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General Assembly

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 1319

Senate, March 29, 2007

The Committee on Higher Education and Employment Advancement reported through SEN. HARTLEY of the 15th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE HIGHER EDUCATION ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT.

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 10a-6b of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
3 *1, 2007*):

4 (a) The accountability measures developed by the Higher Education
5 Coordinating Council pursuant to subsection (b) of section 10a-6a shall
6 be used by the Department of Higher Education [and each constituent
7 unit of the state system of higher education in assessing the] to assess
8 each constituent unit's progress toward meeting the following goals to:
9 (1) Enhance student learning and promote academic excellence; (2) join
10 with elementary and secondary schools to improve teaching and
11 learning at all levels; (3) ensure access to and affordability of higher
12 education; (4) promote the economic development of the state to help
13 business and industry sustain strong economic growth; (5) respond to
14 the needs and problems of society; and (6) ensure the efficient use of

15 resources. The council shall develop an implementation plan for use of
16 the accountability measures.

17 Sec. 2. Subsection (g) of section 10a-6b of the general statutes is
18 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
19 *1, 2007*):

20 (g) Each constituent unit of the state system of higher education
21 shall submit [an accountability report] data on each accountability
22 measure developed in accordance with subsection (b) of section 10a-6a
23 to the Commissioner of Higher Education annually, by January first.
24 The commissioner shall [compile the reports] utilize such
25 accountability measures in accordance with subsection (a) of this
26 section, as amended by this act, and shall submit, in accordance with
27 section 11-4a, a consolidated accountability report for the state system
28 of higher education to the joint standing committee of the General
29 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to higher education
30 annually, by February first. The report shall contain accountability
31 measures for each constituent unit and public institution of higher
32 education pursuant to [subsections (a) and] subsection (b) of this
33 section. The report shall include updated baseline and peer
34 comparison data, performance improvement targets for each measure,
35 information on progress toward meeting the goals specified in
36 subsection (a) of this section, as amended by this act, and other
37 information as determined by the commissioner.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	10a-6b(a)
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	10a-6b(g)

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

Section reference in section 2 was changed for accuracy.

HED *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill makes several changes to the way the higher education accountability report is produced, and is not anticipated to result in a fiscal impact.

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State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

OLR Bill Analysis**sSB 1319*****AN ACT CONCERNING THE HIGHER EDUCATION
ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill changes the way the higher education accountability report is produced. It removes the requirement that each of the higher education constituent units submit an annual accountability report to the higher education commissioner, who compiles the reports to produce a consolidated accountability report. The bill instead requires that the constituent units submit data to the commissioner on each of the accountability measures developed and approved under existing law. The commissioner must produce the report using the accountability measures provided by each constituent unit.

The bill requires the commissioner to use the accountability measures to assess each constituent unit's progress toward meeting the goals established under existing law and include that information in the report. By law, the report must include updated baseline and peer comparison data, performance targets for each measure, and other information the commissioner determines.

The bill also changes the committee to which the commissioner must send the report, from education to higher education, to conform to existing practice.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2007

COMMITTEE ACTION

Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee

Joint Favorable

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