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"AN ACT PROVIDING IMMEDIATE ASSISTANCE TO MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES AND THEIR FAMILIES."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2006*) (a) If any member of the
4 armed forces of the United States or of any state or of any reserve
5 component thereof who is domiciled in this state and who is called to
6 active service and deployed to Southwest Asia in support of Operation
7 Enduring Freedom or Operation Iraqi Freedom is, on or after
8 September 11, 2001, and before July 1, 2006, killed in action or dies as a
9 result of an accident or illness sustained while performing active
10 military duty with the armed forces of the United States and is
11 survived by:

12 (1) A spouse and a dependent child or children under eighteen
13 years of age, the Comptroller shall draw (A) an order on the Treasurer
14 for the sum of one hundred thousand dollars, payable in equal
15 monthly installments over a period of not less than ten years to such
16 member's spouse, except that any such payments shall terminate on
17 the death or remarriage of such spouse during said ten-year period,
18 and (B) an order on the Treasurer for monthly payments of fifty dollars
19 for each dependent child under eighteen years of age, payable to such
20 spouse or the guardian of each such child, until such child reaches
21 eighteen years of age;

22 (2) No spouse and a dependent child or children under eighteen
23 years of age, the Comptroller shall draw (A) an order on the Treasurer
24 for the sum of one hundred thousand dollars, payable in equal
25 monthly installments over a period of not less than ten years to the
26 guardian of such child or children on behalf of and for the care of such
27 child or children, except that any such payments shall terminate when
28 the youngest of such children reaches eighteen years of age during
29 said ten-year period, and (B) an order on the Treasurer for monthly
30 payments of fifty dollars for each dependent child under eighteen
31 years of age, payable to the guardian of such child, on behalf of and for
32 the care of such child, until such child reaches eighteen years of age;

33 (3) A spouse and no child or children under eighteen years of age,
34 the Comptroller shall draw an order on the Treasurer for the sum of
35 fifty thousand dollars payable in equal monthly installments over a
36 period of not less than five years, to such spouse, except that any such
37 payments shall terminate on the death or remarriage of such spouse
38 during such five-year period;

39 (4) No spouse and no child or children under eighteen years of age
40 but a parent or parents dependent upon such member, the
41 Comptroller shall draw an order on the Treasurer for the sum of fifty
42 thousand dollars, payable to such member's parent or parents in equal
43 monthly installments over a period of not less than five years, except
44 that (A) on the death of one such parent, the surviving parent shall

45 continue to receive the entire monthly payments under the provisions
46 of this subdivision, and (B) on the death of such surviving parent
47 during such five-year period, such payments shall cease.

48 (b) The amount paid to any person under this section shall be
49 reduced by the amount of any death benefit that is paid to such person
50 for the death of such member under any federal law.

51 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) As used in this section, (1)
52 "department" means the Military Department, (2) "fund" means the
53 Service Members' Life Insurance Reimbursement Fund established in
54 accordance with this section, and (3) "eligible member of the armed
55 forces" means a member of the armed forces of the United States or of
56 any state or of any reserve component thereof who is domiciled in this
57 state and who is on active duty during a time of war declared by
58 Congress.

59 (b) There is established, within the General Fund, a separate,
60 nonlapsing account to be known as the "Service Members' Life
61 Insurance Reimbursement Fund". The fund shall contain (1) any
62 amounts appropriated or otherwise made available by the state for the
63 purposes of this section, (2) any moneys required by law to be
64 deposited in the fund, and (3) gifts, grants, donations or bequests made
65 for the purposes of this section. Investment earnings credited to the
66 assets of the fund shall become part of the assets of the fund. Any
67 balance remaining in the account at the end of any fiscal year shall be
68 carried forward in the account for the fiscal year next succeeding. The
69 State Treasurer shall administer the fund. All moneys deposited in the
70 fund shall be used by the Military Department for the purposes of this
71 section.

72 (c) On and after July 1, 2006, the Military Department shall use the
73 Service Members' Life Insurance Reimbursement Fund to reimburse
74 each eligible member of the armed forces for premiums paid by such
75 member for up to one hundred thousand dollars in benefits under the
76 Servicemembers Group Life Insurance program pursuant to 38 USC

77 1965, et seq., as amended from time to time.

