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Committee Bill No. 530

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Referred to Committee on Education

Introduced by:
(ED)

**AN ACT EXPANDING THE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 10a-169a of the general statutes is repealed and
2 the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

3 (a) There is established a Connecticut information technology
4 scholarship pilot program administered by the Department of Higher
5 Education.

6 (b) Within available appropriations, the program shall provide
7 grants for students entering or enrolling in an information technology
8 related degree or certification program at any public or independent
9 institution of higher education in this state. The scholarship shall not
10 exceed three thousand dollars per student per year. The scholarship
11 shall not exceed the combined costs of tuition and fees of an institution
12 at which a recipient is or will be enrolled. The Department of Higher
13 Education shall develop eligibility requirements for recipients. Such
14 requirements may include income guidelines. Students shall be eligible
15 for such scholarships for each year enrolled in an information

16 technology related degree or certification program for a total of not
17 more than four years per student. Students may apply for such
18 scholarships to the Department of Higher Education at such time and
19 in such manner as the Commissioner of Higher Education prescribes.

20 (c) The Department of Higher Education may accept donations for
21 such scholarship program.

22 [(d) The recipients of scholarships pursuant to this section for the
23 fiscal year ending June 30, 2001, shall constitute a cohort and
24 scholarships for succeeding years shall only be available to members of
25 such cohort.]

26 [(e)] (d) Any unexpended funds appropriated for purposes of this
27 section shall not lapse at the end of the fiscal year but shall be available
28 for expenditure during the next fiscal year.

29 [(f)] (e) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2001, the Department of
30 Higher Education may use up to five per cent of the funds
31 appropriated for purposes of this section for program administration,
32 promotion, recruitment and retention activities.

33 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001.

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Joint Favorable C/R

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