



House of Representatives

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Substitute House Bill No. 5368

House of Representatives, March 30, 2010

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 NO WORKER LEFT BEHIND.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2010*) (a) The Board of Trustees of
2 the Community-Technical Colleges shall waive, in accordance with
3 this subsection, the payment of up to five thousand dollars of tuition
4 per year, for up to two years, at the regional community-technical
5 colleges for any individual who is a resident of this state and enrolls,
6 not later than July 1, 2012, in a degree, occupational certificate program
7 or job training program at a regional community-technical college in a
8 high demand field, emerging industry or entrepreneurship program.
9 In order to be eligible for such tuition waiver, the individual shall (1)
10 be unemployed, receive notice of termination from employment or be
11 employed with a gross annual family income at or below forty
12 thousand dollars, (2) be at least eighteen years of age, (3) have
13 graduated from high school prior to July 1, 2008, and (4) not have been
14 enrolled as a full-time student at an institution of higher education

15 prior to July 1, 2010.

16 (b) Such individual shall earn such degree or occupational certificate
17 not later than four years after enrolling in the degree or occupational
18 certificate program. In the event such individual does not earn such
19 degree or occupational certificate within four years of enrollment, the
20 individual shall be responsible for payment of the tuition waived
21 pursuant to subsection (a) of this section.

22 (c) The regional workforce development boards established
23 pursuant to section 31-3k of the general statutes shall assist individuals
24 who meet the criteria set forth in subsection (a) of this section with
25 identifying the high demand fields, emerging industries and
26 entrepreneurship programs in such individual's region.

27 (d) For purposes of this section, "tuition" includes instructional
28 costs, books, materials, fees and academic supportive services.

29 Sec. 2. Subsection (g) of section 10a-77 of the 2010 supplement to the
30 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
31 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2010*):

32 (g) The Regional Community-Technical Colleges Operating Fund
33 shall be reimbursed for the amount by which the tuition waivers
34 granted under subsection (d) of this section and section 1 of this act
35 exceed five per cent of tuition revenue through an annual state
36 appropriation. The board of trustees shall request such an
37 appropriation and said appropriation shall be based upon an estimate
38 of tuition revenue loss using tuition rates in effect for the fiscal year in
39 which such appropriation will apply.

40 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2010*) (a) The Board of Trustees of the
41 Connecticut State University System shall waive, in accordance with
42 this subsection, the payment of up to five thousand dollars of tuition
43 per year, for up to two years, at the Connecticut State University
44 System for any individual who is a resident of this state and enrolls,
45 not later than July 1, 2012, in a degree, occupational certificate or job

46 training program offered by the Connecticut State University System
47 in a high demand field, emerging industry or entrepreneurship
48 program. In order to be eligible for such tuition waiver, the individual
49 shall (1) be unemployed, receive notice of termination from
50 employment or be employed with a gross annual family income at or
51 below forty thousand dollars, (2) be at least eighteen years of age, (3)
52 have graduated from high school prior to July 1, 2008, and (4) not have
53 been enrolled as a full-time student at an institution of higher
54 education prior to July 1, 2010.

55 (b) Such individual shall earn such degree or occupational certificate
56 not later than four years after enrolling in the degree or occupational
57 certificate program. In the event such individual does not earn such
58 degree or occupational certificate within four years of enrollment, the
59 individual shall be responsible for payment of the tuition waived
60 pursuant to subsection (a) of this section.

61 (c) The regional workforce development boards established
62 pursuant to section 31-3k of the general statutes shall assist individuals
63 who meet the criteria set forth in subsection (a) of this section with
64 identifying the high demand fields, emerging industries and
65 entrepreneurship programs in such individual's region.

66 (d) For purposes of this section, "tuition" includes instructional
67 costs, books, materials, fees and academic supportive services.

68 Sec. 4. Subsection (g) of section 10a-99 of the 2010 supplement to the
69 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
70 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2010*):

71 (g) The Connecticut State University System Operating Fund shall
72 be reimbursed for the amount by which the tuition waivers granted
73 under subsection (d) of this section and section 3 of this act exceed two
74 and one-half per cent of tuition revenue through an annual state
75 appropriation. The board of trustees shall request such an
76 appropriation and said appropriation shall be based upon an estimate
77 of tuition revenue loss using tuition rates in effect for the fiscal year in

78 which such appropriation will apply.

