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The Committee on Higher Education and Employment Advancement reported through REP. WILLIS of the 64th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE REGISTRATION PERIOD FOR SENIOR CITIZENS AT INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

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2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*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, 2009*):

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, (8) for
40 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 and
52 Connecticut residents sixty-two years of age or older who meet the
53 criteria described in subdivision (3) of this subsection shall be given
54 the same status as students not receiving tuition waivers in registering
55 for courses at regional community-technical colleges. Notwithstanding
56 the provisions of section 10a-30, as used in this subsection, "domiciled
57 in this state" includes domicile for less than one year.

58 Sec. 2. Subsection (d) of section 10a-99 of the general statutes is
59 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
60 *1, 2009*):

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

83 such students, (4) for any student attending the Connecticut Police
84 Academy who is enrolled in a law enforcement program at said
85 academy offered in coordination with the university which accredits
86 courses taken in such program, (5) for any active member of the
87 Connecticut Army or Air National Guard who (A) has been certified
88 by the Adjutant General or such Adjutant General's designee as a
89 member in good standing of the guard, and (B) is enrolled or accepted
90 for admission to such institution on a full-time or part-time basis in an
91 undergraduate or graduate degree-granting program, (6) for any
92 dependent child of a (A) police officer, as defined in section 7-294a, or
93 supernumerary or auxiliary police officer, (B) firefighter, as defined in
94 section 7-323j, or member of a volunteer fire company, (C) municipal
95 employee, or (D) state employee, as defined in section 5-154, killed in
96 the line of duty, (7) for any resident of this state who is a dependent
97 child or surviving spouse of a specified terrorist victim who was a
98 resident of the state,(8) for any dependent child of a resident of the
99 state who was killed in a multivehicle crash at or near the intersection
100 of Routes 44 and 10 and Nod Road in Avon on July 29, 2005, and (9)
101 for any resident of the state who is a dependent child or surviving
102 spouse of a person who was killed in action while performing active
103 military duty with the armed forces of the United States on or after
104 September 11, 2001, and who was a resident of this state. If any person
105 who receives a tuition waiver in accordance with the provisions of this
106 subsection also receives educational reimbursement from an employer,
107 such waiver shall be reduced by the amount of such educational
108 reimbursement. Veterans described in subdivision (2) of this
109 subsection, [and] members of the National Guard described in
110 subdivision (5) of this subsection and Connecticut residents sixty-two
111 years of age or older who meet the criteria described in subdivision (3)
112 of this subsection shall be given the same status as students not
113 receiving tuition waivers in registering for courses at Connecticut state
114 universities. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10a-30, as used
115 in this subsection, "domiciled in this state" includes domicile for less
116 than one year.

117 Sec. 3. Subsection (e) of section 10a-105 of the general statutes is

118 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
119 *1, 2009*):

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

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 House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 10 \$	FY 11 \$
Constituent Units of Higher Education	Tuition Fund - None	None	None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill results in no fiscal impact as senior citizens would still have to meet current requirements to receive tuition waivers.

OLR Bill Analysis**sHB 6090*****AN ACT CONCERNING THE REGISTRATION PERIOD FOR SENIOR CITIZENS AT INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.*****SUMMARY:**

By law, the University of Connecticut (UConn), the Connecticut State University system (CSU), and the regional-technical community colleges must waive tuition payment for any state resident age 62 or older, if at the end of the regular registration period, enough other students are enrolled to offer the course and space is available after accommodating all nonwaiver students or, in the case of UConn and CSU, if these seniors have been accepted into and are enrolled in a degree-granting program (CGS §§ 10a-77(d), 10a-99(d), and 10a-105 (e)).

This bill requires these institutions to grant seniors eligible for tuition waivers the same status in registering for courses as students who are not attending on waivers. It appears the bill would allow waiver-eligible seniors to register for courses at the same time as nonwaiver students, but would only waive their tuition if the waiver requirements are met. Current law requires this for veterans and National Guard members who are eligible for tuition waivers.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2009

COMMITTEE ACTION

Select Committee on Aging

Joint Favorable Change of Reference
Yea 11 Nay 0 (03/05/2009)

Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 17 Nay 0 (03/17/2009)