78 (d) The department shall adopt regulations, in accordance with the
79 provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes, to implement the
80 provisions of this section.

81 (e) Nothing in this section shall be deemed to alter, amend or
82 change the eligibility or applicability of the Servicemembers Group
83 Life Insurance program pursuant to 38 USC 1965, et seq., as amended
84 from time to time, or any rights, responsibilities or benefits thereunder.

85 (f) The amount paid to any eligible member under this section for
86 any premium paid by such member for any time period shall be
87 reduced by the amount of any payments made under any federal law
88 to such member for life insurance premiums for the same time period.

89 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) As used in this section, (1)
90 "department" means the Military Department, (2) "fund" means the
91 Military Family Relief Fund established in accordance with this
92 section, (3) "eligible member of the armed forces" and "eligible
93 member" means a member of the armed forces, as defined in
94 subsection (a) of section 27-103 of the general statutes, including the
95 Connecticut National Guard, who is on active duty and who is
96 domiciled in this state, (4) "immediate family member" means an
97 eligible member's spouse, child or parent who is domiciled in this
98 state, or any other member of an eligible member's family who lives in
99 the same household as the eligible member, and (5) "essential personal
100 or household goods or services" includes, but is not limited to, repairs,
101 medical services that are not covered by insurance, transportation,
102 babysitting, clothing, school supplies or any other goods or services
103 that are essential to the well-being of an eligible member's immediate
104 family.

105 (b) There is established, within the General Fund, a separate,
106 nonlapsing account to be known as the "Military Family Relief Fund".
107 The fund shall contain (1) any amounts appropriated or otherwise
108 made available by the state for the purposes of this section, (2) any

109 moneys required by law to be deposited in the fund, and (3) gifts,
110 grants, donations or bequests made for the purposes of this section.
111 Investment earnings credited to the assets of the fund shall become
112 part of the assets of the fund. Any balance remaining in the account at
113 the end of any fiscal year shall be carried forward in the account for
114 the fiscal year next succeeding. The State Treasurer shall administer
115 the fund. All moneys deposited in the fund shall be used by the
116 Military Department for the purposes of this section. The Military
117 Department may deduct and retain from the moneys in the fund an
118 amount equal to the costs incurred by the department in administering
119 the provisions of this section, except that said amount shall not exceed
120 two per cent of the moneys deposited in the fund in any fiscal year.

121 (c) The Military Department shall use the Military Family Relief
122 Fund to make grants to immediate family members of eligible
123 members of the armed forces for essential personal or household
124 goods or services in this state if the payment for such goods or services
125 would be a hardship for such family member because of the military
126 service of the eligible member. The department shall not make any
127 grant that exceeds the balance available for grants in the fund.

128 (d) The department shall establish an application process that is
129 simple for immediate family members. The department shall act on
130 each application no later than seven days after the date on which the
131 completed application is submitted to the department.

132 (e) On or after six months from the effective date of this section,
133 after evaluating the performance of the program during the preceding
134 six months, including available resources and applications received,
135 the department may commence the process to adopt regulations, in
136 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes,
137 that would facilitate the purposes of this act, including, but not limited
138 to, establishing a maximum amount of each grant, of each type of grant
139 or of grants to the immediate family members of any eligible member,
140 and establishing criteria for the approval of grant applications. The
141 department may implement the policies and procedures contained in

142 such proposed regulations while in the process of adopting such
143 proposed regulations, provided the department publishes notice of
144 intention to adopt the regulations in the Connecticut Law Journal no
145 later than twenty days after implementing such policies and
146 procedures. Policies and procedures implemented pursuant to this
147 subsection shall be valid until the earlier of the date on which such
148 regulations are effective or one year after the publication of such notice
149 of intention.

