state agencies, and (C) the

18 Commissioner of Higher Education, provided such sums do not  
19 exceed the endowment fund state grant maximum commitment for the  
20 fiscal year in which the grant is made. In any such fiscal year in which  
21 the total of the eligible gifts received by the community-technical  
22 colleges exceeds the endowment fund state grant maximum  
23 commitment for such fiscal year the amount in excess of such  
24 endowment fund state grant maximum commitment shall be carried  
25 forward and be eligible for a matching state grant in any succeeding  
26 fiscal year from the fiscal year ending June 30, 2000, to the fiscal year  
27 ending June 30, [2009] 2014, inclusive, subject to the endowment fund  
28 state grant maximum commitment. Any endowment fund eligible gifts  
29 that are not included in the total amount of endowment fund eligible  
30 gifts certified by the chairperson of the board of trustees pursuant to  
31 this subdivision may be carried forward and be eligible for a matching  
32 state grant in any succeeding fiscal year from the fiscal year ending  
33 June 30, 2000, to the fiscal year ending June 20, [2009] 2014, inclusive,  
34 subject to the endowment fund state matching grant commitment for  
35 such fiscal year.

36 Sec. 2. Subsection (b) of section 10a-77a of the general statutes is  
37 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

38 (b) For the purposes of this section: (1) "Endowment fund eligible  
39 gift" means a gift to or for the benefit of a regional community-  
40 technical college or the community-technical college system as a whole  
41 of cash or assets which may be reduced to cash or which has a value  
42 that is ascertainable by such regional community-technical college or  
43 the community-technical college system as a whole which the donor  
44 has specifically designated for deposit in the endowment fund or  
45 which explicitly or implicitly by the terms of the gift the regional  
46 community-technical college or community-technical college system as  
47 a whole may and does deposit or permit to be deposited in the  
48 endowment funds. (2) "Endowment fund state grant" means moneys  
49 that are transferred by the Department of Higher Education from the  
50 fund established pursuant to section 10a-8b to the endowment fund

51 established pursuant to this section in an aggregate amount not  
52 exceeding the endowment fund state grant maximum commitment. (3)  
53 "Endowment fund state grant maximum commitment" means an  
54 amount not exceeding two million dollars for the fiscal year ending  
55 June 30, 2000, two and one-half million dollars for the fiscal year  
56 ending June 30, 2001, three million dollars for the fiscal year ending  
57 June 30, 2002, [three and one-half million dollars for the fiscal year  
58 ending June 30, 2003, four million dollars for the fiscal year ending  
59 June 30, 2004, four and one-half million dollars for the fiscal year  
60 ending June 30, 2005,] and five million dollars for each of the fiscal  
61 years ending June 30, [2006, June 30, 2007, June 30, 2008, and June 30,  
62 2009] 2003, to June 30, 2014, inclusive.

63 Sec. 3. Section 10a-77a of the general statutes is amended by adding  
64 subsection (c) as follows:

65 (NEW) (c) Notwithstanding the endowment fund state grant  
66 maximum commitment levels for each fiscal year pursuant to  
67 subsection (b) of this section, as amended by this act, the total of the  
68 endowment fund state grant maximum commitments for the fiscal  
69 years ending June 30, 2000, to June 30, 2014, inclusive, shall not exceed  
70 thirty-nine million five hundred thousand dollars.

71 Sec. 4. Section 10a-87 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
72 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

73 The Board of Trustees of the Connecticut State University System  
74 shall maintain: Western Connecticut State University, Southern  
75 Connecticut State University, Eastern Connecticut State University and  
76 Central Connecticut State University. The board of trustees shall offer  
77 curricula which shall prepare persons who have successfully  
78 completed the same to teach or be a school administrator in the schools  
79 of the state at any of said institutions as the board shall deem  
80 appropriate and, in addition, programs of study in academic and  
81 career fields, provided the board of trustees shall submit to the Board  
82 of Governors of Higher Education for review and approval

83 recommendations for program terminations at any of said institutions  
84 in accordance with the provisions of subdivision (8) of subsection (a) of  
85 section 10a-6. The board of trustees shall establish policies which  
86 protect academic freedom and the content of course and degree  
87 programs, provided such policies shall be consistent with state-wide  
88 policy and guidelines established by the Board of Governors of Higher  
89 Education. Each of said institutions shall confer such degrees in  
90 education and in academic and career fields, including sixth-year  
91 certificates and doctorates in education, as are appropriate to the  
92 curricula of said institution and as are usually conferred by the  
93 institutions; honorary degrees may be conferred by said institutions  
94 upon approval of each honorary degree recipient by the Board of  
95 Trustees of the Connecticut State University System.

