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**AN ACT CONCERNING A REORGANIZATION OF CONNECTICUT'S  
SYSTEM OF PUBLIC HIGHER EDUCATION.**

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision (2) of section 3-22a of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
3 *1, 2011*):

4 (2) "Institution of higher education in the state" means a constituent  
5 unit of the state system of higher education, as defined in section 10a-1,  
6 as amended by this act, The University of Connecticut or an  
7 independent college or university, as defined in subsection (d) of  
8 section 10a-37.

9 Sec. 2. Section 4-9c of the general statutes is repealed and the  
10 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2011*):

11 Appointments made by the Governor to the [boards of trustees of  
12 the constituent units of the state system of higher education and to the  
13 Board for State Academic Awards] Board of Trustees of The University  
14 of Connecticut and the Board of Regents for Higher Education shall be  
15 subject to the confirmation process described in section 4-7.

16 Sec. 3. Section 10a-1 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
17 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2011*):

18 There shall be a state system of public higher education to consist of  
19 (1) The University of Connecticut and all branches thereof, (2) the state  
20 colleges, which shall be known collectively as the Connecticut State  
21 University System, (3) the regional community-technical colleges, (4)  
22 the Board for State Academic Awards, and (5) the staff of the  
23 [Department of] Board of Regents for Higher Education as established  
24 pursuant to section 10a-5, as amended by this act. "Constituent units"  
25 as used in the general statutes means those units in subdivisions [(1)]  
26 [(2) to (4), inclusive, of this section.

27 Sec. 4. Section 10a-2 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
28 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2011*):

29 (a) There shall be a Board of [Governors of] Regents for Higher  
30 Education to serve as the [central] policy-making authority for public  
31 higher education in Connecticut and as the governing body for the  
32 regional community-technical college system, the Connecticut State  
33 University System and Charter Oak State College. The board shall  
34 consist of eleven members who shall be distinguished leaders of the  
35 community in Connecticut. The board shall reflect the state's  
36 geographic, racial and ethnic diversity. The members shall not be  
37 employed by or be a member of a board of trustees for any  
38 Connecticut higher education institution, public or private, nor shall  
39 they be employed by or be elected officials of any public agency as  
40 defined in subdivision (1) of section 1-200, during their term of  
41 membership on the Board of Governors of Higher Education. [Seven]  
42 Nine members shall be appointed by the Governor. [The appointment

43 of the other four members on or after October 1, 1991, shall be made as  
44 follows: The president pro tempore of the Senate, minority leader of  
45 the Senate, speaker of the House of Representatives and minority  
46 leader of the House of Representatives shall each appoint one  
47 member.] The chairperson and vice-chairperson of the student  
48 advisory committee, created under section 10a-1, as amended by this  
49 act, shall serve as members of the board.

50 (b) The terms of the present members of the Board of Higher  
51 Education shall expire on [February 28, 1983] the effective date of this  
52 section. On [or before March 1, 1983, the appointing authorities  
53 enumerated in subsection (a) of this section] the effective date of this  
54 section, the Governor shall appoint the initial members of the Board of  
55 [Governors of] Regents for Higher Education as follows: [Four] Three  
56 members [appointed by the Governor] shall serve a term [of four years  
57 from said March first and three members appointed by the Governor  
58 shall serve a term of two years from said March first. One member  
59 appointed by the highest ranked member of the Senate and one  
60 member appointed by the highest ranked member of the House of  
61 Representatives who are not members of the same political party as the  
62 Governor shall serve a term of two years from said March first. One  
63 member appointed by the highest ranked member of the Senate and  
64 one member appointed by the highest ranked member of the House  
65 who are not members of the same political party as the Governor shall  
66 serve a term of four years from said March first] expiring on June 30,  
67 2012; three members shall serve a term expiring on June 30, 2013; and  
68 three members shall serve a term expiring on June 30, 2014. The initial  
69 members of the Board of Regents may begin service immediately upon  
70 appointment without regard to section 4-19, but shall not serve past  
71 the sixth Wednesday of the next regular session of the General  
72 Assembly unless qualified in the manner provided in section 4-19.  
73 Thereafter all members shall be appointed for a term of [four] three  
74 years from [March] July first in the year of their appointment. All  
75 appointments shall be made with the advice and consent of the  
76 General Assembly, in the manner provided in section 4-19. Any

77 vacancy in the Board of Governors of Higher Education shall be filled  
78 in the manner provided in section 4-19.

79 (c) The Governor shall appoint the [initial] chairperson of the board,  
80 [ who shall serve for a term of two years. Thereafter, the board shall  
81 elect from its membership a chairperson who shall serve for a term to  
82 be designated by the board. No chairperson shall serve more than two  
83 consecutive terms.] The board shall elect from its members a vice  
84 chairperson and such other officers as it deems necessary. Vacancies  
85 among any officers shall be filled within thirty days following the  
86 occurrence of such vacancy in the same manner as the original  
87 selection. Said board shall establish bylaws to govern its procedures  
88 and shall appoint such committees and advisory boards as may be  
89 convenient or necessary in the transaction of its business.

90 Sec. 5. Section 10a-3 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
91 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2011*):

92 (a) There shall be a [standing committee which shall serve as an  
93 advisory body] student advisory committee to the Board of [Governors  
94 of] Regents for Higher Education to assist the board in performing its  
95 statutory functions. The committee shall consist of the following  
96 members: [(1)] One member from each of the [Boards of Trustees of the  
97 Connecticut State University System and The University of  
98 Connecticut, two members from the Board of Trustees of the  
99 Community-Technical Colleges, one of whom shall be an alumnus of a  
100 regional technical college or shall have expertise and experience in  
101 business, labor, industry or technical occupations, and one member  
102 from a board of trustees of an independent college; (2) one member  
103 from the administrative staff of each of said constituent units, except  
104 that for the community-technical colleges there shall be two members,  
105 one of whom shall be an administrator at a former technical college,  
106 and one member from the administrative staff of an independent  
107 college; (3) one member from the faculty senate representing each of  
108 said constituent units, except that for the community-technical

109 colleges, there shall be two faculty members, one of whom shall be a  
110 technical or technological education faculty member at a former  
111 technical college, and one member from the faculty of an independent  
112 college; (4) one student from each of said constituent units, except that  
113 for the community-technical colleges there shall be two students one of  
114 whom shall be enrolled in a technical or technological education  
115 program at a former technical college, and one student from an  
116 independent college; (5) one representative of the Board for State  
117 Academic Awards; and (6) one representative from the accredited  
118 private occupational schools of Connecticut] institutions within the  
119 jurisdiction of the Connecticut State University System, one member  
120 from each of the regional community-technical colleges and one  
121 member from Charter Oak State College.

122 (b) The members of the committee and alternates for such members  
123 shall be elected by the [constituents] student government at the  
124 institutions of higher education that they are to represent. [, in  
125 accordance with procedures established by the respective boards of  
126 trustees, except the Connecticut Conference of Independent Colleges  
127 shall serve as the appointing authority for members to represent  
128 independent colleges and the Accredited Private Occupational Schools  
129 of Connecticut shall serve as the appointing authority for its member.]  
130 The alternate members of the committee may serve in the absence of  
131 the regularly elected member.