150 (f) On or before July 15, 2005, and on or before the fifteenth day
151 following the close of each calendar quarter thereafter, the department
152 shall submit a report to the select committee of the General Assembly
153 having cognizance of matters relating to veterans' and military affairs,
154 in accordance with section 11-4a of the general statutes, that contains
155 the following information for the preceding calendar quarter: (1) The
156 number of applications received, (2) the number of eligible members
157 whose immediate family members received payments under this
158 section, (3) the amount in payments made to the immediate family of
159 each such eligible member, (4) the uses for such payments, and (5) any
160 recommendations regarding the Military Family Relief Fund,
161 including any proposed legislation to facilitate the purposes of this
162 section. Such reports shall not identify the name of any eligible
163 member or of any immediate family member. Notwithstanding the
164 provisions of subsection (a) of section 1-210 of the general statutes, all
165 information obtained by the Military Department that contains the
166 name or address of, or other information that could be used to identify,
167 an eligible member or an eligible member's immediate family member
168 shall be confidential.

169 Sec. 4. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2005, and applicable to taxable years*
170 *commencing on or after January 1, 2005*) (a) (1) Any taxpayer filing a
171 return under chapter 229 of the general statutes for taxable years
172 commencing on or after January 1, 2005, may contribute all or part of a
173 refund under chapter 229 of the general statutes to the Military Family
174 Relief Fund established in section 3 of this act, by indicating on the tax
175 return the amount to be contributed to the fund.

176 (2) Any taxpayer filing a return under chapter 229 of the general
177 statutes may contribute an additional amount to the Military Family
178 Relief Fund established in section 3 of this act, by indicating on the tax
179 return the amount to be contributed to the fund. Any contribution
180 made pursuant to this subdivision shall be in addition to the amount
181 of tax reported to be due on such return and shall be paid at the same
182 time as the tax due on such return is paid and in the manner
183 prescribed by the Commissioner of Revenue Services.

184 (b) A contribution or designation made pursuant to this section shall
185 be irrevocable upon the filing of the return. A taxpayer making a
186 contribution or designation pursuant to this subsection shall so
187 indicate on the tax return in a manner provided for by the
188 Commissioner of Revenue Services.

189 (c) A contribution of all or part of a refund shall be made in the full
190 amount indicated if the refund found due the taxpayer upon the initial
191 processing of the return, and after any deductions required by chapter
192 229 of the general statutes, is greater than or equal to the indicated
193 contribution. If the refund due, as determined upon initial processing,
194 and after any deductions required by said chapter 229, is less than the
195 indicated contribution, the contribution shall be made in the full
196 amount of the refund. The Commissioner of Revenue Services shall
197 subtract the amount of any contribution of all or part of a refund from
198 the amount of the refund initially found due the taxpayer and shall
199 certify (1) the amount of the refund initially found due the taxpayer,
200 (2) the amount of any such contribution, and (3) the amount of the
201 difference to the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management and
202 the State Treasurer for payment to the taxpayer in accordance with
203 said chapter 229. For the purposes of any subsequent determination of
204 the taxpayer's net tax payment, such contribution shall be considered a
205 part of the refund paid to the taxpayer.

206 (d) The Commissioner of Revenue Services, after notification of and
207 approval by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management,
208 may deduct and retain from the moneys collected under subsections

209 (a) to (c), inclusive, of this section an amount equal to the costs of
210 administering this section, but not to exceed four per cent of such
211 moneys collected in any fiscal year. The Commissioner of Revenue
212 Services shall deposit the remaining moneys collected in the Military
213 Family Relief Fund.

214 Sec. 5. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2005, and applicable to taxable years*
215 *commencing on or after January 1, 2005*) (a) (1) Any taxpayer filing a
216 return under chapter 208 of the general statutes for taxable years
217 commencing on or after January 1, 2005, may contribute all or part of a
218 refund under said chapter 208 to the Military Family Relief Fund
219 established in section 3 of this act, by indicating on the tax return the
220 amount to be contributed to the fund.

221 (2) Any taxpayer filing a return under chapter 208 of the general
222 statutes may contribute an additional amount to the Military Family
223 Relief Fund established in section 3 of this act, by indicating on the tax
224 return the amount to be contributed to the fund. Any contribution
225 made pursuant to this subdivision shall be in addition to the amount
226 of tax reported to be due on such return and shall be paid at the same
227 time as the tax due on such return is paid and in the manner
228 prescribed by the Commissioner of Revenue Services.

