



Substitute Senate Bill No. 1219

Public Act No. 07-19

**AN ACT CONCERNING TECHNICAL CHANGES TO THE
STATUTES FOR THE CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY
SYSTEM.**

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

Section 1. Section 10a-89 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(a) Subject to state-wide policy and guidelines established by the Board of Governors of Higher Education, the board of trustees shall provide for the administration of the Connecticut State University system, plan for the expansion and development of the institutions within its jurisdiction, and submit such plans to the Board of Governors of Higher Education and to the Commissioner of Public Works for review and recommendations. The Commissioner of Public Works upon request of the board of trustees shall, in accordance with section 4b-30, negotiate and execute leases on such physical facilities as the board of trustees may deem necessary for proper operation of such institutions, and the board of trustees may, with the permission of the Commissioner of Public Works and the State Properties Review Board, expend capital funds therefor if such leasing is required during the planning and construction phases of institutions within its jurisdiction for which such capital funds were authorized. Subject to such policies

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as may be established by the board of trustees, the chief executive officer of each institution within the jurisdiction of the board may make buildings and other facilities under its control available to nonprofit and other organizations or to individuals for temporary uses not inconsistent with the educational purpose of the institution. The board of trustees may appoint or remove the chief executive officer of each institution within its jurisdiction, and with respect to its own operation the board of trustees may appoint and remove [an executive secretary] a chancellor and executive staff. The board of trustees may determine the size of the executive staff and the duties, terms and conditions of employment of [said secretary] the chancellor and staff, subject to personnel guidelines established by the Board of Governors of Higher Education in consultation with said board of trustees. The board of trustees may employ faculty and other personnel needed to maintain and operate the institutions within its jurisdiction. Within the limitation of appropriations, the board of trustees shall fix the compensation of such personnel, establish terms and conditions of employment and prescribe their duties and qualifications. The board of trustees shall determine who constitutes its professional staff and establish compensation and classification schedules for its professional staff. The board of trustees shall annually submit to the Commissioner of Administrative Services a list of the positions which it has included within the professional staff. The board of trustees may appoint one or more physicians for the Connecticut State University system and shall provide such physicians with suitable facilities for the performance of such duties as it prescribes. Subject to state-wide policy and guidelines established by the Board of Governors of Higher Education, the board of trustees shall: (1) Make rules for the government of the Connecticut State University system and shall determine the general policies of the university system, including those concerning the admission of students and the expenditure of the funds of institutions under its jurisdiction within the amounts available; (2) develop the mission statement for the university system which shall include, but not be

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limited to the following elements: (A) The educational needs of and constituencies served by the institutions within its jurisdiction; (B) the degrees offered by such institutions; and (C) the role and scope of each institution within the university system, which shall include each institution's particular strengths and specialties. The board of trustees shall submit the mission statement to the Board of Governors of Higher Education for review and approval in accordance with the provisions of section 10a-6; (3) establish policies for the university system and for the individual institutions under its jurisdiction; (4) submit to the Board of Governors of Higher Education, for approval, recommendations for the establishment of new academic programs; (5) make appropriate recommendations to the Board of Governors of Higher Education regarding institutional mergers or closures; (6) coordinate the programs and services of the institutions under its jurisdiction; (7) be authorized to enter into agreements, consistent with the provisions of section 5-141d, to save harmless and indemnify sponsors of research grants to institutions under its jurisdiction, provided such an agreement is required to receive the grant and limits liability to damages or injury resulting from acts or omissions related to such research by employees of such institutions; (8) promote fund-raising by the institutions under its jurisdiction in order to assist such institutions, provided the board shall not directly engage in fund-raising except for purposes of providing funding for (A) scholarships or other direct student financial aid; and (B) programs, services or activities at one or more of the institutions within its jurisdiction and report to the Commissioner of Higher Education and the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education by January 1, 1994, and biennially thereafter, on all such fund-raising; and (9) charge the direct costs for a building project under its jurisdiction to the bond fund account for such project, provided (A) such costs are charged in accordance with a procedure approved by the Treasurer; and (B) nothing in this subdivision shall permit the charging of working capital, as defined in the applicable

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provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or any subsequent corresponding internal revenue code of the United States, as from time to time amended, or costs originally paid from sources other than the bond fund account.

(b) The board of trustees shall: (1) Review and approve institutional budget requests and prepare and submit to the Board of Governors of Higher Education, in accordance with the provisions of section 10a-8, the budget request for the Connecticut State University system; and (2) propose facility planning and capital expenditure budget priorities for the institutions under its jurisdiction. The board may request authority from the Treasurer to issue payment for claims against the state university system, other than a payment for payroll, debt service payable on state bonds to bondholders, paying agents, or trustees, or any payment the source of which includes the proceeds of a state bond issue.