132 (c) The committee shall, on a rotating basis among its members,  
133 elect its own [chairman and secretary] chairperson and vice-  
134 chairperson and such other officers as it deems necessary, to serve for a  
135 term of two years. The committee shall be deemed to be a public  
136 agency within the scope of the Freedom of Information Act, as defined  
137 in section 1-200, and shall keep such records as may be appropriate.

138 (d) The committee, established pursuant to subsection (a) of this  
139 section, shall meet at least twice annually with the Board of [Governors  
140 of] Regents for Higher Education. Agendas shall be prepared for such

141 meetings and shall be distributed by the board prior thereto and shall  
142 consist of matters recommended for inclusion by the chairman of the  
143 Board of [Governors of] Regents for Higher Education and the  
144 committee. Such meetings shall be chaired by the [chairman]  
145 chairperson of the Board of [Governors of] Regents for Higher  
146 Education and the committee members shall have the right to  
147 participate in all discussions and deliberations, but shall not have the  
148 right to vote at such meetings.

149 Sec. 6. Section 10a-4 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
150 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2011*):

151 There shall be an executive committee of the [standing] student  
152 advisory committee established pursuant to section 10a-3, as amended  
153 by this act, which shall serve as an advisory body to the Board of  
154 [Governors of] Regents for Higher Education to assist the board in  
155 carrying out its statutory functions. The executive committee shall be  
156 comprised of seven members to be elected by the [standing] student  
157 advisory committee, at least one of whom shall be a member of a board  
158 of trustees, one of whom shall be a member of an administrative staff,  
159 one of whom shall be a faculty member, one of whom shall be a  
160 Connecticut student from a [public institution of higher education in  
161 the state] constituent unit and one of whom shall be a Connecticut  
162 student from an independent college or university in the state. Not  
163 more than two members so elected shall be from the same constituent  
164 unit. Except for executive sessions, the executive committee shall meet  
165 with the Board of [Governors of] Regents for Higher Education at all  
166 board meetings and shall have the right to participate in all discussions  
167 and deliberations, but shall not have the right to vote at such meetings.

168 Sec. 7. Section 10a-5 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
169 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2011*):

170 (a) There is established a Board of Regents for Higher Education.  
171 The Board of [Governors of] Regents for Higher Education shall select  
172 and employ a [Commissioner] President of the Board of Regents for

173 Higher Education who shall [serve at the pleasure of the board] be  
174 recommended by the board and appointed by the Governor in  
175 accordance with the provisions of sections 4-5 to 4-8, inclusive, with  
176 the powers and duties prescribed by said sections. The [commissioner]  
177 president shall have the responsibility for implementing the policies  
178 and directives of the board and shall have additional responsibilities as  
179 the board may prescribe. [Said commissioner] Such president may  
180 designate an alternate to serve as a member of any commission,  
181 foundation, or committee upon which the general statutes require  
182 [said commissioner] such president to serve. Such designee may vote  
183 on behalf of [said commissioner] such president. There shall be [a  
184 Department of Higher Education which shall serve as the  
185 administrative arm of the Board of Governors of Higher Education] an  
186 executive staff responsible for the operation of the Board of Regents for  
187 Higher Education. The [department] executive staff shall be under the  
188 direction of the [Commissioner] President of the Board of Regents for  
189 Higher Education, who shall be the chief executive officer of the  
190 [department] Board of Regents for Higher Education and shall  
191 administer, coordinate and supervise the activities of the [department]  
192 board in accordance with the policies established by the board.

193 (b) The [commissioner] president may employ staff as is deemed  
194 necessary, including but not limited to temporary assistants and  
195 consultants. The board shall establish terms and conditions of  
196 employment of its staff, prescribe their duties, and fix the  
197 compensation of its professional and technical personnel. [The Board  
198 of Governors of Higher Education shall organize or reorganize the  
199 Department of Higher Education into such units as may be necessary  
200 for the efficient conduct of the business of the department. Upon such  
201 organization or reorganization the board shall adopt regulations in  
202 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54.]

203 Sec. 8. Section 10a-6 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
204 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2011*):

205 (a) The Board of [Governors of] Regents for Higher Education shall:  
206 (1) Establish state-wide policy and guidelines for [Connecticut's system  
207 of public higher education; (2) develop] the regional community-  
208 technical college system, the Connecticut State University System and  
209 Charter Oak State College, including, but not limited to, a master plan  
210 for higher education and postsecondary education, consistent with the  
211 goals in subsection [(b)] (c) of this section, [; (3) establish] state-wide  
212 tuition and student fee policies [; (4) establish] and state-wide student  
213 financial aid policies; [(5)] (2) monitor and evaluate institutional  
214 effectiveness and viability in accordance with criteria established by  
215 the board; [(6)] (3) merge or close institutions in accordance with  
216 criteria established by the board provided (A) such recommended  
217 merger or closing shall require a two-thirds vote of the board and (B)  
218 notice of such recommended merger or closing shall be sent to the  
219 committee having cognizance over matters relating to education and to  
220 the General Assembly; [(7)] (4) review and approve mission statements  
221 for [the] said constituent units and role and scope statements for the  
222 individual institutions and branches [thereof] of said constituent units;  
223 [(8)] (5) review and approve any recommendations for the  
224 establishment of new academic programs submitted to the board by  
225 [the] said constituent [unit boards of trustees] units, and, in  
226 consultation with the affected constituent units, provide for the  
227 initiation, consolidation or termination of academic programs; [. The  
228 Board of Governors of Higher Education shall notify the board of  
229 trustees affected by the proposed termination of an academic program.  
230 Within ninety days of receipt of such notice, said trustees shall accept  
231 or reject the termination proposal and shall notify the Board of  
232 Governors of Higher Education of its action. If the termination  
233 proposal is rejected by the trustees, the Board of Governors of Higher  
234 Education may override the rejection by a two-thirds vote; (9) develop  
235 criteria to ensure acceptable quality in programs and institutions and  
236 enforce standards through licensing and accreditation; (10)] (6) prepare  
237 and present to the Governor and General Assembly, in accordance  
238 with section 10a-8, as amended by this act, consolidated operating and

239 capital expenditure budgets for public higher education developed in  
240 accordance with the provisions of said section 10a-8 and section 10a-9;  
241 [(11)] (7) review and make recommendations on plans received from  
242 [the] said constituent [unit boards of trustees] units for the continuing  
243 development and maximum utilization of the state's public higher  
244 education resources for instruction and learning; [(12)] (8) appoint  
245 advisory committees to assist in defining and suggesting solutions for  
246 the problems and needs of higher education; [(13)] establish an  
247 advisory council for higher education with representatives from public  
248 and private institutions to study methods and proposals for  
249 coordinating efforts of all such institutions in providing a stimulating  
250 and enriched educational environment for the citizens of the state,  
251 including measures to improve educational opportunities through  
252 alternative and nontraditional approaches such as external degrees  
253 and credit by examination; (14)] (9) coordinate programs and services  
254 throughout public higher education and between public and  
255 independent institutions, including procedures to evaluate the impact  
256 on independent institutions of higher education of proposals affecting  
257 public institutions of higher education; [(15)] (10) make or enter into  
258 contracts, leases or other agreements in connection with its  
259 responsibilities under this part, provided all acquisitions of real estate  
260 by lease or otherwise shall be subject to the provisions of section 4b-23;  
261 [(16)] be responsible for the care and maintenance of permanent records  
262 of institutions of higher education dissolved after September 1, 1969;  
263 (17)] (11) prepare and present to the Governor and General Assembly  
264 legislative proposals affecting public higher education, including  
265 proposals which utilize programs and facilities of independent  
266 institutions of higher education; [(18)] (12) develop and maintain a  
267 central higher education information system and establish definitions  
268 and data requirements for the state system of higher education; and  
269 [(19)] (13) undertake such studies and other activities as will best serve  
270 the higher educational interests of the state.