229 (b) A contribution or designation made pursuant to this section shall
230 be irrevocable upon the filing of the return. A taxpayer making a
231 contribution or designation pursuant to this subsection shall so
232 indicate on the tax return in a manner provided for by the
233 Commissioner of Revenue Services pursuant to subsection (c) of this
234 section.

235 (c) The Commissioner of Revenue Services shall revise the income
236 tax return form to implement the provisions of subsection (a) of this
237 section. Such form shall include (1) a space on the return in which
238 taxpayers may indicate their intention to make a contribution or
239 designation in accordance with this section, and (2) instructions for
240 payment of any contribution under subdivision (3) of subsection (a) of

241 this section. The commissioner shall include in the instructions
242 accompanying the tax return a description of the purposes for which
243 the Military Family Relief Fund was established.

244 (d) A contribution of all or part of a refund shall be made in the full
245 amount indicated if the refund found due the taxpayer upon the initial
246 processing of the return, and after any deductions required by chapter
247 208 of the general statutes, is greater than or equal to the indicated
248 contribution. If the refund due, as determined upon initial processing
249 and after any deductions required by said chapter 208, is less than the
250 indicated contribution, the contribution shall be made in the full
251 amount of the refund. The Commissioner of Revenue Services shall
252 subtract the amount of any contribution of all or part of a refund from
253 the amount of the refund initially found due the taxpayer and shall
254 certify (1) the amount of the refund initially due the taxpayer, (2) the
255 amount of any such contribution, and (3) the amount of the difference
256 to the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management and the State
257 Treasurer for payment to the taxpayer in accordance with said chapter
258 208. For the purposes of any subsequent determination of the
259 taxpayer's net tax payment, such contribution shall be considered a
260 part of the refund paid to the taxpayer.

261 (e) The Commissioner of Revenue Services, after notification of and
262 approval by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management,
263 may deduct and retain from the moneys collected under subsections
264 (a) to (d), inclusive, of this section an amount equal to the costs of
265 administering this section, but not to exceed four per cent of such
266 moneys collected in any fiscal year. The Commissioner of Revenue
267 Services shall deposit the remaining moneys collected in the Military
268 Family Relief Fund.

269 Sec. 6. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2005*) The Department of Veterans'
270 Affairs shall provide a toll-free telephone number for use as a
271 clearinghouse by active members of the armed forces in this state,
272 including the National Guard, and their families to obtain, in response
273 to their requests about benefits or services that may be available to

274 such members or their families, referrals to entities that provide such
275 benefits or services. The toll-free telephone number shall be staffed by
276 employees of or trained volunteers working at the Department of
277 Veterans' Affairs on weekdays during regular business hours, and on
278 weekends and holidays from nine o'clock a.m. to five o'clock p.m.

279 Sec. 7. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2005*) (a) As used in this section, (1)
280 "department" means the Department of Veterans' Affairs, (2) "service
281 member" means a member of the armed forces, as defined in
282 subsection (a) of section 27-103 of the general statutes, including the
283 Connecticut National Guard, (3) "veteran" has the same meaning as
284 provided in subsection (a) of section 27-103 of the general statutes, and
285 (4) "committee" means the select committee of the General Assembly
286 having cognizance of matters relating to veterans' and military affairs.

287 (b) The Department of Veterans' Affairs shall develop and maintain
288 a service members' and veterans' contact list, consisting of only the
289 names and mailing addresses of service members and veterans who
290 reside in this state, using information in the department's records and
291 information submitted to the department by (1) the Military
292 Department, as provided in subsection (c) of this section, (2) the
293 assessor of each town, as provided in subsection (d) of this section, or
294 (3) service members or veterans, as provided in subsection (e) of this
295 section.

296 (c) On or before September 1, 2005, the Military Department shall
297 submit to the Department of Veterans' Affairs a list of the name and
298 mailing address, but no other information, of each service member
299 who is a resident of this state that is in the records of the Military
300 Department.

301 (d) On or before the sixtieth day following the date on which an
302 exemption pursuant to subdivision (19) of section 12-81 of the general
303 statutes takes effect, as provided in section 12-95 of the general
304 statutes, the assessor of each town that granted any such exemption
305 shall submit to the Department of Veterans' Affairs a list of the name

306 and mailing address, but no other information, of each individual who
307 has such exemption.

