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**Committee Bill No. 6090**

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Referred to Committee on Select Committee on Aging

Introduced by:  
(AGE)

**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2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  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 shall be  
52 given the same status as students not receiving tuition waivers in  
53 registering for courses at regional community-technical colleges. The  
54 board of trustees shall require each regional community-technical  
55 college to provide Connecticut residents sixty-two years of age or  
56 older, who are eligible for a tuition waiver in accordance with  
57 subdivision (3) of this subsection, with a period of no less than two  
58 weeks during which such residents can register during regular  
59 business hours for courses at such college. Notwithstanding the  
60 provisions of section 10a-30, as used in this subsection, "domiciled in  
61 this state" includes domicile for less than one year.

62 Sec. 2. Subsection (d) of section 10a-99 of the general statutes is  
63 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
64 *1, 2009*):

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

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

118 or older, who are eligible for a tuition waiver in accordance with  
119 subdivision (3) of this subsection, with a period of no less than two  
120 weeks during which such residents can register during regular  
121 business hours for courses at such university. Notwithstanding the  
122 provisions of section 10a-30, as used in this subsection, "domiciled in  
123 this state" includes domicile for less than one year.

124 Sec. 3. Subsection (e) of section 10a-105 of the general statutes is  
125 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
126 *1, 2009*):

127 (e) Said board of trustees shall waive the payment of tuition fees at  
128 The University of Connecticut (1) for any dependent child of a person  
129 whom the armed forces of the United States has declared to be missing  
130 in action or to have been a prisoner of war while serving in such armed  
131 forces after January 1, 1960, which child has been accepted for  
132 admission to The University of Connecticut and is a resident of  
133 Connecticut at the time such child is accepted for admission to said  
134 institution, (2) for any veteran having served in time of war, as defined  
135 in subsection (a) of section 27-103, or who served in either a combat or  
136 combat support role in the invasion of Grenada, October 25, 1983, to  
137 December 15, 1983, the invasion of Panama, December 20, 1989, to  
138 January 31, 1990, or the peace-keeping mission in Lebanon, September  
139 29, 1982, to March 30, 1984, who has been accepted for admission to  
140 said institution and is domiciled in this state at the time such veteran is  
141 accepted for admission to said institution, (3) for any resident of  
142 Connecticut sixty-two years of age or older who has been accepted for  
143 admission to said institution, provided (A) such person is enrolled in a  
144 degree-granting program, or (B) at the end of the regular registration  
145 period, there are enrolled in the course a sufficient number of students  
146 other than those persons eligible for waivers pursuant to this  
147 subdivision to offer the course in which such person intends to enroll  
148 and there is space available in such course after accommodating all  
149 such students, (4) for any active member of the Connecticut Army or  
150 Air National Guard who (A) has been certified by the Adjutant

151 General or such Adjutant General's designee as a member in good  
152 standing of the guard, and (B) is enrolled or accepted for admission to  
153 said institution on a full-time or part-time basis in an undergraduate or  
154 graduate degree-granting program, (5) for any dependent child of a  
155 (A) police officer, as defined in section 7-294a, or supernumerary or  
156 auxiliary police officer, (B) firefighter, as defined in section 7-323j, or  
157 member of a volunteer fire company, (C) municipal employee, or (D)  
158 state employee, as defined in section 5-154, killed in the line of duty,  
159 (6) for any resident of the state who is the dependent child or surviving  
160 spouse of a specified terrorist victim who was a resident of the state,  
161 (7) for any dependent child of a resident of the state who was killed in  
162 a multivehicle crash at or near the intersection of Routes 44 and 10 and  
163 Nod Road in Avon on July 29, 2005, and (8) for any resident of the state  
164 who is a dependent child or surviving spouse of a person who was  
165 killed in action while performing active military duty with the armed  
166 forces of the United States on or after September 11, 2001, and who  
167 was a resident of this state. If any person who receives a tuition waiver  
168 in accordance with the provisions of this subsection also receives  
169 educational reimbursement from an employer, such waiver shall be  
170 reduced by the amount of such educational reimbursement. Veterans  
171 described in subdivision (2) of this subsection and members of the  
172 National Guard described in subdivision (4) of this subsection shall be  
173 given the same status as students not receiving tuition waivers in  
174 registering for courses at The University of Connecticut. The board of  
175 trustees shall provide Connecticut residents sixty-two years of age or  
176 older, who are eligible for a tuition waiver in accordance with  
177 subdivision (3) of this subsection, with a period of no less than two  
178 weeks during which such residents can register during regular  
179 business hours for courses at such university. Notwithstanding the  
180 provisions of section 10a-30, as used in this subsection, "domiciled in  
181 this state" includes domicile for less than one year.

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

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Section 1	<i>July 1, 2009</i>	10a-77(d)
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2009</i>	10a-99(d)
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2009</i>	10a-105(e)

**Statement of Purpose:**

To increase access to higher education at state colleges and universities for senior citizens.

*[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.]*

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