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***Raised Bill No. 1080***

LCO No. 3999

Referred to Committee on Higher Education and Employment  
Advancement

Introduced by:  
(HED)

***AN ACT CONCERNING STUDENT FINANCIAL AID.***

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2003*) The Commissioner of  
2 Higher Education shall develop a design and implementation plan for  
3 the establishment of a state-wide student financial aid database. Such  
4 database shall include data elements deemed necessary by the  
5 commissioner to (1) determine the adequacy of and need for state  
6 student financial assistance, and (2) assess the effect of tuition and fee  
7 increases on access to and affordability of different public institutions  
8 of higher education.

9 Sec. 2. Section 10a-164a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
10 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2003*):

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

16 (e) of section 10a-99 and subsection (f) of section 10a-105. The  
17 department shall allocate any such appropriation to The University of  
18 Connecticut, each of the Connecticut state universities and each of the  
19 regional community-technical colleges in accordance with a formula  
20 approved by the Board of Governors of Higher Education. The  
21 formula shall take into account the amount of federal student aid  
22 received by students at each institution. The amounts allocated shall be  
23 used to provide grants for educational expenses and student  
24 employment for residents of the state who demonstrate substantial  
25 financial need and are enrolled as full-time or part-time matriculated  
26 students in a degree-granting program or a precollege remedial  
27 program. For each fiscal year a minimum of ten per cent of the total  
28 amount of state student financial aid appropriated to each institution  
29 which exceeds the amount received by each institution for the fiscal  
30 year ending June 30, 1987, shall be used for student financial aid for  
31 needy minority students in accordance with the board's strategic plan  
32 for racial and ethnic diversity under section 10a-11. For each fiscal year  
33 a minimum of five per cent of the total amount of state student  
34 financial aid appropriated to each institution which exceeds the  
35 amount received by each institution for the fiscal year ending June 30,  
36 1988, shall be used for on-campus or off-campus community service  
37 work-study placements. Individual awards shall not exceed a student's  
38 calculated financial need as determined on the basis of a needs analysis  
39 system approved by the United States Department of Education.  
40 Financial aid provided to Connecticut residents under this program  
41 shall be designated as a grant from the Connecticut aid to public  
42 college students grant program. Commencing with the 2003-2004  
43 academic year, no first-year student enrolled in a two-year college  
44 shall receive a grant under this subsection for more than four  
45 semesters and no first-year student enrolled in a four-year college shall  
46 receive a grant under this subsection for more than eight semesters, as  
47 determined by the Commissioner of Higher Education.

48 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section,  
49 [to the contrary,] for the fiscal years ending June 30, 1989, and June 30,

50 1990, no institution shall have its allocation pursuant to this section  
51 reduced for the subsequent fiscal year solely because the institution  
52 did not use, for on-campus or off-campus community service work-  
53 study placements, a minimum of five per cent of the total amount of  
54 state student financial aid appropriated to the institution which  
55 exceeds the amount received by the institution for the fiscal year  
56 ending June 30, 1988.

57 (c) The Board of Governors of Higher Education shall request an  
58 appropriation to the Department of Higher Education for each year of  
59 the biennium equal to the amount set aside by Charter Oak State  
60 College in the previous fiscal year for fee waivers. Such amount shall  
61 not exceed fifteen per cent of the tuition and fees paid in the previous  
62 fiscal year. The Department of Higher Education shall allocate any  
63 such appropriation to Charter Oak State College to be used to provide  
64 grants for educational expenses to residents of the state who  
65 demonstrate substantial financial need and who are matriculated in a  
66 degree program at Charter Oak State College. Individual awards shall  
67 not exceed a student's calculated financial need as determined by a  
68 needs analysis system approved by the United States Department of  
69 Education. Commencing with the 2003-2004 academic year, no first-  
70 year student enrolled in a two-year college shall receive a grant under  
71 this subsection for more than four semesters and no first-year student  
72 enrolled in a four-year college shall receive a grant under this  
73 subsection for more than eight semesters, as determined by the  
74 Commissioner of Higher Education.

75 Sec. 3. Section 10a-41 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
76 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2003*):

77 The amount of aid to be given under this program to an individual  
78 student shall be determined by the individual college or university on  
79 the basis of a needs analysis system approved by the United States  
80 Department of Education. Financial aid provided pursuant to this  
81 section in any one fiscal year shall not exceed the General Fund cost

82 per full-time equivalent student at The University of Connecticut and  
83 in the Connecticut State University system, as determined in section  
84 10a-39, and shall be consistent with the published student aid policies  
85 of the college or university. Grants shall be awarded only to  
86 Connecticut students attending full-time or part-time and, except as  
87 otherwise provided in this section, shall not exceed a student's  
88 financial need. Financial aid provided to Connecticut residents under  
89 this program shall be designated as a grant from the Connecticut  
90 Independent College Student Grant (C.I.C.S.G.) Program.  
91 Commencing with the 2003-2004 academic year, no first-year student  
92 enrolled in a two-year college shall receive a grant under this  
93 subsection for more than four semesters and no first-year student  
94 enrolled in a four-year college shall receive a grant under this  
95 subsection for more than eight semesters, as determined by the  
96 Commissioner of Higher Education.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2003</i>
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2003</i>
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2003</i>

**Statement of Purpose:**

To establish a state-wide student financial aid database for the state system of higher education and to limit eligibility for student financial aid.

*[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.]*