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Referred to Committee on Select Committee on Veterans' Affairs

Introduced by:

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**AN ACT CONCERNING TUITION WAIVER BENEFIT FOR CHILDREN
AND SURVIVING SPOUSES OF ARMED FORCES MEMBERS KILLED
IN ACTION.**

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (d) of section 10a-77 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective July
3 1, 2008):

4 (d) Said board of trustees shall waive the payment of tuition at any
5 of the regional community-technical colleges (1) for any dependent
6 child of a person whom the armed forces of the United States has
7 declared to be missing in action or to have been a prisoner of war
8 while serving in such armed forces after January 1, 1960, which child
9 has been accepted for admission to such institution and is a resident of
10 Connecticut at the time such child is accepted for admission to such
11 institution, (2) for any veteran having served in time of war, as defined
12 in subsection (a) of section 27-103, or who served in either a combat or
13 combat support role in the invasion of Grenada, October 25, 1983, to
14 December 15, 1983, the invasion of Panama, December 20, 1989, to

15 January 31, 1990, or the peace-keeping mission in Lebanon, September
16 29, 1982, to March 30, 1984, who has been accepted for admission to
17 such institution and is domiciled in this state at the time such veteran
18 is accepted for admission to such institution, (3) for any resident of
19 Connecticut sixty-two years of age or older, provided, at the end of the
20 regular registration period, there are enrolled in the course a sufficient
21 number of students other than those persons eligible for waivers
22 pursuant to this subdivision to offer the course in which such person
23 intends to enroll and there is space available in such course after
24 accommodating all such students, (4) for any student attending the
25 Connecticut State Police Academy who is enrolled in a law
26 enforcement program at said academy offered in coordination with a
27 regional community-technical college which accredits courses taken in
28 such program, (5) for any active member of the Connecticut Army or
29 Air National Guard who (A) has been certified by the Adjutant
30 General or such Adjutant General's designee as a member in good
31 standing of the guard, and (B) is enrolled or accepted for admission to
32 such institution on a full-time or part-time basis in an undergraduate
33 degree-granting program, (6) for any dependent child of a (A) police
34 officer, as defined in section 7-294a, or supernumerary or auxiliary
35 police officer, (B) firefighter, as defined in section 7-323j, or member of
36 a volunteer fire company, (C) municipal employee, or (D) state
37 employee, as defined in section 5-154, killed in the line of duty, (7) for
38 any resident of the state who is a dependent child or surviving spouse
39 of a specified terrorist victim who was a resident of this state, [and] (8)
40 for any dependent child of a resident of the state who was killed in a
41 multivehicle crash at or near the intersection of Routes 44 and 10 and
42 Nod Road in Avon on July 29, 2005, and (9) for any resident of the state
43 who is a dependent child or surviving spouse of a person who was
44 killed in action while performing active military duty with the armed
45 forces of the United States on or after September 11, 2001, and who
46 was a resident of this state. If any person who receives a tuition waiver
47 in accordance with the provisions of this subsection also receives
48 educational reimbursement from an employer, such waiver shall be
49 reduced by the amount of such educational reimbursement. Veterans

50 described in subdivision (2) of this subsection and members of the
51 National Guard described in subdivision (5) of this subsection shall be
52 given the same status as students not receiving tuition waivers in
53 registering for courses at regional community-technical colleges.
54 Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10a-30, as used in this
55 subsection, "domiciled in this state" includes domicile for less than one
56 year.

57 Sec. 2. Subsection (d) of section 10a-99 of the general statutes is
58 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
59 *1, 2008*):

60 (d) Said board shall waive the payment of tuition fees at the
61 Connecticut State University system (1) for any dependent child of a
62 person whom the armed forces of the United States has declared to be
63 missing in action or to have been a prisoner of war while serving in
64 such armed forces after January 1, 1960, which child has been accepted
65 for admission to such institution and is a resident of Connecticut at the
66 time such child is accepted for admission to such institution, (2) for
67 any veteran having served in time of war, as defined in subsection (a)
68 of section 27-103, or who served in either a combat or combat support
69 role in the invasion of Grenada, October 25, 1983, to December 15,
70 1983, the invasion of Panama, December 20, 1989, to January 31, 1990,
71 or the peace-keeping mission in Lebanon, September 29, 1982, to
72 March 30, 1984, who has been accepted for admission to such
73 institution and is domiciled in this state at the time such veteran is
74 accepted for admission to such institution, (3) for any resident of
75 Connecticut sixty-two years of age or older who has been accepted for
76 admission to such institution, provided (A) such person is enrolled in a
77 degree-granting program, or (B) at the end of the regular registration
78 period, there are enrolled in the course a sufficient number of students
79 other than those persons eligible for waivers pursuant to this
80 subdivision to offer the course in which such person intends to enroll
81 and there is space available in such course after accommodating all
82 such students, (4) for any student attending the Connecticut Police
83 Academy who is enrolled in a law enforcement program at said

