



Written Testimony
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Employment Advancement Committee
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Good morning, Senator Handley, Representative Willis and members of the Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee. Due to previous commitments, I am unable to appear before you today, but I wanted to submit comments for your consideration in support of Senate Bill 330, *"An Act Concerning Student Employees and Workforce Competitiveness."*

State employees, both full and part-time, are subject to the State Code of Ethics. Based on advisory opinions from the Office of State Ethics, student workers at the Connecticut State University System, which includes Central, Eastern, Southern and Western Connecticut State Universities, are deemed part-time state employees and subject to the Code. Such student workers include those who seek part-time jobs in various offices on campus, receive work-study jobs as part of their financial aid packages, and graduate assistants. There are approximately 4,000 of these student workers in the Connecticut State University System and they are subject to the Code provisions, such as gift limits and post-employment restrictions.

Our Universities have a Student Code of Conduct to ensure integrity in both academic and research pursuits, to prohibit misuse of a university's resources and to comply with its confidentiality standards. We are particularly concerned about unintentionally limiting the opportunity of our graduates to accept employment in their chosen fields IN CONNECTICUT upon graduation, since 86% of our graduates remain in the state after graduation.

Your consideration of this testimony is greatly appreciated. I would respectfully ask that if this bill moves forward, you give special consideration to the needs of the public higher education system.

Please feel free to contact Jill E. Ferraiolo, Associate Vice Chancellor for Government Relations/ Communications, should you require any additional information or have any questions regarding these matters.