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***Raised Bill No. 474***

LCO No. 2500

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Referred to Committee on Higher Education and Employment  
Advancement

Introduced by:  
(HED)

***AN ACT CONCERNING AN INCENTIVE PROGRAM FOR  
CONNECTICUT SCHOLARS.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 10a-77 of the 2006 supplement to the general  
2 statutes is amended by adding subsection (h) as follows (*Effective July*  
3 *1, 2006*):

4 (NEW) (h) The board of trustees shall allow any applicant for  
5 admission to a regional community-technical college who graduated  
6 from a high school in Connecticut in the top two per cent of his or her  
7 class to apply for admission to such college free of charge. If an  
8 applicant applies before the applicant has graduated from such a high  
9 school and, upon graduation, ranks in the top two per cent of his or  
10 her class, the board shall issue a refund of the application fee to the  
11 applicant upon request. The board shall waive fifty per cent of the  
12 payment of tuition for any such applicant who enrolls at any of the  
13 regional community-technical colleges for the first semester of  
14 enrollment, and for each semester thereafter, if such applicant  
15 maintains a 3.0 grade point average. If such student's grade point

16 average drops below 3.0, the student shall no longer be eligible for  
17 such tuition waiver.

18 Sec. 2. Section 10a-99 of the 2006 supplement to the general statutes  
19 is amended by adding subsection (h) as follows (*Effective July 1, 2006*):

20 (NEW) (h) The board of trustees shall allow any applicant for  
21 admission to a state university who graduated from a high school in  
22 Connecticut in the top two per cent of his or her graduating class to  
23 apply for admission to such state university free of charge. If an  
24 applicant applies before the applicant has graduated from such a high  
25 school and, upon graduation, ranks in the top two per cent of his or  
26 her class, the board shall issue a refund of the application fee to the  
27 applicant upon request. The board shall waive fifty per cent of the  
28 payment of tuition for any such applicant who enrolls at the state  
29 university for the first semester of enrollment, and for each semester  
30 thereafter, if such applicant maintains a 3.0 grade point average. If  
31 such student's grade point average drops below 3.0, the student shall  
32 no longer be eligible for such tuition waiver.

33 Sec. 3. Section 10a-105 of the 2006 supplement to the general statutes  
34 is amended by adding subsection (j) as follows (*Effective July 1, 2006*):

35 (NEW) (j) The board of trustees shall allow any applicant to the  
36 university who graduated from a high school in Connecticut in the top  
37 two per cent of his or her graduating class to apply for admission free  
38 of charge. If an applicant applies before the applicant graduates from  
39 such a high school and, upon graduation, ranks in the top two per cent  
40 of his or her class, the board shall issue a refund of the application fee  
41 to the applicant upon request. The board shall waive fifty per cent of  
42 the payment of tuition for any such applicant who enrolls at the  
43 university for the first semester of enrollment, and for each semester  
44 thereafter, if such applicant maintains a 3.0 grade point average. If  
45 such student's grade point average drops below 3.0, the student shall  
46 no longer be eligible for such tuition waiver.

47 Sec. 4. Subsection (f) of section 10a-77 of the 2006 supplement to the  
48 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
49 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2006*):

50 (f) The Regional Community-Technical Colleges Operating Fund  
51 shall be reimbursed for the amount by which the tuition waivers  
52 granted under [subsection (d)] subsections (d) and (h) of this section  
53 exceed five per cent of tuition revenue through an annual state  
54 appropriation. The board of trustees shall request such an  
55 appropriation and said appropriation shall be based upon an estimate  
56 of tuition revenue loss using tuition rates in effect for the fiscal year in  
57 which such appropriation will apply.

58 Sec. 5. Subsection (f) of section 10a-99 of the 2006 supplement to the  
59 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
60 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2006*):

61 (f) The Connecticut State University System Operating Fund shall be  
62 reimbursed for the amount by which the tuition waivers granted  
63 under [subsection (d)] subsections (d) and (h) of this section exceed  
64 two and one-half per cent of tuition revenue through an annual state  
65 appropriation. The board of trustees shall request such an  
66 appropriation and said appropriation shall be based upon an estimate  
67 of tuition revenue loss using tuition rates in effect for the fiscal year in  
68 which such appropriation will apply.

69 Sec. 6. Subsection (g) of section 10a-105 of the 2006 supplement to  
70 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
71 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2006*):

72 (g) The University of Connecticut Operating Fund shall be  
73 reimbursed for the amount by which tuition waivers granted under  
74 [subsection (e)] subsections (e) and (j) of this section exceed two and  
75 one-half per cent of tuition revenue through an annual state  
76 appropriation. The board of trustees shall request such an  
77 appropriation and said appropriation shall be based upon an estimate

78 of tuition revenue loss using tuition rates in effect for the fiscal year in  
79 which such appropriation will apply.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2006</i>	10a-77
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2006</i>	10a-99
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2006</i>	10a-105
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2006</i>	10a-77(f)
Sec. 5	<i>July 1, 2006</i>	10a-99(f)
Sec. 6	<i>July 1, 2006</i>	10a-105(g)

**Statement of Purpose:**

To give an incentive to the state's best students to attend the state's colleges and 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.]*