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Referred to Committee on Select Committee on Workforce
Development

Introduced by:
(WFD)

AN ACT CONCERNING TARGETED SCHOLARSHIPS.

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

1 Section 1. Section 10a-40 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

3 The amount of the annual appropriation to be allocated to each
4 independent college or university shall be determined by its actual
5 full-time equivalent enrollment of Connecticut undergraduate students
6 during the fall semester of the fiscal year two years prior to the grant
7 year. The number of eligible undergraduate Connecticut students
8 under sections 10a-36 to 10a-42a, inclusive, shall be determined by the
9 board but the awards based upon such computation shall not exceed
10 the total available appropriation. Each participating college shall
11 expend all of the moneys received under this program as direct
12 financial assistance for grants for educational expenses and student
13 employment to Connecticut undergraduate students. Direct financial
14 assistance does not include loans to Connecticut students which must
15 be repaid to the college at some future date. For each fiscal year a
16 minimum of ten per cent of the total institutional state student

17 financial aid which exceeds the amount appropriated to each
18 independent institution for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1987, shall
19 be used for student financial aid for needy minority students in
20 accordance with the board of governors' plan for racial and ethnic
21 diversity under section 10a-11. For each fiscal year a minimum of [five]
22 fifteen per cent of the total amount of state student financial aid
23 [appropriated] to each institution [which exceeds the amount received
24 by each institution for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1988,] for
25 incoming freshmen shall be used for [on-campus or off-campus
26 community service work-study placements] students who have
27 declared a major in a high technology field, biotechnology, bioscience,
28 teaching, nursing, pharmacy or other high workforce development
29 need area, as determined by the Department of Higher Education and
30 the Office of Workforce Competitiveness. Participating independent
31 colleges and universities shall provide the Department of Higher
32 Education with data and reports necessary to administer the program
33 and shall maintain, for a period of not less than three years, records
34 substantiating the reported number of full-time equivalent Connecticut
35 students and documentation utilized by the college or university in
36 determining eligibility of the Connecticut independent college student
37 grant recipients. Such records shall be subject to audit. Funds not
38 obligated by a college or university shall be returned by January
39 fifteenth of the fiscal year of the grant to the Department of Higher
40 Education for reallocation to other institutions participating in this
41 program. Any funds so returned by a college or university shall be
42 redistributed to all other independent colleges and universities
43 participating in the program in accordance with the formula set forth
44 in this section using the most recent enrollment data available to the
45 Board of Governors of Higher Education.

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

48 For the fiscal year commencing on July 1, 1987, and thereafter, any
49 student (1) who is a resident of the state as defined under sections 10a-

50 28, 10a-29 and 10a-30, (2) who has not received a baccalaureate degree,
51 and (3) who has been accepted for study on a full-time or part-time
52 basis at any postsecondary school, technical institute, college or
53 university within the state or in any other state which permits its
54 students to bring state student financial assistance funds into
55 Connecticut shall be eligible for financial assistance under the capitol
56 scholarship grant program at any stage of postsecondary study. All
57 such institutions shall be previously approved or accredited by the
58 Board of Governors of Higher Education or by the State Board of
59 Education for postsecondary study. Grants under said program shall
60 be based on financial need and either previous high school academic
61 achievement or performance on standardized academic aptitude tests,
62 as determined by the Board of Governors of Higher Education. The
63 maximum award tendered to a student attending an institution in the
64 state shall not exceed two thousand dollars annually. The maximum
65 award tendered to a student attending an out-of-state institution shall
66 not exceed five hundred dollars annually. Sums so awarded shall be
67 disbursed by the accepting institution on behalf of the student for
68 tuition fees, books, board or any legitimate educational expense. For
69 each fiscal year a minimum of fifteen per cent of the total amount of
70 state student financial aid available to each institution for incoming
71 freshmen, shall be used for students who have declared a major in a
72 high technology field, biotechnology, bioscience, teaching, nursing,
73 pharmacy or other high workforce development need area, as
74 determined by the Department of Higher Education and the Office of
75 Workforce Competitiveness.

76 Sec. 3. Section 10a-164a of the general statutes is repealed and the
77 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

78 (a) The Board of Governors of Higher Education shall annually
79 request an appropriation to the Department of Higher Education equal
80 to the amount required, for the fiscal year two years prior, for tuition
81 waivers, tuition remissions, grants for educational expenses and
82 student employment under subsection (e) of section 10a-77, subsection

83 (e) of section 10a-99 and subsection (f) of section 10a-105. The
84 department shall allocate any such appropriation to The University of
85 Connecticut, each of the Connecticut state universities and each of the
86 regional community-technical colleges in accordance with a formula
87 approved by the Board of Governors of Higher Education. The
88 formula shall take into account the amount of federal student aid
89 received by students at each institution. The amounts allocated shall be
90 used to provide grants for educational expenses and student
91 employment for residents of the state who demonstrate substantial
92 financial need and are enrolled as full-time or part-time matriculated
93 students in a degree-granting program or a precollege remedial
94 program or are enrolled in Charter Oak State College and are
95 attending a public institution of higher education. For each fiscal year a
96 minimum of ten per cent of the total amount of state student financial
97 aid appropriated to each institution which exceeds the amount
98 received by each institution for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1987,
99 shall be used for student financial aid for needy minority students in
100 accordance with the board's strategic plan for racial and ethnic
101 diversity under section 10a-11. For each fiscal year a minimum of [five]
102 fifteen per cent of the total amount of state student financial aid
103 [appropriated] available to each institution [which exceeds the amount
104 received by each institution for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1988,]
105 for incoming freshmen shall be used for [on-campus or off-campus
106 community service work-study placements] students who have
107 declared a major in a high technology field, biotechnology, bioscience,
108 teaching, nursing, pharmacy or other high workforce development
109 need area, as determined by the Department of Higher Education and
110 the Office of Workforce Competitiveness. Individual awards shall not
111 exceed a student's calculated financial need as determined on the basis
112 of a needs analysis system approved by the United States Department
113 of Education. Financial aid provided to Connecticut residents under
114 this program shall be designated as a grant from the Connecticut aid to
115 public college students grant program.

116 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section

117 to the contrary, for the fiscal years ending June 30, 1989, and June 30,
118 1990, no institution shall have its allocation pursuant to this section
119 reduced for the subsequent fiscal year solely because the institution
120 did not use, for on-campus or off-campus community service work-
121 study placements, a minimum of five per cent of the total amount of
122 state student financial aid appropriated to the institution which
123 exceeds the amount received by the institution for the fiscal year
124 ending June 30, 1988.

125 Sec. 4. The sum of one hundred fifty thousand dollars is
126 appropriated to the Department of Economic and Community
127 Development, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2002, for the purpose
128 of (1) funding scholarships awarded by Connecticut's bioscience
129 economic cluster to outstanding high school seniors and college
130 students who plan to pursue a career in bioscience, and (2) developing
131 training programs, mentoring programs and other incentives to
132 encourage scholarship recipients to seek employment in the bioscience
133 industry.

134 Sec. 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001.

Statement of Purpose:

To provide funding for financial aid and scholarships for students who pursue careers in high workforce development need areas.

[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.]