308 (e) A service member or veteran who is a resident of this state may
309 add his or her name and mailing address to the contact list by
310 submitting such information to the Department of Veterans' Affairs in
311 person or by mail. A service member shall include a copy of his or her
312 military identification card and a veteran shall include a copy of his or
313 her military discharge document, as defined in section 1-219 of the
314 general statutes.

315 (f) Any individual who is included in the contact list may cause his
316 or her name to be removed from the contact list by notifying the
317 Department of Veterans' Affairs in writing.

318 (g) (1) The Department of Veterans' Affairs or the Military
319 Department may use the contact list solely for the purposes of
320 notifying service members or veterans of benefits, proposed or enacted
321 legislation that affects service members or veterans or their families, or
322 other information that the Department of Veterans' Affairs or the
323 Military Department believes will be helpful to veterans or their
324 families. The Department of Veterans' Affairs shall provide a copy of
325 the contact list to the Military Department, upon receipt of a written
326 request signed by the Adjutant General.

327 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of section 1-210
328 of the general statutes, the Department of Veterans' Affairs and the
329 Military Department shall not disclose any information in the contact
330 list to any person other than as provided in this subsection. No person
331 shall use the contact list for any purpose other than as provided in
332 subdivision (1) of this subsection.

333 Sec. 8. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) As used in this section, (1)
334 "member" means a member of the armed forces, as defined in section
335 27-103 of the general statutes, including the Connecticut National
336 Guard, who is on active duty and who is a resident of this state, (2)
337 "services" includes, but is not limited to, repairs, gardening,

338 transportation, babysitting, tutoring, cooking or any other services that
339 a member or member's family would find helpful, and (3) "local
340 organizations" includes not-for-profit organizations that serve
341 members and veterans and their families, and other organizations that
342 seek to volunteer services to members and their families.

343 (b) The Family Program of the Connecticut National Guard shall
344 establish a volunteer service program in which a volunteer service
345 coordinator coordinates with municipalities and local organizations
346 throughout the state to provide services by volunteers to members and
347 their families. No person shall volunteer any services for which a
348 license, certificate of registration, permit or other credentials issued by
349 a state agency is required unless such person holds such license,
350 certificate of registration, permit or other credentials.

351 (c) The volunteer services coordinator shall identify municipalities
352 and local organizations that provide volunteer services to members
353 and their families in communities throughout the state and shall assist
354 such municipalities and local organizations.

355 (d) On or before January 31, 2006, and annually thereafter, the
356 Family Program of the Connecticut National Guard shall report to the
357 select committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
358 matters related to veterans' and military affairs, in accordance with
359 section 11-4a of the general statutes, on the services provided by
360 volunteers to service members throughout the state, including, but not
361 limited to, the level of services in different geographical areas.

362 Sec. 9. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) The Family Program of the
363 Connecticut National Guard shall publicize to all members of the
364 armed forces, as defined in subsection (a) of section 27-103 of the
365 general statutes, including the Connecticut National Guard, and their
366 families the availability throughout the state of therapy support
367 groups for such members and their families. The publicity shall
368 include contact information for referral to support groups in locations
369 that are convenient for such members and their families.

370 Sec. 10. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) As used in this section,
371 "eligible member or veteran" means a member or former member of
372 the Connecticut National Guard who (1) is or was called to active
373 service on or after September 11, 2001, (2) is or was in such active
374 service for at least ninety consecutive days, (3) during such active
375 service, is or was deployed to an area designated as a combat zone by
376 the President of the United States, and (4) if discharged, is or was
377 honorably discharged or discharged for injuries sustained in the line of
378 duty.

379 (b) On and after July 1, 2005, the Adjutant General shall pay each
380 eligible member or veteran the amount of twenty-five dollars for each
381 month or major part thereof of active service by such eligible member
382 or veteran on or after September 11, 2001. The maximum payment to
383 any eligible member or veteran shall not exceed five hundred dollars.
384 No payment shall be made to any eligible member or veteran who
385 makes application for such payment later than three years after the
386 date of the cessation of such operations in which such member or
387 veteran served.