271 (b) The Board of Regents for Higher Education shall serve as the  
272 governing board for the regional community-technical college system,

273 as provided in section 10a-71, as amended by this act, and the  
274 Connecticut State University System, as provided in section 10a-88, as  
275 amended by this act, and serve as the Board for State Academic  
276 Awards, as provided in section 10a-143, as amended by this act.

277 [(b)] (c) Within the limits of authorized expenditures, the policies of  
278 the state system of higher education shall be consistent with the  
279 following goals: (1) To ensure that no qualified person be denied the  
280 opportunity for higher education on the basis of age, sex, ethnic  
281 background or social, physical or economic condition, (2) to protect  
282 academic freedom, (3) to maximize the use of financial resources to  
283 support teaching and learning, (4) to provide opportunities for  
284 education and training related to the economic, cultural and  
285 educational development of the state, [(4)] (5) to assure the fullest  
286 possible use of available resources in public and private institutions of  
287 higher education, [(5)] (6) to maintain standards of quality ensuring a  
288 position of national leadership for state institutions of higher  
289 education, [(6)] (7) to apply the resources of higher education to the  
290 problems of society, and [(7)] (8) to foster flexibility in the policies and  
291 institutions of higher education to enable the system to respond to  
292 changes in the economy, society, technology and student interests.  
293 Said board shall review recent studies of the need for higher education  
294 services, with special attention to those completed pursuant to  
295 legislative action, and to meet such needs shall initiate additional  
296 programs or services through one or more of the constituent units.

297 [(c)] (d) Repealed by P.A. 83-533, S. 53, 54.

298 [(d)] (e) The board of [governors] regents shall request and receive,  
299 or be provided electronic access to, data, reports and other information  
300 from the constituent units of the state system of higher education that  
301 is necessary for the board to carry out its responsibilities pursuant to  
302 this section.

303 Sec. 9. Subsection (a) of section 10a-6a of the general statutes is  
304 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*

305 1, 2011):

306 (a) There is established a Higher Education Coordinating Council  
307 composed of: The chairmen of the boards of trustees and the chief  
308 executive officers of each constituent unit of the state system of higher  
309 education, the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management and  
310 the [Commissioners of Higher Education and] Commissioner of  
311 Education.

312 Sec. 10. Section 10a-6b of the general statutes is repealed and the  
313 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2011*):

314 (a) The accountability measures developed by the Higher Education  
315 Coordinating Council pursuant to subsection (b) of section 10a-6a shall  
316 be used by the [Department of] Board of Regents for Higher Education  
317 and each constituent unit of the state system of higher education in  
318 assessing the constituent unit's progress toward meeting the following  
319 goals to: (1) Enhance student learning and promote academic  
320 excellence; (2) join with elementary and secondary schools to improve  
321 teaching and learning at all levels; (3) ensure access to and affordability  
322 of higher education; (4) promote the economic development of the  
323 state to help business and industry sustain strong economic growth; (5)  
324 respond to the needs and problems of society; and (6) ensure the  
325 efficient use of resources. The council shall develop an implementation  
326 plan for use of the accountability measures.

327 (b) In developing the measures pursuant to subsection (a) of this  
328 section, the council shall consider graduation rates, student retention  
329 rates, completions, tuition and fees, allocation of resources across  
330 expenditure functions, as defined by the National Association of  
331 College and University Business Officers, revenues and expenditures  
332 broken out by programs, student financial need and available aid,  
333 transfer patterns of students transferring in and out of the constituent  
334 units, trends in enrollment and the percentage of incoming students  
335 who are state residents, strategic plans pursuant to section 10a-11, data  
336 on graduates by academic program, faculty productivity, and any

337 other factor that it deems relevant. [In considering faculty productivity  
338 measures, the council shall consult with the committee established  
339 under section 10a-3.] All measures may be made available for  
340 inspection and, where practicable, separated out by constituent unit,  
341 institution of higher education, campus and program.

342 (c) The council shall work with the Department of Labor to (1)  
343 produce periodic reports on the employment and earnings of students  
344 who leave the constituent units upon graduation or otherwise, and (2)  
345 develop an annual affordability index for public higher education that  
346 is based on state-wide median family income.

347 [(c)] (d) The council shall submit the accountability measures to the  
348 Board of [Governors of] Regents for Higher Education for the board's  
349 review and approval. Once the measures are approved, each  
350 constituent unit shall provide the data to the [department] board that  
351 is necessary for purposes of applying the measures.

352 [(d) The Commissioner of Higher Education, on behalf of the  
353 council, shall report, in accordance with section 11-4a, to the joint  
354 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
355 matters relating to education on the accountability measures and the  
356 implementation plan developed pursuant to this section by February 1,  
357 2000. The report shall include recommendations: (1) For any statutory  
358 changes needed for purposes of assessing the constituent units and  
359 public institutions of higher education based on the accountability  
360 measures; (2) to clarify and streamline planning and accountability  
361 reporting requirements of the constituent units and public institutions  
362 of higher education; (3) concerning goals, actions to achieve such goals  
363 and analysis of performance; and (4) for options to revise budgeting  
364 policies and programs to meet accountability goals and measures as  
365 outlined in subsections (a) and (b) of this section.

366 (e) The Commissioner of Higher Education shall develop, in  
367 concurrence with the Higher Education Coordinating Council, an  
368 accountability report prototype. Upon review and approval by the

369 Board of Governors of Higher Education, the commissioner shall  
370 submit the report prototype to the joint standing committee of the  
371 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education  
372 by October 1, 2000. The report prototype shall include accountability  
373 measures developed and approved under this section for which data  
374 collection mechanisms exist as determined by the commissioner.

375 (f) Each constituent unit of the state system of higher education shall  
376 submit to the Commissioner of Higher Education its first  
377 accountability report by January 1, 2001. The commissioner shall  
378 compile and consolidate the reports. The commissioner shall submit, in  
379 accordance with section 11-4a, an accountability report that covers the  
380 state system of higher education and each constituent unit and public  
381 institution of higher education to the joint standing committee of the  
382 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education  
383 by February 1, 2001. The report shall include baseline data for the  
384 accountability measures developed under this section for which data  
385 collection mechanisms exist and comparable peer data, as determined  
386 by the commissioner after consultation with the Higher Education  
387 Coordinating Council and reviewed and approved by the Board of  
388 Governors of Higher Education. The report shall also include a  
389 timeline for the collection of data and reporting of the remaining  
390 accountability measures and for the identification of performance  
391 improvement targets.]

