



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 5368

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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30 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu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	<i>July 1, 2010</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2010</i>	10a-77(g)
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2010</i>	New section
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2010</i>	10a-99(g)
Sec. 5	<i>July 1, 2010</i>	New section
Sec. 6	<i>July 1, 2010</i>	10a-105(h)

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