388 (c) The Adjutant General, in consultation with the Commissioner of
389 Veterans' Affairs, shall adopt regulations, in accordance with the
390 provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes, to implement the
391 provisions of this section. Such regulations shall include procedures
392 for verification of eligibility of an eligible member or veteran and for
393 the application for and payment of the amounts specified in this
394 section.

395 Sec. 11. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2005*) The Commissioner of Veterans'
396 Affairs in conjunction with the Adjutant General shall award a ribbon
397 and medal to each veteran who served in time of war, as defined in
398 subsection (a) of section 27-103 of the general statutes, and who either
399 (1) was a resident of this state at the time he or she was called to active
400 duty for such service, or (2) is domiciled in this state on the date of
401 such award. The commissioner in conjunction with the Adjutant
402 General shall adopt regulations, in accordance with chapter 54 of the

403 general statutes, setting forth the process for designing the ribbon and
404 medal, identifying veterans who are eligible for the ribbon and medal
405 under this section and establishing procedures for distributing the
406 ribbon and medal to each eligible veteran. The cost of the ribbons shall
407 be paid from the funds appropriated to the military assistance account
408 within the Military Department.

409 Sec. 12. Subsection (d) of section 10a-77 of the general statutes is
410 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
411 *1, 2005*):

412 (d) Said board of trustees shall waive the payment of tuition at any
413 of the regional community-technical colleges (1) for any dependent
414 child of a person whom the armed forces of the United States has
415 declared to be missing in action or to have been a prisoner of war
416 while serving in such armed forces after January 1, 1960, which child
417 has been accepted for admission to such institution and is a resident of
418 Connecticut at the time such child is accepted for admission to such
419 institution, (2) for any veteran having served in time of war, as defined
420 in subsection (a) of section 27-103, or who served in either a combat or
421 combat support role in the invasion of Grenada, October 25, 1983, to
422 December 15, 1983, the invasion of Panama, December 20, 1989, to
423 January 31, 1990, or the peace-keeping mission in Lebanon, September
424 29, 1982, to March 30, 1984, who has been accepted for admission to
425 such institution and is [a resident of Connecticut] domiciled in this
426 state at the time such veteran is accepted for admission to such
427 institution, (3) for any resident of Connecticut sixty-two years of age or
428 older, provided, at the end of the regular registration period, there are
429 enrolled in the course a sufficient number of students other than those
430 persons eligible for waivers pursuant to this subdivision to offer the
431 course in which such person intends to enroll and there is space
432 available in such course after accommodating all such students, (4) for
433 any student attending the Connecticut State Police Academy who is
434 enrolled in a law enforcement program at said academy offered in
435 coordination with a regional community-technical college which
436 accredits courses taken in such program, (5) for any active member of

437 the Connecticut Army or Air National Guard who (A) [is a resident of
438 Connecticut, (B)] has been certified by the Adjutant General or such
439 Adjutant General's designee as a member in good standing of the
440 guard, and [(C)] (B) is enrolled or accepted for admission to such
441 institution on a full-time or part-time basis in an undergraduate
442 degree-granting program, (6) for any dependent child of a (A) police
443 officer, as defined in section 7-294a, or supernumerary or auxiliary
444 police officer, (B) firefighter, as defined in section 7-323j, or member of
445 a volunteer fire company, (C) municipal employee, or (D) state
446 employee, as defined in section 5-154, killed in the line of duty, and (7)
447 for any resident of the state who is a dependent child or surviving
448 spouse of a specified terrorist victim who was a resident of this state. If
449 any person who receives a tuition waiver in accordance with the
450 provisions of this subsection also receives educational reimbursement
451 from an employer, such waiver shall be reduced by the amount of such
452 educational reimbursement. Veterans described in subdivision (2) of
453 this subsection and members of the National Guard described in
454 subdivision (5) of this subsection shall be given the same status as
455 students not receiving tuition waivers in registering for courses at
456 regional community-technical colleges. Notwithstanding the
457 provisions of section 10a-30, as used in this subsection, "domiciled in
458 this state" includes domicile for less than one year.

