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**"AN ACT CONCERNING STUDENT EMPLOYEES AND
WORKFORCE COMPETITIVENESS."**

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. Subsection (e) of section 1-79 of the general statutes is
4 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
5 *October 1, 2010*):

6 (e) "Gift" means anything of value, which is directly and personally
7 received, unless consideration of equal or greater value is given in
8 return. "Gift" shall not include:

9 (1) A political contribution otherwise reported as required by law or
10 a donation or payment as described in subdivision (9) or (10) of
11 subsection (b) of section 9-601a;

12 (2) Services provided by persons volunteering their time, if

13 provided to aid or promote the success or defeat of any political party,
14 any candidate or candidates for public office or the position of
15 convention delegate or town committee member or any referendum
16 question;

17 (3) A commercially reasonable loan made on terms not more
18 favorable than loans made in the ordinary course of business;

19 (4) A gift received from (A) an individual's spouse, fiance or fiancée,
20 (B) the parent, brother or sister of such spouse or such individual, or
21 (C) the child of such individual or the spouse of such child;

22 (5) Goods or services (A) which are provided to a state agency or
23 quasi-public agency (i) for use on state or quasi-public agency
24 property, or (ii) that support an event, and (B) which facilitate state or
25 quasi-public agency action or functions. As used in this subdivision,
26 "state property" means (i) property owned by the state or a quasi-
27 public agency, or (ii) property leased to a state agency or quasi-public
28 agency;

29 (6) A certificate, plaque or other ceremonial award costing less than
30 one hundred dollars;

31 (7) A rebate, discount or promotional item available to the general
32 public;

33 (8) Printed or recorded informational material germane to state
34 action or functions;

35 (9) Food or beverage or both, costing less than fifty dollars in the
36 aggregate per recipient in a calendar year, and consumed on an
37 occasion or occasions at which the person paying, directly or
38 indirectly, for the food or beverage, or his representative, is in
39 attendance;

40 (10) Food or beverage or both, costing less than fifty dollars per
41 person and consumed at a publicly noticed legislative reception to
42 which all members of the General Assembly are invited and which is

43 hosted not more than once in any calendar year by a lobbyist or
44 business organization. For the purposes of such limit, (A) a reception
45 hosted by a lobbyist who is an individual shall be deemed to have also
46 been hosted by the business organization which he owns or is
47 employed by, and (B) a reception hosted by a business organization
48 shall be deemed to have also been hosted by all owners and employees
49 of the business organization who are lobbyists. In making the
50 calculation for the purposes of such fifty-dollar limit, the donor shall
51 divide the amount spent on food and beverage by the number of
52 persons whom the donor reasonably expects to attend the reception;

53 (11) Food or beverage or both, costing less than fifty dollars per
54 person and consumed at a publicly noticed reception to which all
55 members of the General Assembly from a region of the state are
56 invited and which is hosted not more than once in any calendar year
57 by a lobbyist or business organization. For the purposes of such limit,
58 (A) a reception hosted by a lobbyist who is an individual shall be
59 deemed to have also been hosted by the business organization which
60 he owns or is employed by, and (B) a reception hosted by a business
61 organization shall be deemed to have also been hosted by all owners
62 and employees of the business organization who are lobbyists. In
63 making the calculation for the purposes of such fifty-dollar limit, the
64 donor shall divide the amount spent on food and beverage by the
65 number of persons whom the donor reasonably expects to attend the
66 reception. As used in this subdivision, "region of the state" means the
67 established geographic service area of the organization hosting the
68 reception;

69 (12) A gift, including, but not limited to, food or beverage or both,
70 provided by an individual for the celebration of a major life event,
71 provided any such gift provided by an individual who is not a
72 member of the family of the recipient shall not exceed one thousand
73 dollars in value;

74 (13) Gifts costing less than one hundred dollars in the aggregate or
75 food or beverage provided at a hospitality suite at a meeting or

76 conference of an interstate legislative association, by a person who is
77 not a registrant or is not doing business with the state of Connecticut;

78 (14) Admission to a charitable or civic event, including food and
79 beverage provided at such event, but excluding lodging or travel
80 expenses, at which a public official or state employee participates in
81 his official capacity, provided such admission is provided by the
82 primary sponsoring entity;

83 (15) Anything of value provided by an employer of (A) a public
84 official, (B) a state employee, or (C) a spouse of a public official or state
85 employee, to such official, employee or spouse, provided such benefits
86 are customarily and ordinarily provided to others in similar
87 circumstances;

88 (16) Anything having a value of not more than ten dollars, provided
89 the aggregate value of all things provided by a donor to a recipient
90 under this subdivision in any calendar year shall not exceed fifty
91 dollars; [or]

92 (17) Training that is provided by a vendor for a product purchased
93 by a state or quasi-public agency which is offered to all customers of
94 such vendor; or

95 (18) Travel expenses, lodging, food, beverage and other benefits
96 customarily provided by a prospective employer, when provided to a
97 student at a public institution of higher education whose employment
98 is derived from such student's status as a student at such institution, in
99 connection with bona fide employment discussions.

100 Sec. 2. Subsection (h) of section 1-84b of the 2010 supplement to the
101 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
102 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2010*):

103 (h) The provisions of subsections (a), (b) and (f) of this section shall
104 not apply to any employee of a quasi-public agency who leaves such
105 agency before July 1, 1989. The provisions of subsections (b) and (f) of

106 this section shall not apply to a former state employee of a public
 107 institution of higher education whose employment was derived from
 108 such employee's status as a student at such institution.

109 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2010*) (a) Notwithstanding the
 110 provisions of sections 1-84, 1-84a, 1-85 and 1-86 of the general statutes,
 111 a state employee of a public institution of higher education whose
 112 employment is derived from such employee's status as a student at
 113 such institution shall not be subject to the provisions of said sections, if
 114 (1) such institution has adopted written policies and procedures to
 115 regulate student conduct concerning conflicts of interest relating to
 116 student state employment, and (2) such policies and procedures have
 117 been approved by the Citizen's Ethics Advisory Board in accordance
 118 with subsection (b) of this section.

119 (b) Each public institution of higher education shall submit a written
 120 copy of its policies and procedures concerning standards of student
 121 conduct, to the Citizen's Ethics Advisory Board for approval. Such
 122 policies and procedures shall be submitted triennially, except that, in
 123 the event there is a significant revision of such standards of student
 124 conduct, the public institution of higher education shall submit such
 125 revision to the board not later than thirty days after adopting such
 126 revision."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2010</i>	1-79(e)
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2010</i>	1-84b(h)
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2010</i>	New section