



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 810**

January Session, 2009

Substitute House Bill No. 6292

*House of Representatives, April 23, 2009*

The Committee on Appropriations reported through REP. GERAGOSIAN of the 25th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT CONCERNING AN APPROPRIATION TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO SCHOOLS OF VETERINARY MEDICINE AND TO CREATE THE KIRKLYN M. KERR GRANT PROGRAM.***

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2009*) (a) The Department of  
2 Higher 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.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:



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**OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:**

<b>Agency Affected</b>	<b>Fund-Effect</b>	<b>FY 10 \$</b>	<b>FY 11 \$</b>
Higher Ed., Dept.	GF - See Below	See Below	See Below

Note: GF=General Fund

**Municipal Impact:** None

**Explanation**

The bill establishes a grant program to assist Connecticut residents pursuing degrees in veterinary medicine, which shall be known as the Kirklyn M. Kerr grant program. The cost of funding the grant program is estimated to be \$300,000 in FY 10 and \$400,000 in FY 11. **Section 13** of sHB 6365 transfers up to \$500,000 from the Connecticut Independent College Student Grant (CICSG), which are funds that would have lapsed, to Opportunities in Veterinary Medicine, to fund the grant program in both FY 10 and FY 11.

**The Out Years**

None

**OLR Bill Analysis**

**sHB 6292**

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**SUMMARY:**

This bill requires the Department of Higher Education (DHE) to establish the Kirklyn M. Kerr grant program for state residents pursuing veterinary medicine degrees. People must apply to the DHE commissioner at the time and in the manner he prescribes. The commissioner may adopt implementing regulations.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee

Joint Favorable Change of Reference

Yea 16 Nay 0 (02/17/2009)

Appropriations Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 54 Nay 0 (04/15/2009)