459 Sec. 13. Subsection (d) of section 10a-99 of the general statutes is
460 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
461 *1, 2005*):

462 (d) Said board shall waive the payment of tuition fees at the
463 Connecticut State University system (1) for any dependent child of a
464 person whom the armed forces of the United States has declared to be
465 missing in action or to have been a prisoner of war while serving in
466 such armed forces after January 1, 1960, which child has been accepted
467 for admission to such institution and is a resident of Connecticut at the
468 time such child is accepted for admission to such institution, (2) for
469 any veteran having served in time of war, as defined in subsection (a)
470 of section 27-103, or who served in either a combat or combat support

471 role in the invasion of Grenada, October 25, 1983, to December 15,
472 1983, the invasion of Panama, December 20, 1989, to January 31, 1990,
473 or the peace-keeping mission in Lebanon, September 29, 1982, to
474 March 30, 1984, who has been accepted for admission to such
475 institution and is [a resident of Connecticut] domiciled in this state at
476 the time such veteran is accepted for admission to such institution, (3)
477 for any resident of Connecticut sixty-two years of age or older who has
478 been accepted for admission to such institution, provided (A) such
479 person is enrolled in a degree-granting program, or (B) at the end of
480 the regular registration period, there are enrolled in the course a
481 sufficient number of students other than those persons eligible for
482 waivers pursuant to this subdivision to offer the course in which such
483 person intends to enroll and there is space available in such course
484 after accommodating all such students, (4) for any student attending
485 the Connecticut Police Academy who is enrolled in a law enforcement
486 program at said academy offered in coordination with the university
487 which accredits courses taken in such program, (5) for any active
488 member of the Connecticut Army or Air National Guard who (A) [is a
489 resident of Connecticut, (B)] has been certified by the Adjutant General
490 or such Adjutant General's designee as a member in good standing of
491 the guard, and [(C)] (B) is enrolled or accepted for admission to such
492 institution on a full-time or part-time basis in an undergraduate
493 degree-granting program, (6) for any dependent child of a (A) police
494 officer, as defined in section 7-294a, or supernumerary or auxiliary
495 police officer, (B) firefighter, as defined in section 7-323j, or member of
496 a volunteer fire company, (C) municipal employee, or (D) state
497 employee, as defined in section 5-154, killed in the line of duty, and (7)
498 for any resident of this state who is a dependent child or surviving
499 spouse of a specified terrorist victim who was a resident of the state. If
500 any person who receives a tuition waiver in accordance with the
501 provisions of this subsection also receives educational reimbursement
502 from an employer, such waiver shall be reduced by the amount of such
503 educational reimbursement. Veterans described in subdivision (2) of
504 this subsection and members of the National Guard described in
505 subdivision (5) of this subsection shall be given the same status as

506 students not receiving tuition waivers in registering for courses at
507 Connecticut state universities. Notwithstanding the provisions of
508 section 10a-30, as used in this subsection, "domiciled in this state"
509 includes domicile for less than one year.

510 Sec. 14. Subsection (e) of section 10a-105 of the general statutes is
511 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
512 *1, 2005*):

513 (e) Said board of trustees shall waive the payment of tuition fees at
514 The University of Connecticut (1) for any dependent child of a person
515 whom the armed forces of the United States has declared to be missing
516 in action or to have been a prisoner of war while serving in such armed
517 forces after January 1, 1960, which child has been accepted for
518 admission to The University of Connecticut and is a resident of
519 Connecticut at the time such child is accepted for admission to said
520 institution, (2) for any veteran having served in time of war, as defined
521 in subsection (a) of section 27-103, or who served in either a combat or
522 combat support role in the invasion of Grenada, October 25, 1983, to
523 December 15, 1983, the invasion of Panama, December 20, 1989, to
524 January 31, 1990, or the peace-keeping mission in Lebanon, September
525 29, 1982, to March 30, 1984, who has been accepted for admission to
526 said institution and is [a resident of Connecticut] domiciled in this
527 state at the time such veteran is accepted for admission to said
528 institution, (3) for any resident of Connecticut sixty-two years of age or
529 older who has been accepted for admission to said institution,
530 provided (A) such person is enrolled in a degree-granting program, or
531 (B) at the end of the regular registration period, there are enrolled in
532 the course a sufficient number of students other than those persons
533 eligible for waivers pursuant to this subdivision to offer the course in
534 which such person intends to enroll and there is space available in
535 such course after accommodating all such students, (4) for any active
536 member of the Connecticut Army or Air National Guard who (A) [is a
537 resident of Connecticut, (B)] has been certified by the Adjutant General
538 or such Adjutant General's designee as a member in good standing of
539 the guard, and [(C)] (B) is enrolled or accepted for admission to said