392 [(g)] (e) Each constituent unit of the state system of higher education  
393 shall submit an accountability report to the [Commissioner] President  
394 of the Board of Regents for Higher Education annually, by January  
395 first. The commissioner shall compile the reports and shall submit, in  
396 accordance with section 11-4a, a consolidated accountability report for  
397 the state system of higher education to the joint standing committee of  
398 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to  
399 education annually, by February first. The report shall contain  
400 accountability measures for each constituent unit and public  
401 institution of higher education pursuant to subsections (a) and (b) of

402 this section. The report shall include updated baseline and peer  
403 comparison data, performance improvement targets for each measure,  
404 and other information as determined by the commissioner.

405 Sec. 11. Section 10a-8 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
406 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2011*):

407 (a) The provisions of sections 4-77 and 4-78 shall not apply to the  
408 constituent units of the state system of higher education, and for the  
409 purposes of said sections only, the Board of [Governors of] Regents for  
410 Higher Education shall be deemed the budgeted agency for such  
411 constituent units. The Board of [Governors of] Regents for Higher  
412 Education shall develop a formula or program-based budgeting  
413 system to be used by each institution and constituent board in  
414 preparing operating budgets. The Board of [Governors of] Regents for  
415 Higher Education shall prepare a single public higher education  
416 budget request itemized by the individual institution and branch using  
417 the formula or program-based budgeting system and shall submit such  
418 budget request displaying all operating funds to the Secretary of the  
419 Office of Policy and Management in accordance with sections 4-77 and  
420 4-78, subject to procedures developed by the Board of [Governors of]  
421 Regents for Higher Education and approved by said secretary. The  
422 budget request of the Boards of Trustees of [The University of  
423 Connecticut,] the Community-Technical Colleges and the Connecticut  
424 State University System and the Board for State Academic Awards  
425 shall set forth, in the form prescribed by the Board of [Governors of]  
426 Regents for Higher Education, a proposed expenditure plan which  
427 shall include: (1) The total amount requested for such appropriation  
428 account; (2) the amount to be appropriated from the General Fund;  
429 and (3) the amount to be paid from the tuition revenues of [The  
430 University of Connecticut,] the regional community-technical colleges,  
431 [and] the Connecticut State University System and the Board for State  
432 Academic Awards. After review and comment by the Board of  
433 [Governors of] Regents for Higher Education, the proposed  
434 expenditure plans shall be incorporated into the single public higher

435 education budget request including recommendations, if any, by said  
436 board. Any tuition increase proposed by the Boards of Trustees of [The  
437 University of Connecticut,] the Community-Technical Colleges, [and]  
438 the Connecticut State University System and the Board for State  
439 Academic Awards for the fiscal year to which the budget request  
440 relates shall be included in the single public higher education budget  
441 request submitted by the Board of [Governors of] Regents for Higher  
442 Education for such fiscal year, provided if the General Assembly does  
443 not appropriate the amount requested by any such board of trustees,  
444 such board of trustees may increase tuition and fees by an amount  
445 greater than that included in the budget request in response to which  
446 the appropriation was made. The General Assembly shall make  
447 appropriations directly to the [constituent unit boards. Said constituent  
448 unit boards] Board of Regents for Higher Education which shall  
449 allocate appropriations to the individual institutions and branches  
450 with due consideration to [the program or formula-based budget used  
451 to develop the appropriation as approved by the General Assembly or  
452 as otherwise specified in the approved appropriation] performance  
453 and enrollment factors. The board shall develop a plan to allocate a  
454 portion of the appropriations across institutions to recognize the  
455 achievement of high-priority student and institutional outcomes.  
456 Allotment reductions made pursuant to the provisions of subsections  
457 (b) and (c) of section 4-85 shall be applied by the Board of [Governors  
458 of] Regents for Higher Education among the appropriations to the  
459 constituent unit boards without regard to the limitations on reductions  
460 provided in said section, except that said limitations shall apply to the  
461 total of the amounts appropriated to the higher education budgeted  
462 agencies. The Board of [Governors of] Regents for Higher Education  
463 shall apply such reductions after consultation with the Secretary of the  
464 Office of Policy and Management and the constituent unit boards. Any  
465 reductions of more than five per cent of the appropriations of any  
466 constituent units shall be submitted to the appropriations committee  
467 which shall, within ten days, approve or reject such reduction.

468 (b) The boards of trustees of each of the constituent units may

469 transfer to or from any specific appropriation of such constituent unit a  
470 sum or sums totaling up to fifty thousand dollars or ten per cent of any  
471 such specific appropriation, whichever is less, in any fiscal year  
472 without the consent of the Finance Advisory Committee. Any such  
473 transfer shall be reported to the Finance Advisory Committee within  
474 thirty days of such transfer and such report shall be a record of said  
475 committee.

476 Sec. 12. Section 10a-11b of the general statutes is repealed and the  
477 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2011*):

478 (a) [There is established a Blue Ribbon Commission to] The Board of  
479 Regents for Higher Education, in cooperation with The University of  
480 Connecticut, shall develop and implement a strategic [master] plan for  
481 higher education in Connecticut. The board shall create a process for  
482 public and stakeholder participation that allows for discussion and  
483 comment before and after the development of a proposed draft of such  
484 strategic plan.

485 [(1) The commission shall consist of the following voting members:  
486 (A) Two members appointed by the speaker of the House of  
487 Representatives, who shall have experience as former administrators  
488 or faculty members in independent institutions of higher education in  
489 this state; (B) two members appointed by the president pro tempore of  
490 the Senate, one of whom shall be a former administrator or faculty  
491 member of a regional community-technical college and one of whom  
492 shall be a former administrator or faculty member of The University of  
493 Connecticut; (C) two members appointed by the majority leader of the  
494 House of Representatives, one of whom shall be a former  
495 administrator or faculty member of a state university in the  
496 Connecticut State University System and one of whom shall be a  
497 former administrator or faculty member of Charter Oak State College;  
498 (D) two members appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, one  
499 of whom shall have experience in the field of arts and culture and one  
500 of whom shall have experience in the field of health care; (E) two

501 members appointed by the minority leader of the House of  
502 Representatives who shall have knowledge and expertise in science  
503 and technology; (F) two members appointed by the minority leader of  
504 the Senate who shall represent state-wide business organizations; and  
505 (G) four members appointed by the Governor, one of whom shall  
506 represent a nonprofit education foundation, one of whom shall have  
507 experience in university research and its commercial application and  
508 one of whom shall have experience in the field of education from  
509 prekindergarten to grade twelve, inclusive. The commission  
510 membership shall reflect the state's geographic, racial and ethnic  
511 diversity.

512 (2) The following persons shall serve as ex-officio nonvoting  
513 members on the commission: (A) The Commissioners of Higher  
514 Education, Education and Economic and Community Development,  
515 and the Labor Commissioner, or their designees; (B) the chairpersons  
516 of the boards of trustees and the chief executive officers of each  
517 constituent unit of the state system of higher education, or their  
518 designees; (C) the chairperson of the board and president of the  
519 Connecticut Conference of Independent Colleges, or their designees;  
520 (D) the director of the Office of Workforce Competitiveness, or the  
521 director's designee; (E) the chairpersons and ranking members of the  
522 joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance  
523 of matters relating to higher education and employment advancement;  
524 and (F) the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, or the  
525 secretary's designee.