96 Sec. 5. Subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of section 10a-99a of the  
97 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
98 thereof:

99 (2) For each of the fiscal years ending June 30, 2000, to June 30,  
100 [2009] 2014, inclusive, as part of the state contract with donors of  
101 endowment fund eligible gifts, the Department of Higher Education, in  
102 accordance with section 10a-8b, shall deposit in the Endowment Fund  
103 for the Connecticut State University system a grant in an amount equal  
104 to half of the total amount of endowment fund eligible gifts received  
105 by or for the benefit of the Connecticut State University system as a  
106 whole and each state university for the calendar year ending the  
107 December thirty-first preceding the commencement of such fiscal year,  
108 as certified by the chairperson of the board of trustees by February  
109 fifteenth to (A) the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management,  
110 (B) the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having  
111 cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and the budgets of  
112 state agencies, and (C) the Commissioner of Higher Education,  
113 provided such sums do not exceed the endowment fund state grant  
114 maximum commitment for the fiscal year in which the grant is made.  
115 In any such fiscal year in which the total of the eligible gifts received

116 by the Connecticut State University system as a whole and each state  
117 university exceed the endowment fund state grant maximum  
118 commitment for such fiscal year the amount in excess of such  
119 endowment fund state grant maximum commitment shall be carried  
120 forward and be eligible for a matching state grant in any succeeding  
121 fiscal year from the fiscal year ending June 30, 2000, to the fiscal year  
122 ending June 30, [2009] 2014, inclusive, subject to the endowment fund  
123 state grant maximum commitment. Any endowment fund eligible gifts  
124 that are not included in the total amount of endowment fund eligible  
125 gifts certified by the chairperson of the board of trustees pursuant to  
126 this subdivision may be carried forward and be eligible for a matching  
127 state grant in any succeeding fiscal year from the fiscal year ending  
128 June 30, 2000, to the fiscal year ending June 30, [2009] 2014, inclusive,  
129 subject to the endowment fund state matching grant maximum  
130 commitment for such fiscal year.

131 Sec. 6. Subsection (b) of section 10a-99a of the general statutes is  
132 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

133 (b) For the purposes of this section: (1) "Endowment fund eligible  
134 gift" means a gift to or for the benefit of any of the state universities of  
135 the Connecticut State University system or the system as a whole of  
136 cash or assets which may be reduced to cash or which has the value  
137 that is ascertainable by the state universities or the system as a whole  
138 and which the donor has specifically designated for deposit in the  
139 endowment fund or which explicitly or implicitly by the terms of the  
140 gift, the universities or the system as a whole may and does deposit or  
141 permit to be deposited in the endowment funds. (2) "Endowment fund  
142 state grant" means moneys transferred by the Department of Higher  
143 Education from the fund established pursuant to section 10a-8b to the  
144 endowment fund established pursuant to this section in an aggregate  
145 amount not exceeding the endowment fund state grant maximum  
146 commitment. (3) "Endowment fund state grant maximum  
147 commitment" means an amount not exceeding two and one-half  
148 millions dollars in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2000, five million

149 dollars for each of the fiscal years ending June 30, 2001, and June 30,  
150 2002, ~~[June 30, 2008, and June 30, 2009,]~~ and seven million five  
151 hundred thousand dollars for each of the fiscal years ending June 30,  
152 2003, ~~[June 30, 2004, June 30, 2005, June 30, 2006, and June 30, 2007]~~ to  
153 June 30, 2014, inclusive.

154 Sec. 7. Section 10a-99a of the general statutes is amended by adding  
155 subsection (c) as follows:

156 (NEW) (c) Notwithstanding the endowment fund state grant  
157 maximum commitment levels provided for each fiscal year pursuant to  
158 subsection (b) of this section, as amended by this act, the total of the  
159 endowment fund state grant maximum commitments for the fiscal  
160 years ending June 30, 2000, to June 30, 2014, inclusive, shall not exceed  
161 sixty million dollars.

162 Sec. 8. Section 10a-149 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
163 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

164 In addition to other powers granted in the general statutes,  
165 authority and responsibility for the operation of the state's public  
166 institutions of higher education shall be vested in (1) the Board of  
167 Trustees of The University of Connecticut which shall have ~~[exclusive]~~  
168 special responsibility for programs leading to doctoral degrees and  
169 postbaccalaureate professional degrees, (2) the Board of Trustees of the  
170 Connecticut State University System which shall have special  
171 responsibility for the preparation of personnel for the public schools of  
172 the state including master's degree programs and other graduate study  
173 in education, and authority for providing liberal arts and career  
174 programs ~~[at the]~~ leading to bachelors, masters, ~~[and sixth year level]~~  
175 sixth-year certificates and doctorates in education, (3) the Board of  
176 Trustees of the Community-Technical Colleges which shall have  
177 responsibility for providing programs, as enumerated in section 10a-  
178 80, leading, where appropriate, to an associate degree or occupational  
179 certificate and programs leading to the degree of associate in applied  
180 science and such other appropriate degrees or certificates as are

181 approved by the Board of Governors of Higher Education and for such  
182 terminal vocational retraining and continuing education programs  
183 leading to occupational certificates as are appropriate, and (4) the  
184 Board for State Academic Awards which shall have responsibility for  
185 the award of external degrees and credits earned by examination and  
186 by other forms of validation and by evaluation of learning, including  
187 transfer of credit; provided the authority of the boards of trustees of  
188 The University of Connecticut, the Connecticut State University system  
189 and the community-technical colleges to award degrees of the  
190 respective institutions shall not be affected.

