



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 5685

LCO No. 2160

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Referred to Committee on Higher Education and Employment
Advancement

Introduced by:
(HED)

**AN ACT CONCERNING AN APPROPRIATION TO PROVIDE
ASSISTANCE AND ACCESS TO SCHOOLS OF VETERINARY
MEDICINE.**

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2008*) The Department of Higher
2 Education shall establish a program to provide grants to assist
3 residents of the state to pursue degrees in veterinary medicine.
4 Residents shall apply for such grants at such time and in such manner
5 as the Commissioner of Higher Education prescribes. The
6 commissioner may adopt regulations, in accordance with chapter 54 of
7 the general statutes, for purposes of the program.

8 (b) The program established pursuant to subsection (a) of this
9 section shall be known as the Kirklyn M. Kerr grant program.

10 Sec. 2. (*Effective July 1, 2008*) The sum of two hundred thousand
11 dollars is appropriated to the Department of Higher Education, from
12 the General Fund, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, for the
13 program established pursuant to section 1 of this act.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To provide assistance for state residents seeking degrees of veterinary medicine to off-set the cost of attending out-of-state institutions because no in-state institution of higher education offers such a degree; to provide state residents with better access to schools of veterinary medicine; and to name the grant program after Kirklyn M. Kerr, Dean of UConn's College of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

[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.]