526 (3) The commission shall elect a chairperson at its first meeting. Any  
527 vacancies shall be filled by the appointing authority. The term of each  
528 appointed member of the commission shall be three years from the  
529 date of appointment. The commission members shall serve without  
530 compensation except for necessary expenses incurred in the  
531 performance of their duties. The commission may seek the advice and  
532 participation of any person, organization or state or federal agency it  
533 deems necessary to carry out the provisions of this section. The

534 commission may, within available appropriations, retain consultants to  
535 assist in carrying out its duties. The commission may receive funds  
536 from any public or private sources to carry out its activities.]

537 (b) The [commission shall develop a strategic master plan that  
538 promotes] strategic plan shall promote the following overall goals for  
539 higher education in this state: (1) Ensure equal access and opportunity  
540 to post-secondary education for all state residents, (2) promote student  
541 achievement, including student performance, retention and  
542 graduation, (3) promote economic competitiveness in the state, (4)  
543 improve access to higher education for minorities and nontraditional  
544 students, including, but not limited to, part-time students, incumbent  
545 workers, adult learners, former inmates and immigrants, and (5)  
546 ensure the state's obligation to provide adequate funding for higher  
547 education.

548 (c) The [commission] strategic plan shall:

549 (1) Examine the impact of demographics and workforce trends on  
550 higher education in the state;

551 (2) Address the challenges related to increasing the number of  
552 young people in the state earning a bachelor's degree, increasing the  
553 number of young people entering the state's workforce and the  
554 disparity in the achievement gap between minority students and the  
555 general student population;

556 (3) [Develop and implement a strategic master plan for higher  
557 education that identifies] Identify specific short-term and long-term  
558 goals for the state that reflect the unique missions of each constituent  
559 unit [of the state system of higher education and each independent  
560 institution of higher education in the state] and includes benchmarks  
561 for achieving those goals by [2010,] 2015 and 2020;

562 (4) Examine funding policies for higher education including  
563 coordination of appropriation, tuition and financial aid and seek ways

564 to maximize funding through federal and private grants;

565 (5) Recommend ways in which each constituent unit [of the state  
566 system of higher education and independent institution of higher  
567 education in the state] can, in a manner consistent with such  
568 institution's mission, expand such institution's role in advancing the  
569 state's economic growth; and

570 (6) [Submit a biennium report prepared by the Department of  
571 Higher Education to the Governor and the General Assembly on the  
572 progress made toward achieving] Identify how the benchmarks  
573 established in the strategic plan can be incorporated into the  
574 accountability report required under section 10a-6b, as amended by  
575 this act.

576 (d) [In developing the strategic master plan, the commission shall  
577 review the plans pursuant to sections 10a-6 and 10a-11 and the report  
578 titled "New England 2020: A Forecast of Educational Attainment and  
579 its Implications for the Workforce of New England States" prepared by  
580 the Nellie Mae Education Foundation. In addition, the commission  
581 may] The strategic plan shall consider the following: (1) Establishing  
582 incentives for institutional performance and productivity; (2)  
583 increasing financial aid incentive programs, especially in workforce  
584 shortage areas and for minority students; (3) implementing mandatory  
585 college preparatory curricula in high schools and aligning such  
586 curricula with curricula in institutions of higher education; (4) seeking  
587 partnerships with the business community and public institutions of  
588 higher education to serve the needs of workforce retraining that may  
589 include bridge programs in which businesses work directly with  
590 higher education institutions to move students into identified  
591 workforce shortage areas; (5) establishing collaborative partnerships  
592 between public high schools and institutions of higher education; (6)  
593 implementing programs in high school to assist high school students  
594 seeking a college track or alternative pathways for post-secondary  
595 education, such as vocational and technical opportunities; (7)

596 developing policies to promote and measure retention and graduation  
597 rates of students; (8) addressing the educational needs of minority  
598 students and nontraditional students, including, but not limited to,  
599 part-time students, incumbent workers, adult learners, former inmates  
600 and immigrants, in order to increase enrollment and retention in  
601 institutions of higher education; and (9) addressing the affordability of  
602 tuition at institutions of higher education and the issue of increased  
603 student indebtedness.

604 (e) Not later than [October 1, 2008] March 1, 2013, the commission  
605 shall submit the strategic [master] plan, including specific goals and  
606 benchmarks for the years ending [2010,] 2015 and 2020, together with  
607 any recommendations for appropriate legislation and funding to the  
608 Governor and the joint standing committees of the General Assembly  
609 having cognizance of matters relating to higher education and  
610 employment advancement, education, commerce, labor and  
611 appropriations, in accordance with section 11-4a.

612 [(f) On or before January 1, 2009, and biennially thereafter, until  
613 January 1, 2021, the commission shall submit a report, prepared by the  
614 Department of Higher Education, to the Governor and the joint  
615 standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
616 matters relating to higher education and employment advancement,  
617 education, commerce, labor and appropriations, in accordance with  
618 section 11-4a, on the implementation of the plan and progress made  
619 toward achieving the goals specified in the plan.

620 (g) The commission shall terminate on January 1, 2021.]

621 Sec. 13. Subdivision (1) of section 10a-28 of the general statutes is  
622 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
623 *1, 2011*):

624 (1) "Institution" means a constituent unit in the state system of  
625 higher education and The University of Connecticut;

626 Sec. 14. Subdivision (1) of section 10a-55 of the general statutes is  
627 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
628 *1, 2011*):

629 (1) "Institution of higher education" means a constituent unit of the  
630 state system of higher education, as defined in section 10a-1, as  
631 amended by this act, The University of Connecticut or an independent  
632 college or university, as defined in section 10a-37.

633 Sec. 15. Section 10a-71 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
634 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2011*):

635 [(a) There shall be a] The Board of Regents for Higher Education  
636 shall serve as the Board of Trustees for Community-Technical  
637 Colleges, [to consist, except as otherwise provided in this section, of  
638 twenty-four persons, twenty-two to be appointed by the Governor,  
639 who shall reflect the state's geographic, racial and ethnic diversity, one  
640 of whom shall be a regional community college or regional  
641 community-technical college alumnus and one of whom shall be a  
642 regional technical college or regional community-technical college  
643 alumnus and two to be elected by the students enrolled at the  
644 institutions under the jurisdiction of said board. Except as otherwise  
645 provided, members appointed by the Governor shall serve for terms of  
646 six years each from July first in the year of their appointment. On or  
647 before August 15, 1989, the Governor shall appoint one member who  
648 shall be a regional technical or community-technical college alumnus  
649 for a term which shall expire on June 30, 1995, to replace the regional  
650 community college alumnus whose term expires June 30, 1989, and  
651 eight members who shall have expertise and experience in business,  
652 labor, industry or the technical occupations, three for terms which  
653 shall expire on June 30, 1991, three for terms which shall expire on June  
654 30, 1993, and two for terms which shall expire June 30, 1995. Thereafter  
655 the Governor shall appoint members of said board to succeed those  
656 appointees whose terms expire, except that (1) with respect to the  
657 members of such board of trustees who were members of the Board of

658 Trustees of the Regional Community Colleges prior to July 1, 1989, the  
659 Governor shall appoint two members to replace the four members  
660 whose terms expire on June 30, 1991, and shall appoint four members,  
661 one of whom shall be a regional community or community-technical  
662 college alumnus, to replace the five members whose terms expire on  
663 June 30, 1993, and (2) with respect to the members of the board  
664 appointed on or after July 1, 1989, and on or before August 15, 1989,  
665 the Governor shall appoint one member to replace the three members  
666 whose terms expire on June 30, 1991, and shall appoint two members  
667 to replace the three members whose terms expire on June 30, 1993. On  
668 and after July 1, 1993, the board shall at all times include at least six  
669 members who have expertise and experience in business, labor or  
670 industry. On and after July 1, 1999, the board shall at all times include  
671 at least one member from each county in which a community-technical  
672 college is located. On and after July 1, 2010, the board shall at all times  
673 include at least two members who have, through education or  
674 experience, an understanding of relevant accounting principles and  
675 practices and financial statements.