79 Sec. 5. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2010*) (a) The Board of Trustees of The
80 University of Connecticut shall waive, in accordance with this
81 subsection, the payment of up to five thousand dollars of tuition per
82 year, for up to two years, at The University of Connecticut for any
83 individual who is a resident of this state and enrolls, not later than July
84 1, 2012, in a degree, occupational certificate or job training program at
85 The University of Connecticut in a high demand field, emerging
86 industry or entrepreneurship program. In order to be eligible for such
87 tuition waiver, the individual shall (1) be unemployed, receive notice
88 of termination from employment or be employed with a gross annual
89 family income at or below forty thousand dollars, (2) be at least
90 eighteen years of age, (3) have graduated from high school prior to
91 July 1, 2008, and (4) not have been enrolled as a full-time student at an
92 institution of higher education prior to July 1, 2010.

93 (b) Such individual shall earn such degree or occupational certificate
94 not later than four years after enrolling in the degree or occupational
95 certificate program. In the event such individual does not earn such
96 degree or occupational certificate within four years of enrollment, the
97 individual shall be responsible for payment of the tuition waived
98 pursuant to subsection (a) of this section.

99 (c) The regional workforce development boards established
100 pursuant to section 31-3k of the general statutes shall assist individuals
101 who meet the criteria set forth in subsection (a) of this section with
102 identifying the high demand fields, emerging industries and
103 entrepreneurship programs in such individual's region.

104 (d) For purposes of this section, "tuition" includes instructional
105 costs, books, materials, fees and academic supportive services.

106 Sec. 6. Subsection (h) of section 10a-105 of the 2010 supplement to
107 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
108 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2010*):

109 (h) The University of Connecticut Operating Fund shall be
 110 reimbursed for the amount by which tuition waivers granted under
 111 subsection (e) of this section and section 5 of this act exceed two and
 112 one-half per cent of tuition revenue through an annual state
 113 appropriation. The board of trustees shall request such an
 114 appropriation and said appropriation shall be based upon an estimate
 115 of tuition revenue loss using tuition rates in effect for the fiscal year in
 116 which such appropriation will apply.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2010	New section
Sec. 2	July 1, 2010	10a-77(g)
Sec. 3	July 1, 2010	New section
Sec. 4	July 1, 2010	10a-99(g)
Sec. 5	July 1, 2010	New section
Sec. 6	July 1, 2010	10a-105(h)

HED Joint Favorable Subst.

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 11 \$	FY 12 \$
Constituent Units of Higher Education	Tuition Fund - Revenue Loss	Potential	Potential

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill results in a potential revenue loss to the constituent units of higher education as it would allow for tuition waivers of up to \$5,000 per year, for up to two years, for individuals that enroll in high demand fields, emerging industries or entrepreneurship programs by July 1, 2012. The actual revenue loss would be dependent upon the number of waivers granted and the amount waived.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue through FY 14 subject to the number of waivers granted.

OLR Bill Analysis

sHB 5368

AN ACT CONCERNING NO WORKER LEFT BEHIND.

SUMMARY:

This bill requires the boards of trustees of UConn, the Connecticut State University System (CSUS), and the community college system to waive up to \$5,000 of tuition per year, for up to two years, for eligible individuals who enroll, by July 1, 2012, in a degree or occupational certificate program in (1) high demand fields, (2) emerging industries, or (3) entrepreneurship programs. The bill does not define these fields, industries, or programs; but specifies that regional workforce development boards must help eligible individuals identify the high demand fields, emerging industries, and entrepreneurship programs in their region.

To be eligible for a tuition waiver, an individual must (1) be a Connecticut resident; (2) be unemployed, have received a termination notice, or have a gross family income of no more than \$40,000; (3) be at least eighteen years old and have graduated from high school before July 1, 2008; and (4) not have been enrolled as a full-time student at a higher education institution before July 1, 2010.

Individuals who do not earn a degree or certificate within four years must repay the waived tuition.

The bill also adds the tuition waivers for these programs to the category of tuition waivers for which the boards of trustees of UConn, the CSUS, and the community college system are reimbursed through an appropriation. By law, the boards of trustees are reimbursed for the amount by which certain statutorily-mandated tuition waivers exceed a specific percentage of tuition revenue. This percentage is 2.5% for UConn and the CSUS and 5% for the community college system. The

boards of trustees must request an appropriation for this purpose based on an estimate of tuition revenue loss using tuition rates for the fiscal year in which the appropriation will apply.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2010

COMMITTEE ACTION

Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 20 Nay 0 (03/16/2010)