84 academy offered in coordination with the university which accredits
85 courses taken in such program, (5) for any active member of the
86 Connecticut Army or Air National Guard who (A) has been certified
87 by the Adjutant General or such Adjutant General's designee as a
88 member in good standing of the guard, and (B) is enrolled or accepted
89 for admission to such institution on a full-time or part-time basis in an
90 undergraduate degree-granting program, (6) for any dependent child
91 of a (A) police officer, as defined in section 7-294a, or supernumerary
92 or auxiliary police officer, (B) firefighter, as defined in section 7-323j, or
93 member of a volunteer fire company, (C) municipal employee, or (D)
94 state employee, as defined in section 5-154, killed in the line of duty,
95 (7) for any resident of this state who is a dependent child or surviving
96 spouse of a specified terrorist victim who was a resident of the state,
97 [and] (8) for any dependent child of a resident of the state who was
98 killed in a multivehicle crash at or near the intersection of Routes 44
99 and 10 and Nod Road in Avon on July 29, 2005, and (9) for any
100 resident of the state who is a dependent child or surviving spouse of a
101 person who was killed in action while performing active military duty
102 with the armed forces of the United States on or after September 11,
103 2001, and who was a resident of this state. If any person who receives a
104 tuition waiver in accordance with the provisions of this subsection also
105 receives educational reimbursement from an employer, such waiver
106 shall be reduced by the amount of such educational reimbursement.
107 Veterans described in subdivision (2) of this subsection and members
108 of the National Guard described in subdivision (5) of this subsection
109 shall be given the same status as students not receiving tuition waivers
110 in registering for courses at Connecticut state universities.
111 Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10a-30, as used in this
112 subsection, "domiciled in this state" includes domicile for less than one
113 year.

114 Sec. 3. Subsection (e) of section 10a-105 of the general statutes is
115 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
116 *1, 2008*):

117 (e) Said board of trustees shall waive the payment of tuition fees at

118 The University of Connecticut (1) for any dependent child of a person
119 whom the armed forces of the United States has declared to be missing
120 in action or to have been a prisoner of war while serving in such armed
121 forces after January 1, 1960, which child has been accepted for
122 admission to The University of Connecticut and is a resident of
123 Connecticut at the time such child is accepted for admission to said
124 institution, (2) for any veteran having served in time of war, as defined
125 in subsection (a) of section 27-103, or who served in either a combat or
126 combat support role in the invasion of Grenada, October 25, 1983, to
127 December 15, 1983, the invasion of Panama, December 20, 1989, to
128 January 31, 1990, or the peace-keeping mission in Lebanon, September
129 29, 1982, to March 30, 1984, who has been accepted for admission to
130 said institution and is domiciled in this state at the time such veteran is
131 accepted for admission to said institution, (3) for any resident of
132 Connecticut sixty-two years of age or older who has been accepted for
133 admission to said institution, provided (A) such person is enrolled in a
134 degree-granting program, or (B) at the end of the regular registration
135 period, there are enrolled in the course a sufficient number of students
136 other than those persons eligible for waivers pursuant to this
137 subdivision to offer the course in which such person intends to enroll
138 and there is space available in such course after accommodating all
139 such students, (4) for any active member of the Connecticut Army or
140 Air National Guard who (A) has been certified by the Adjutant
141 General or such Adjutant General's designee as a member in good
142 standing of the guard, and (B) is enrolled or accepted for admission to
143 said institution on a full-time or part-time basis in an undergraduate
144 degree-granting program, (5) for any dependent child of a (A) police
145 officer, as defined in section 7-294a, or supernumerary or auxiliary
146 police officer, (B) firefighter, as defined in section 7-323j, or member of
147 a volunteer fire company, (C) municipal employee, or (D) state
148 employee, as defined in section 5-154, killed in the line of duty, (6) for
149 any resident of the state who is the dependent child or surviving
150 spouse of a specified terrorist victim who was a resident of the state,
151 [and] (7) for any dependent child of a resident of the state who was
152 killed in a multivehicle crash at or near the intersection of Routes 44