676 (b) On or before November 1, 1975, the students enrolled at the  
677 institutions under the jurisdiction of said board shall, in such manner  
678 as said board shall determine, elect two members of said board, each of  
679 whom shall be enrolled for at least six credits at an institution under  
680 the jurisdiction of said board at the time of his election. One such  
681 member shall be elected for a term of one year from November 1, 1975,  
682 and one for a term of two years from said date. On or before  
683 November first, and annually thereafter, such students shall, in such  
684 manner as the board shall determine, elect one member of said board,  
685 who shall be so enrolled at any such institution at the time of his  
686 election and who shall serve for a term of two years from November  
687 first in the year of his election, except that the term of the regional  
688 community college student whose term expires on October 31, 1989,  
689 shall expire on July 1, 1989, and the student member of the Board of  
690 Trustees of the State Technical Colleges prior to July 1, 1989, whose  
691 term was to expire on October 31, 1989, shall, on July 1, 1989, be a

692 member of the Board of Trustees of the Community-Technical Colleges  
693 until October 31, 1989. The regional community college student whose  
694 term expires on October 31, 1990, shall continue as a member of said  
695 board until said date. On and after July 1, 1989, the student members  
696 of said board shall be elected as follows: (1) (A) On or before  
697 November 1, 1989, and until July 1, 1993, students enrolled at the  
698 regional technical colleges shall, in such manner as the board shall  
699 determine, elect one member of said board, who shall be enrolled for at  
700 least six credits at a regional technical college at the time of his election  
701 and who shall serve for a term of two years from November first in the  
702 year of his election, and (B) on or before November 1, 1990, students  
703 enrolled at the regional community colleges shall, in such manner as  
704 the board of trustees shall determine, elect one member of said board  
705 who shall be enrolled for at least six credits at a regional community  
706 college at the time of his election and who shall serve for a term of two  
707 years from November first in the year of his election. (2) On and after  
708 July 1, 1993, the student members of the board shall be elected as  
709 follows: (A) On or before November 1, 1993, and biennially thereafter,  
710 students enrolled in the institutions under the jurisdiction of the board  
711 shall, in such manner as the board shall determine, elect one member  
712 of the board, who shall be enrolled for at least six credits in a technical  
713 program at such an institution and who shall serve for a term of two  
714 years from November first in the year of his election, and (B) on or  
715 before November 1, 1994, and biennially thereafter, students enrolled  
716 in the institutions under the jurisdiction of the board shall, in such  
717 manner as the board shall determine, elect one member of the board,  
718 who shall be enrolled for at least six credits in a nontechnical program  
719 at such an institution and who shall serve for a term of two years from  
720 November first in the year of his election.

721 (c) The Governor shall, pursuant to section 4-9a, appoint the  
722 chairperson of the board. The board shall, biennially, elect from its  
723 members such other officers as it deems necessary. The Governor shall  
724 fill any vacancies in the appointed membership of said board by  
725 appointment for the balance of the unexpired term. Any vacancies in

726 the elected membership of said board shall be filled by special election  
727 for the balance of the unexpired term. The members of said board shall  
728 receive no compensation for their services as such but shall be  
729 reimbursed for their necessary expenses in the course of their duties.]

730 Sec. 16. Section 10a-72 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
731 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2011*):

732 (a) Subject to state-wide policy and guidelines established by the  
733 Board of [Governors of] Regents for Higher Education, said board of  
734 trustees shall administer the regional community-technical colleges  
735 and plan for the expansion and development of the institutions within  
736 its jurisdiction. [and submit such plans to the Board of Governors of  
737 Higher Education for review and recommendations.] The  
738 Commissioner of Public Works on request of the board of trustees  
739 shall, in accordance with section 4b-30, negotiate and execute leases on  
740 such physical facilities as the board of trustees may deem necessary for  
741 proper operation of such institutions, and said board of trustees may  
742 expend capital funds therefor, if such leasing is required during the  
743 planning and construction phases of institutions within its jurisdiction  
744 for which such capital funds were authorized. The board of trustees  
745 may appoint and remove the chief executive officer of each institution  
746 within its jurisdiction. [, and with respect to its own operation the  
747 board may appoint and remove a chancellor and an executive staff.  
748 The board of trustees may determine the size of the executive staff and  
749 the duties, terms and conditions of employment of a chancellor and  
750 staff, subject to personnel guidelines established by the] The Board of  
751 [Governors of] Regents for Higher Education [in consultation with  
752 said] may appoint and remove executive staff responsible for the  
753 operation of the board of trustees. [, provided said board of trustees  
754 may not appoint or reappoint members of the executive staff for terms  
755 longer than one year.] The board of trustees may employ the faculty  
756 and other personnel needed to operate and maintain the institutions  
757 within its jurisdiction. Within the limitation of appropriations, the  
758 board of trustees shall fix the compensation of such personnel,

759 establish terms and conditions of employment and prescribe their  
760 duties and qualifications. Said board of trustees shall determine who  
761 constitutes its professional staff and establish compensation and  
762 classification schedules for its professional staff. Said board shall  
763 annually submit to the Commissioner of Administrative Services a list  
764 of the positions which it has included within the professional staff. The  
765 board shall establish a division of technical and technological  
766 education. The board of trustees shall confer such certificates and  
767 degrees as are appropriate to the curricula of community-technical  
768 colleges. [subject to the approval of the Board of Governors of Higher  
769 Education.] The board of trustees shall [with the advice of, and subject  
770 to the approval of, the Board of Governors of Higher Education,]  
771 prepare plans for the development of a regional community-technical  
772 college and submit the same to the Commissioner of Public Works and  
773 request said commissioner to select the site for such college. Within the  
774 limits of the bonding authority therefor, the commissioner, subject to  
775 the provisions of section 4b-23, may acquire such site and construct  
776 such buildings as are consistent with the plan of development,  
777 [approved by the Board of Governors of Higher Education.]

