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Substitute Senate Bill No. 215

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The Committee on Higher Education and Employment Advancement reported through SEN. HANDLEY of the 4th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING VETERAN TUITION WAIVERS.

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 2010 supplement to
2 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
3 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2010*):

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) subject to the provisions of subsection (e) of this section,
12 for any veteran [having served] who performed service in time of war,
13 as defined in subsection (a) of section 27-103, [or who served in either a
14 combat or combat support role in the invasion of Grenada, October 25,

15 1983, to December 15, 1983, the invasion of Panama, December 20,
16 1989, to January 31, 1990, or the peace-keeping mission in Lebanon,
17 September 29, 1982, to March 30, 1984] except that for purposes of this
18 subsection, "service in time of war" shall not include time spent in
19 training or in attendance at a military service academy, who has been
20 accepted for admission to such institution and is domiciled in this state
21 at the time such veteran is accepted for admission to such institution,
22 (3) for any resident of Connecticut sixty-two years of age or older,
23 provided, at the end of the regular registration period, there are
24 enrolled in the course a sufficient number of students other than those
25 persons eligible for waivers pursuant to this subdivision to offer the
26 course in which such person intends to enroll and there is space
27 available in such course after accommodating all such students, (4) for
28 any student attending the Connecticut State Police Academy who is
29 enrolled in a law enforcement program at said academy offered in
30 coordination with a regional community-technical college which
31 accredits courses taken in such program, (5) for any active member of
32 the Connecticut Army or Air National Guard who (A) has been
33 certified by the Adjutant General or such Adjutant General's designee
34 as a member in good standing of the guard, and (B) is enrolled or
35 accepted for admission to such institution on a full-time or part-time
36 basis in an undergraduate degree-granting program, (6) for any
37 dependent child of a (A) police officer, as defined in section 7-294a, or
38 supernumerary or auxiliary police officer, (B) firefighter, as defined in
39 section 7-323j, or member of a volunteer fire company, (C) municipal
40 employee, or (D) state employee, as defined in section 5-154, killed in
41 the line of duty, (7) for any resident of the state who is a dependent
42 child or surviving spouse of a specified terrorist victim who was a
43 resident of this state, (8) for any dependent child of a resident of the
44 state who was killed in a multivehicle crash at or near the intersection
45 of Routes 44 and 10 and Nod Road in Avon on July 29, 2005, and (9)
46 for any resident of the state who is a dependent child or surviving
47 spouse of a person who was killed in action while performing active
48 military duty with the armed forces of the United States on or after
49 September 11, 2001, and who was a resident of this state. If any person

50 who receives a tuition waiver in accordance with the provisions of this
51 subsection also receives educational reimbursement from an employer,
52 such waiver shall be reduced by the amount of such educational
53 reimbursement. Veterans described in subdivision (2) of this
54 subsection and members of the National Guard described in
55 subdivision (5) of this subsection shall be given the same status as
56 students not receiving tuition waivers in registering for courses at
57 regional community-technical colleges. Notwithstanding the
58 provisions of section 10a-30, as used in this subsection, "domiciled in
59 this state" includes domicile for less than one year.

60 Sec. 2. Subsection (d) of section 10a-99 of the 2010 supplement to the
61 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
62 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2010*):

63 (d) Said board shall waive the payment of tuition fees at the
64 Connecticut State University System (1) for any dependent child of a
65 person whom the armed forces of the United States has declared to be
66 missing in action or to have been a prisoner of war while serving in
67 such armed forces after January 1, 1960, which child has been accepted
68 for admission to such institution and is a resident of Connecticut at the
69 time such child is accepted for admission to such institution, (2) subject
70 to the provisions of subsection (e) of this section, for any veteran
71 [having served] who performed service in time of war, as defined in
72 subsection (a) of section 27-103, [or who served in either a combat or
73 combat support role in the invasion of Grenada, October 25, 1983, to
74 December 15, 1983, the invasion of Panama, December 20, 1989, to
75 January 31, 1990, or the peace-keeping mission in Lebanon, September
76 29, 1982, to March 30, 1984] except that for purposes of this subsection,
77 "service in time of war" shall not include time spent in training or in
78 attendance at a military service academy, who has been accepted for
79 admission to such institution and is domiciled in this state at the time
80 such veteran is accepted for admission to such institution, (3) for any
81 resident of Connecticut sixty-two years of age or older who has been
82 accepted for admission to such institution, provided (A) such person is
83 enrolled in a degree-granting program, or (B) at the end of the regular

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

119 includes domicile for less than one year.

