



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 7023**

LCO No. 3691

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Referred to Committee on Higher Education and Employment  
Advancement

Introduced by:  
(HED)

**AN ACT CONCERNING WORKFORCE ADVANCEMENT GRANTS FOR  
LOW-INCOME STUDENTS.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 10a-72f of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2007*):

3 [Within available appropriations, the Board of Trustees for  
4 Community-Technical Colleges may establish up to three pilot  
5 programs to provide for student household and family expenses of  
6 students with dependents while such students are attending a  
7 community-technical college. Participation in the pilot program shall  
8 be limited to students who are eligible for a federal Pell grant.]

9 The Board of Trustees of the Community-Technical Colleges shall  
10 establish, within available appropriations, pilot programs at Gateway  
11 Community Technical College, Housatonic Community College and  
12 Quinebaug Valley Community College to provide workforce  
13 advancement grants to assist students from low-income families with  
14 the direct and indirect costs of education. Grants under the program

15 shall be based on financial need. The Board of Trustees of the  
16 Community-Technical Colleges shall develop eligibility requirements  
17 for recipients. Such requirements may include income guidelines.

18 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2007*) The Board for State Academic  
19 Awards shall establish, within available appropriations, a pilot  
20 program at Charter Oak State College to provide workforce  
21 advancement grants to assist students from low-income families with  
22 the direct and indirect costs of education. Grants under the program  
23 shall be based on financial need. The Board for State Academic  
24 Awards shall develop eligibility requirements for recipients. Such  
25 requirements may include income guidelines.

26 Sec. 3. (*Effective July 1, 2007*) The sum of one million two hundred  
27 fifteen thousand dollars is appropriated to the Regional Community-  
28 Technical Colleges, from the General Fund, for the fiscal year ending  
29 June 30, 2008, for the purposes of section 1 of this act.

30 Sec. 4. (*Effective July 1, 2007*) The sum of one hundred forty thousand  
31 dollars is appropriated to Charter Oak State College, from the General  
32 Fund, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, for the purposes of  
33 section 2 of this act.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	10a-72f
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section

**Statement of Purpose:**

To improve access to college education to students from low-income families by providing grants to cover the direct and indirect costs of education.

*[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.]*