778 (b) Subject to state-wide policy and guidelines established by the  
779 Board of [Governors of] Regents for Higher Education, the board of  
780 trustees shall:

781 (1) Make rules for the governance of the regional community-  
782 technical colleges, determine the general policies of said colleges,  
783 including those concerning the admission of students, and direct the  
784 expenditure of said colleges' funds within the amounts available;

785 (2) Develop mission statements for the regional community-  
786 technical colleges: The mission statement for the regional community-  
787 technical colleges shall include, but need not be limited to the  
788 following elements: (A) The educational needs of and constituencies  
789 served by said colleges; (B) the degrees offered by said colleges, and  
790 (C) the role and scope of each institution within the community-

791 technical college system, which shall include each institution's  
792 particular strengths and specialties; [. The board of trustees shall  
793 submit the mission statement to the Board of Governors of Higher  
794 Education for review and approval in accordance with the provisions  
795 of section 10a-6;]

796 (3) Establish policies for the regional community-technical colleges;

797 (4) Establish policies which protect academic freedom and the  
798 content of courses and degree programs;

799 (5) [Submit to the Board of Governors of Higher Education, for  
800 approval, recommendations for the establishment of] Establish new  
801 academic programs;

802 (6) Make [recommendations to the Board of Governors of Higher  
803 Education, when appropriate, regarding] institutional mergers or  
804 closures;

805 (7) Coordinate the programs and services of the institutions under  
806 its jurisdiction;

807 (8) Promote fund-raising by the institutions under its jurisdiction in  
808 order to assist such institutions, provided the board shall not directly  
809 engage in fund-raising except for purposes of providing funding for  
810 (A) scholarships or other direct student financial aid and (B) programs,  
811 services or activities at one or more of the institutions within its  
812 jurisdiction and report to [the Commissioner of Higher Education and]  
813 the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having  
814 cognizance of matters relating to higher education by January 1, 1994,  
815 and biennially thereafter, on all such fund-raising; and

816 (9) Charge the direct costs for a building project under its  
817 jurisdiction to the bond fund account for such project; provided, (A)  
818 such costs are charged in accordance with a procedure approved by  
819 the Treasurer and (B) nothing in this subdivision shall permit the  
820 charging of working capital costs, as defined in the applicable

821 provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or any subsequent  
822 corresponding internal revenue code of the United States, as from time  
823 to time amended, or costs originally paid from sources other than the  
824 bond fund account.

825 (c) [The board of trustees shall: (1) Review and approve institutional  
826 budget requests and prepare and submit to the Board of Governors of  
827 Higher Education, in accordance with the provisions of section 10a-8,  
828 the budget requests; and (2) propose facility planning and capital  
829 expenditure budget priorities for the institutions and divisions under  
830 its jurisdiction.] The board of trustees may request authority from the  
831 Treasurer to issue payment for claims against said colleges, other than  
832 a payment for payroll, debt service payable on state bonds to  
833 bondholders, paying agents, or trustees, or any payment the source of  
834 which includes the proceeds of a state bond issue.

835 Sec. 17. Subsection (c) of section 10a-77 of the general statutes is  
836 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
837 *1, 2011*):

838 (c) Commencing December 1, 1984, and thereafter not later than  
839 sixty days after the close of each quarter, the board of trustees shall  
840 submit to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly  
841 having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and the  
842 budgets of state agencies and the Office of Policy and Management [,  
843 through the Board of Governors of Higher Education,] a report on the  
844 actual expenditures of the Regional Community-Technical Colleges  
845 Operating Fund. [containing such relevant information as the Board of  
846 Governors of Higher Education may require.]

847 Sec. 18. Subsection (f) of section 10a-77 of the general statutes is  
848 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
849 *1, 2011*):

850 (f) Said board shall set aside from its anticipated regional  
851 community-technical college tuition revenue, an amount not less than

852 that required by [the board of governors'] said board's tuition policy.  
853 [established under subdivision (3) of subsection (a) of section 10a-6.]  
854 Such funds shall be used to provide tuition waivers, tuition remissions,  
855 grants for educational expenses and student employment for residents  
856 enrolled in regional community-technical colleges as full or part-time  
857 matriculated students in a degree-granting program, or enrolled in a  
858 precollege remedial program, who demonstrate substantial financial  
859 need. Said board may also set aside from its anticipated tuition  
860 revenue an additional amount equal to one per cent of said tuition  
861 revenue for financial assistance for students who would not otherwise  
862 be eligible for financial assistance but who do have a financial need as  
863 determined by the college in accordance with this subsection. In  
864 determining such financial need, the college shall exclude the value of  
865 equity in the principal residence of the student's parents or legal  
866 guardians, or in the student's principal residence if the student is not  
867 considered to be a dependent of his parents or legal guardians and  
868 shall assess the earnings of a dependent student at the rate of thirty per  
869 cent.

870 Sec. 19. Section 10a-87 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
871 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2011*):

872 The Board of Trustees of the Connecticut State University System  
873 shall maintain: Western Connecticut State University, Southern  
874 Connecticut State University, Eastern Connecticut State University and  
875 Central Connecticut State University. The board of trustees shall offer  
876 curricula which shall prepare persons who have successfully  
877 completed the same to teach in the schools of the state at any of said  
878 institutions as the board shall deem appropriate and, in addition,  
879 programs of study in academic and career fields. [, provided the board  
880 of trustees shall submit to the Board of Governors of Higher Education  
881 for review and approval recommendations for program terminations  
882 at any of said institutions in accordance with the provisions of  
883 subdivision (8) of subsection (a) of section 10a-6.] The board of trustees  
884 shall establish policies which protect academic freedom and the

885 content of course and degree programs, provided such policies shall be  
886 consistent with state-wide policy and guidelines established by the  
887 Board of [Governors of] Regents for Higher Education. Each of said  
888 institutions shall confer such degrees in education and in academic  
889 and career fields as are appropriate to the curricula of said institution  
890 and as are usually conferred by the institutions; honorary degrees may  
891 be conferred by said institutions upon approval of each honorary  
892 degree recipient by the Board of [Trustees of the Connecticut State  
893 University System] Regents for Higher Education.

894 Sec. 20. Section 10a-88 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
895 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2011*):

896 [There shall continue to be a] The Board of Regents for Higher  
897 Education shall serve as the Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State  
898 University System. [to consist of eighteen members, fourteen to be  
899 appointed by the Governor, who shall reflect the state's geographic,  
900 racial and ethnic diversity; two of whom shall be state college or  
901 Connecticut State University System alumni; and four students, one  
902 from each state university elected by the students enrolled at such state  
903 university. On or before July 1, 1983, the Governor shall appoint  
904 members to the board as follows: Five members, one of whom shall be  
905 a state college or Connecticut State University System alumnus, for a  
906 term of two years from said date; five members, one of whom shall be  
907 a state college or Connecticut State University System alumnus, for a  
908 term of four years from said date, and four members for a term of six  
909 years from said date. Thereafter the Governor shall appoint members  
910 of said board to succeed those appointees whose terms expire, such  
911 members to serve for terms of six years each from July first in the year  
912 of their appointment, provided two of the members appointed for  
913 terms commencing July 1, 1995, and their successors shall be state  
914 college or Connecticut State University System alumni, one of the  
915 members appointed for a term commencing July 1, 1997, and his or her  
916 successors shall be such alumni and two of the members appointed for  
917 terms commencing July 1, 1999, and their successors shall be such