540 institution on a full-time or part-time basis in an undergraduate
541 degree-granting program, (5) for any dependent child of a (A) police
542 officer, as defined in section 7-294a, or supernumerary or auxiliary
543 police officer, (B) firefighter, as defined in section 7-323j, or member of
544 a volunteer fire company, (C) municipal employee, or (D) state
545 employee, as defined in section 5-154, killed in the line of duty, and (6)
546 for any resident of the state who is the dependent child or surviving
547 spouse of a specified terrorist victim who was a resident of the state. If
548 any person who receives a tuition waiver in accordance with the
549 provisions of this subsection also receives educational reimbursement
550 from an employer, such waiver shall be reduced by the amount of such
551 educational reimbursement. Veterans described in subdivision (2) of
552 this subsection and members of the National Guard described in
553 subdivision (4) of this subsection shall be given the same status as
554 students not receiving tuition waivers in registering for courses at The
555 University of Connecticut. Notwithstanding the provisions of section
556 10a-30, as used in this subsection, "domiciled in this state" includes
557 domicile for less than one year.

558 Sec. 15. Subsection (e) of section 27-102n of the general statutes is
559 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
560 *passage*):

561 (e) The board shall submit an annual report to the Governor, [and
562 to] the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
563 cognizance of matters relating to public safety and the select
564 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
565 relating to military and veterans' affairs, in accordance with the
566 provisions of section 11-4a, on its activities with its recommendations,
567 if any, for improving the delivery of services to veterans and the
568 addition of new programs.

569 Sec. 16. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) Any state employee who is a
570 member of the Connecticut state employees retirement system or a
571 participant in an alternate retirement program and who is on leave
572 because such state employee has been ordered to service for

573 mandatory training in the armed forces of any state or the United
 574 States, shall receive credited service for retirement purposes for any
 575 such period of leave for which such state employee has not received
 576 and will not receive any retirement benefit or pension and is not
 577 eligible to obtain credit for retirement purposes under any provision of
 578 said state system or alternate program.

579 Sec. 17. Subsection (b) of section 1 of house bill 6008 of the current
 580 session is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
 581 (*Effective from passage*):

582 (b) On and after October 1, 2005, the Adjutant General and the
 583 Commissioner of Veterans' Affairs shall assist any eligible member or
 584 veteran who (1) has been assigned a risk level I, II or III for depleted
 585 uranium exposure by his or her branch of service, (2) is referred by a
 586 military physician, or (3) has reason to believe that he or she was
 587 exposed to depleted uranium during such service, in obtaining federal
 588 treatment services, including a best practice health screening test for
 589 exposure to depleted uranium using a bioassay procedure involving
 590 sensitive methods capable of detecting depleted uranium at low levels
 591 and the use of equipment with the capacity to discriminate between
 592 different radioisotopes in naturally occurring levels of uranium and
 593 the characteristic ratio and marker for depleted uranium. No state
 594 funds shall be used to pay for such tests or such other federal
 595 treatment services."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2006</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2005, and applicable to taxable years commencing on or after January 1, 2005</i>	New section

Sec. 5	<i>July 1, 2005, and applicable to taxable years commencing on or after January 1, 2005</i>	New section
Sec. 6	<i>July 1, 2005</i>	New section
Sec. 7	<i>July 1, 2005</i>	New section
Sec. 8	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 9	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 10	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 11	<i>July 1, 2005</i>	New section
Sec. 12	<i>July 1, 2005</i>	10a-77(d)
Sec. 13	<i>July 1, 2005</i>	10a-99(d)
Sec. 14	<i>July 1, 2005</i>	10a-105(e)
Sec. 15	<i>from passage</i>	27-102n(e)
Sec. 16	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 17	<i>from passage</i>	HB 6008 (current session), Sec. 1SubSec. (b)