Sec. 2. Section 10a-88 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

There shall continue to be a Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System to consist of eighteen members, fourteen to be appointed by the Governor, who shall reflect the state's geographic, racial and ethnic diversity; two of whom shall be state college or Connecticut State University system alumni; and four students, one from each state university elected by the students enrolled at such state university. On or before July 1, 1983, the Governor shall appoint members to the board as follows: Five members, one of whom shall be a state college or Connecticut State University system alumnus, for a term of two years from said date; five members, one of whom shall be a state college or Connecticut State University system alumnus, for a term of four years from said date, and four members for a term of six years from said date. Thereafter the Governor shall appoint members of said board to succeed those appointees whose terms expire, such

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members to serve for terms of six years each from July first in the year of their appointment, provided two of the members appointed for terms commencing July 1, 1995, and their successors shall be state college or Connecticut State University system alumni, one of the members appointed for a term commencing July 1, 1997, and his or her successors shall be such alumni and two of the members appointed for terms commencing July 1, 1999, and their successors shall be such alumni. On and after July 1, 1999, the board shall at all times include at least one member from each county in which a state university is located. (1) On or before November 1, 1975, the students enrolled at the institutions under the jurisdiction of the board shall, in such manner as the board determines, elect two members of the board, each of whom shall be enrolled as a full-time student at an institution under the jurisdiction of the board at the time of his or her election. One such member shall be elected for a term of one year from November 1, 1975, and one for a term of two years from said date. On or before November 1, 1976, until July 1, 1997, such students shall, in such manner as the board determines, elect one member of the board, who shall be so enrolled at any such institution at the time of his or her election and who shall serve for a term of two years from November first in the year of his or her election, except that the term of the member due to expire on October 31, 1998, shall expire on October 31, 1997. (2) On and after July 1, 1997, until June 30, 2007, the student members of the board shall be elected as follows: (A) (i) On or before November 1, 1997, the students enrolled at Central Connecticut State University shall, in such manner as the board determines, elect one member of the board who shall be a full-time student at such state university at the time of his or her election and who shall serve for a term of one year from said November first, and (ii) on or before November 1, 1998, and biennially thereafter, the students enrolled at Central Connecticut State University shall, in such manner as the board determines, elect one member of the board who shall be a full-time student at such state university at the time of his or her election

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and who shall serve for a term of two years from November first in the year of his or her election; (B) (i) on or before November 1, 1997, the students enrolled at Eastern Connecticut State University shall, in such manner as the board determines, elect one member of the board who shall be a full-time student at such state university at the time of his or her election and who shall serve for a term of one year from said November first, and (ii) on or before November 1, 1998, and biennially thereafter, the students enrolled at Eastern Connecticut State University shall, in such manner as the board determines, elect one member of the board who shall be a full-time student at the time of his or her election and who shall serve for a term of two years from the November first in the year of his or her election; (C) on or before November 1, 1997, and biennially thereafter, the students enrolled at Southern Connecticut State University shall, in such manner as the board determines, elect one member of the board who shall be a full-time student at such university at the time of his or her election and who shall serve for a term of two years from the November first in the year of his or her election; and (D) on or before November 1, 1997, and biennially thereafter, the students at Western Connecticut State University shall, in such manner as the board determines, elect one member of the board who shall be a full-time student at such state university at the time of his or her election and who shall serve for a term of two years from the November first in the year of his or her election. [The term of] Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection, the term of any student member elected pursuant to this subdivision during calendar year 2005 or 2006, shall terminate June thirtieth of the year in which such term is due to expire. (3) On and after July 1, 2007, the student members of the board shall be elected as follows: (A) On or before July 1, 2008, and biennially thereafter, the students enrolled at Central Connecticut State University shall, in such manner as the board determines, elect one member of the board who shall be a full-time student at said state university at the time of his or her election and who shall serve for a term of two years from July first

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in the year of his or her election; (B) on or before July 1, 2008, and biennially thereafter, the students enrolled at Eastern Connecticut State University shall, in such manner as the board determines, elect one member of the board who shall be a full-time student at said state university at the time of his or her election and who shall serve for a term of two years from the July first in the year of his or her election; (C) on or before July 1, 2007, and biennially thereafter, the students enrolled at Southern Connecticut State University shall, in such manner as the board determines, elect one member of the board who shall be a full-time student at said state university at the time of his or her election and who shall serve for a term of two years from the July first in the year of his or her election; and (D) on or before July 1, 2007, and biennially thereafter, the students at Western Connecticut State University shall, in such manner as the board determines, elect one member of the board who shall be a full-time student at said state university at the time of his or her election and who shall serve for a term of two years from the July first in the year of his or her election. If any student member of the board elected on or after November 1, 2001, [shall terminate if such student member] ceases to be a matriculating student in good standing, either as a full-time undergraduate student or as a full-time or part-time graduate student, at the state university from which such student member was elected, the membership of such student shall terminate. If, on and after July 1, 2007, the membership of any such student member terminates, the students enrolled at the state university such student member represented shall, not later than thirty days after the membership terminates and in such manner as the board determines, elect a student member of the board who shall serve for the remainder of the term. The Governor shall, pursuant to section 4-9a, appoint the chairperson of the board. The board shall, biennially, elect from its members such other officers as it deems necessary. The Governor shall fill any vacancy in the appointed membership of the board by appointment for the balance of the unexpired term. Any vacancies in the elected membership of said board shall be filled by

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special election for the balance of the unexpired term. The members of said board shall receive no compensation for their services as such but shall be reimbursed for their necessary expenses in the course of their duties.

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