191 Sec. 9. Section 10a-103 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
192 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

193 There shall continue to be a Board of Trustees for The University of  
194 Connecticut to consist of nineteen persons, twelve to be appointed by  
195 the Governor, who shall reflect the state's geographic, racial and ethnic  
196 diversity; two to be elected by the university alumni; two to be elected  
197 by the students enrolled at the institutions under the jurisdiction of  
198 said board; and three members ex officio. On or before July 1, 1983, the  
199 Governor shall appoint members to the board as follows: Four  
200 members for a term of two years from said date; four members for a  
201 term of four years from said date; and four members for a term of six  
202 years from said date. Thereafter the Governor shall appoint trustees of  
203 said university to succeed those appointees whose terms expire, and  
204 each trustee so appointed shall hold office for a period of six years  
205 from the first day of July in the year of his or her appointment,  
206 provided two of the trustees appointed for terms commencing July 1,  
207 1995, and their successors shall be alumni of the university, one of the  
208 trustees appointed for a term commencing July 1, 1997, and his or her  
209 successors shall be such alumni and one of the members appointed for  
210 a term commencing July 1, 1999, and his or her successors shall be such  
211 alumni. The Commissioner of Agriculture and the Commissioner of  
212 Education shall be, ex officio, members of the board of trustees. The  
213 Governor shall be, ex officio, president of said board. The graduates of

214 all of the schools and colleges of said university shall, prior to  
215 September first in the odd-numbered years, elect one trustee, who shall  
216 be a graduate of the institution and who shall hold office for four years  
217 from the first day of September succeeding his or her election. Not less  
218 than two nor more than four nominations for each such election shall  
219 be made by the alumni association of said university, provided no  
220 person who has served as an alumni trustee for the two full  
221 consecutive terms immediately prior to the term for which such  
222 election is to be held shall be nominated for any such election. Such  
223 election shall be conducted by mail prior to September first under the  
224 supervision of a canvassing board consisting of three members, one  
225 appointed by the board of trustees, one by the board of directors of the  
226 alumni association of the university and one by the president of the  
227 university. No ballot in such election shall be opened until the date by  
228 which ballots must be returned to the canvassing board. In such  
229 election all graduates shall be entitled to vote by signed ballots which  
230 have been circulated to them by mail and which shall be returned by  
231 mail. Vacancies occurring by death or resignation of either of such  
232 alumni trustees shall be filled for the unexpired portion of the term by  
233 special election, if such unexpired term is for more than eighteen  
234 months. When the unexpired term is eighteen months or less, such  
235 vacancy shall be filled by appointment by the board of directors of said  
236 alumni association. On or before November 1, 1975, the students of  
237 The University of Connecticut shall, in such manner as the board of  
238 trustees of said university shall determine, elect two trustees, each of  
239 whom shall be enrolled as a full-time student of said university at the  
240 time of his or her election. One such member shall be elected for a term  
241 of one year from November 1, 1975, and one for a term of two years  
242 from said date. Prior to July first, annually, such students shall, in  
243 accordance with this section and in such manner as the board shall  
244 determine, elect one member of said board, who shall be so enrolled at  
245 said university at the time of his or her election and who shall serve for  
246 a term of two years from July first in the year of his or her election. The  
247 student member elected to fill the term expiring on June 30, 2002, and

248 such elected member's successors shall be enrolled as full-time  
249 undergraduate students at a school or college of the university and  
250 shall be elected by the undergraduate students of the schools and  
251 colleges of the university. The student member elected to fill the term  
252 expiring on June 30, 2003, and such elected member's successors shall  
253 be enrolled as a full-time student in the School of Law, the School of  
254 Medicine, the School of Dentistry, the School of Social Work, or as a  
255 graduate student of a school or college of the university, and shall be  
256 elected by the students of the School of Law, the School of Medicine,  
257 the School of Dentistry, the School of Social Work and the graduate  
258 students of the schools and colleges of the university. Any vacancies in  
259 the elected membership of said board shall, except as otherwise  
260 provided in this section, be filled by special election for the balance of  
261 the unexpired term.

262       Sec. 10. Subdivision (8) of subsection (e) of section 2c-2b and section  
263 10a-89d of the general statutes are repealed.

264       Sec. 11. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001.

***Statement of Purpose:***

To amend the statutes concerning donations to the endowment fund for the community-technical colleges and for the Connecticut State University system in order to extend the program. To authorize the state universities to award doctorates in education. To provide for both graduate and undergraduate student membership on the Board of Trustees of The University of Connecticut. To remove the Board for State Academic Awards from the sunset statute. To repeal the ceiling on the annual authorizations for capital improvements for the state universities.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*