120 Sec. 3. Subsection (e) of section 10a-105 of the 2010 supplement to
121 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
122 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2010*):

123 (e) Said board of trustees shall waive the payment of tuition fees at
124 The University of Connecticut (1) for any dependent child of a person
125 whom the armed forces of the United States has declared to be missing
126 in action or to have been a prisoner of war while serving in such armed
127 forces after January 1, 1960, which child has been accepted for
128 admission to The University of Connecticut and is a resident of
129 Connecticut at the time such child is accepted for admission to said
130 institution, (2) subject to the provisions of subsection (f) of this section,
131 for any veteran [having served] who performed service in time of war,
132 as defined in subsection (a) of section 27-103, [or who served in either a
133 combat or combat support role in the invasion of Grenada, October 25,
134 1983, to December 15, 1983, the invasion of Panama, December 20,
135 1989, to January 31, 1990, or the peace-keeping mission in Lebanon,
136 September 29, 1982, to March 30, 1984] except that for purposes of this
137 subsection, "service in time of war" shall not include time spent in
138 training or in attendance at a military service academy, who has been
139 accepted for admission to said institution and is domiciled in this state
140 at the time such veteran is accepted for admission to said institution,
141 (3) for any resident of Connecticut sixty-two years of age or older who
142 has been accepted for admission to said institution, provided (A) such
143 person is enrolled in a degree-granting program, or (B) at the end of
144 the regular registration period, there are enrolled in the course a
145 sufficient number of students other than those persons eligible for
146 waivers pursuant to this subdivision to offer the course in which such
147 person intends to enroll and there is space available in such course
148 after accommodating all such students, (4) for any active member of
149 the Connecticut Army or Air National Guard who (A) has been
150 certified by the Adjutant General or such Adjutant General's designee
151 as a member in good standing of the guard, and (B) is enrolled or
152 accepted for admission to said institution on a full-time or part-time

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 Gain	Potential	Potential

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

Specifying that for purposes of the veterans' tuition waiver that "service in time of war" does not include time spent in training or attending a military service academy results in a potential revenue gain for the constituent units of higher education as it would limit waiver eligibility.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to attendance of impacted individuals at the constituent units of higher education.

OLR Bill Analysis**sSB 215*****AN ACT CONCERNING VETERAN TUITION WAIVERS.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill specifies that for purposes of the veterans' tuition waiver, which the law requires UConn, the Connecticut State University (CSU) system, and regional community-technical colleges (CTC) to give to eligible veterans, "service in time of war" does not include time spent in training or attending a military service academy.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2010

BACKGROUND***Veterans' Tuition Waiver at UConn, CSU, and the CTCs***

By law, the institutions must waive tuition for veterans who (1) served at least 90 days during a statutorily defined period of war, unless they were separated earlier by a Veterans' Administration-rated service-connected disability or the war lasted less than 90 days and they served for the duration and (2) live in Connecticut when they are accepted for admission to the institution. Table 1 shows post 1940 war periods for purposes of veterans' benefits, including tuition waivers.

Table 1: Post-1940 "Service in Time of War"

<i>Conflict/War (CGS § 27-103)</i>	<i>From</i>	<i>To</i>	<i>Service Condition</i>
World War II	12/7/41	12/31/46	Active service <i>during</i> the war
Korean War	6/27/50	1/31/55	Active service <i>during</i> the war

Lebanon	7/1/58 9/29/82	11/1/58 3/30/84	Combat or combat-support role <i>in</i> Lebanon
Vietnam Era	2/28/61	7/1/75	Active service <i>during</i> the war
Grenada Invasion	10/25/83	12/15/83	Combat or combat-support role <i>in</i> Grenada required
Operation Earnest Will (escort of Kuwaiti tankers flying U. S. flag in Persian Gulf)	2/1/87	7/23/87	Combat or combat-support role required in the operation
Panama invasion	12/20/89	1/31/90	Combat or combat-support role required in the invasion
Persian Gulf War	8/2/90	Until a date prescribed by the President or law	Active service anywhere <i>during</i> the war, not necessarily <i>in</i> the Persian Gulf or in a combat role

COMMITTEE ACTION

Select Committee on Veterans' Affairs

Joint Favorable Change of Reference

Yea 9 Nay 0 (03/02/2010)

Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 20 Nay 0 (03/11/2010)