



Senate

General Assembly

File No. 202

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 329

Senate, March 30, 2010

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 STUDENT TUITION AT PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) 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2 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu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 (a) Subject to the provisions of section 10a-26, the Board of Trustees
5 of the Community-Technical Colleges shall fix fees for tuition at the
6 regional community-technical colleges and shall fix fees for such other
7 purposes as the board deems necessary at the regional community-
8 technical colleges, and may make refunds to the same. The board of
9 trustees shall notify the joint standing committee of the General
10 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to higher education,
11 in writing, immediately upon the publication of the board's agenda for
12 any meeting at which the board will consider for a vote a reduction,
13 increase or maintenance of the fees for tuition.

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15 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu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

17 (a) Subject to the provisions of section 10a-26, the Board of Trustees
18 of the Connecticut State University System shall fix fees for tuition and
19 shall fix fees for such other purposes as the board deems necessary at
20 the university, and may make refunds of the same. The board of
21 trustees shall notify the joint standing committee of the General
22 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to higher education,
23 in writing, immediately upon the publication of the board's agenda for
24 any meeting at which the board will consider a reduction, increase or
25 maintenance of the fees for tuition.

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27 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu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

29 (a) Subject to the provisions of sections 10a-8 and 10a-26, the Board
30 of Trustees of The University of Connecticut shall fix fees for tuition
31 and shall fix fees for such other purposes as the board deems necessary
32 at The University of Connecticut, and may make refunds of the same.
33 The board of trustees shall notify the joint standing committee of the
34 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to higher
35 education, in writing, immediately upon the publication of the board's
36 agenda for any meeting at which the board will consider a reduction,
37 increase or maintenance of the fees for tuition.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2010</i>	10a-77(a)
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2010</i>	10a-99(a)
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2010</i>	10a-105(a)

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

There is no cost associated with requiring the boards of trustees of the University of Connecticut, the Connecticut State University System, and the Community-Technical College System to provide the Higher Education Committee with immediate written notification whenever they publish a meeting agenda that includes a vote to increase, decrease, or maintain tuition.

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State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

OLR Bill Analysis**sSB 329*****AN ACT CONCERNING STUDENT TUITION AT PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill requires the boards of trustees of UConn, the Connecticut State University System, and the community-technical colleges to immediately notify the Higher Education Committee in writing whenever they publish a meeting agenda that includes a vote to increase, decrease, or maintain tuition. By law, the boards of trustees are responsible for establishing tuition levels in the state's public colleges and universities.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2010

COMMITTEE ACTION

Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 14 Nay 6 (03/16/2010)