918 alumni. On and after July 1, 1999, the board shall at all times include at  
919 least one member from each county in which a state university is  
920 located. (1) On or before November 1, 1975, the students enrolled at the  
921 institutions under the jurisdiction of the board shall, in such manner as  
922 the board determines, elect two members of the board, each of whom  
923 shall be enrolled as a full-time student at an institution under the  
924 jurisdiction of the board at the time of his or her election. One such  
925 member shall be elected for a term of one year from November 1, 1975,  
926 and one for a term of two years from said date. On or before  
927 November 1, 1976, until July 1, 1997, such students shall, in such  
928 manner as the board determines, elect one member of the board, who  
929 shall be so enrolled at any such institution at the time of his or her  
930 election and who shall serve for a term of two years from November  
931 first in the year of his or her election, except that the term of the  
932 member due to expire on October 31, 1998, shall expire on October 31,  
933 1997. (2) On and after July 1, 1997, until June 30, 2007, the student  
934 members of the board shall be elected as follows: (A) (i) On or before  
935 November 1, 1997, the students enrolled at Central Connecticut State  
936 University shall, in such manner as the board determines, elect one  
937 member of the board who shall be a full-time student at such state  
938 university at the time of his or her election and who shall serve for a  
939 term of one year from said November first, and (ii) on or before  
940 November 1, 1998, and biennially thereafter, the students enrolled at  
941 Central Connecticut State University shall, in such manner as the  
942 board determines, elect one member of the board who shall be a full-  
943 time student at such state university at the time of his or her election  
944 and who shall serve for a term of two years from November first in the  
945 year of his or her election; (B) (i) on or before November 1, 1997, the  
946 students enrolled at Eastern Connecticut State University shall, in such  
947 manner as the board determines, elect one member of the board who  
948 shall be a full-time student at such state university at the time of his or  
949 her election and who shall serve for a term of one year from said  
950 November first, and (ii) on or before November 1, 1998, and biennially  
951 thereafter, the students enrolled at Eastern Connecticut State

952 University shall, in such manner as the board determines, elect one  
953 member of the board who shall be a full-time student at the time of his  
954 or her election and who shall serve for a term of two years from the  
955 November first in the year of his or her election; (C) on or before  
956 November 1, 1997, and biennially thereafter, the students enrolled at  
957 Southern Connecticut State University shall, in such manner as the  
958 board determines, elect one member of the board who shall be a full-  
959 time student at such university at the time of his or her election and  
960 who shall serve for a term of two years from the November first in the  
961 year of his or her election; and (D) on or before November 1, 1997, and  
962 biennially thereafter, the students at Western Connecticut State  
963 University shall, in such manner as the board determines, elect one  
964 member of the board who shall be a full-time student at such state  
965 university at the time of his or her election and who shall serve for a  
966 term of two years from the November first in the year of his or her  
967 election. Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection, the term of  
968 any student member elected pursuant to this subdivision during  
969 calendar year 2005 or 2006, shall terminate June thirtieth of the year in  
970 which such term is due to expire. (3) On and after July 1, 2007, the  
971 student members of the board shall be elected as follows: (A) On or  
972 before July 1, 2008, and biennially thereafter, the students enrolled at  
973 Central Connecticut State University shall, in such manner as the  
974 board determines, elect one member of the board who shall be a full-  
975 time student at said state university at the time of his or her election  
976 and who shall serve for a term of two years from July first in the year  
977 of his or her election; (B) on or before July 1, 2008, and biennially  
978 thereafter, the students enrolled at Eastern Connecticut State  
979 University shall, in such manner as the board determines, elect one  
980 member of the board who shall be a full-time student at said state  
981 university at the time of his or her election and who shall serve for a  
982 term of two years from the July first in the year of his or her election;  
983 (C) on or before July 1, 2007, and biennially thereafter, the students  
984 enrolled at Southern Connecticut State University shall, in such  
985 manner as the board determines, elect one member of the board who

986 shall be a full-time student at said state university at the time of his or  
987 her election and who shall serve for a term of two years from the July  
988 first in the year of his or her election; and (D) on or before July 1, 2007,  
989 and biennially thereafter, the students at Western Connecticut State  
990 University shall, in such manner as the board determines, elect one  
991 member of the board who shall be a full-time student at said state  
992 university at the time of his or her election and who shall serve for a  
993 term of two years from the July first in the year of his or her election. If  
994 any student member of the board elected on or after November 1, 2001,  
995 ceases to be a matriculating student in good standing, either as a full-  
996 time undergraduate student or as a full-time or part-time graduate  
997 student, at the state university from which such student member was  
998 elected, the membership of such student shall terminate. If, on and  
999 after July 1, 2007, the membership of any such student member  
1000 terminates, the students enrolled at the state university such student  
1001 member represented shall, not later than thirty days after the  
1002 membership terminates and in such manner as the board determines,  
1003 elect a student member of the board who shall serve for the remainder  
1004 of the term. The Governor shall, pursuant to section 4-9a, appoint the  
1005 chairperson of the board. The board shall, biennially, elect from its  
1006 members such other officers as it deems necessary. The Governor shall  
1007 fill any vacancy in the appointed membership of the board by  
1008 appointment for the balance of the unexpired term. Any vacancies in  
1009 the elected membership of said board shall be filled by special election  
1010 for the balance of the unexpired term. The members of said board shall  
1011 receive no compensation for their services as such but shall be  
1012 reimbursed for their necessary expenses in the course of their duties.]

1013 Sec. 21. Section 10a-89 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1014 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2011*):

1015 (a) Subject to state-wide policy and guidelines established by the  
1016 Board of [Governors of] Regents for Higher Education, the board of  
1017 trustees shall provide for the administration of the Connecticut State  
1018 University System [,] and plan for the expansion and development of

1019 the institutions within its jurisdiction, and submit such plans [to the  
1020 Board of Governors of Higher Education and] to the Commissioner of  
1021 Public Works for review and recommendations. The Commissioner of  
1022 Public Works upon request of the board of trustees shall, in accordance  
1023 with section 4b-30, negotiate and execute leases on such physical  
1024 facilities as the board of trustees may deem necessary for proper  
1025 operation of such institutions, and the board of trustees may, with the  
1026 permission of the Commissioner of Public Works and the State  
1027 Properties Review Board, expend capital funds therefor if such leasing  
1028 is required during the planning and construction phases of institutions  
1029 within its jurisdiction for which such capital funds were authorized.  
1030 Subject to such policies as may be established by the board of trustees,  
1031 the chief executive officer of each institution within the jurisdiction of  
1032 the board may make buildings and other facilities under its control  
1033 available to nonprofit and other organizations or to individuals for  
1034 temporary uses not inconsistent with the educational purpose of the  
1035 institution. The board of trustees may appoint or remove the chief  
1036 executive officer of each institution within its jurisdiction. [, and with  
1037 respect to its own operation the board of trustees may appoint and  
1038 remove a chancellor and executive staff. The board of trustees may  
1039 determine the size of the executive staff and the duties, terms and  
1040 conditions of employment of the chancellor and staff, subject to  
1041 personnel guidelines established by the] The Board of [Governors of]  
1042 Regents for Higher Education [in consultation with said] may appoint  
1043 and remove executive staff responsible for the operation of the board  
1044 of trustees. The board of trustees may employ faculty and other  
1045 personnel needed to maintain and operate the institutions within its  
1046 jurisdiction. Within the limitation of appropriations, the board of  
1047 trustees shall fix the compensation of such personnel, establish terms  
1048 and conditions of employment and prescribe their duties and  
1049 qualifications. The board of trustees shall determine who constitutes its  
1050 professional staff and establish compensation and classification  
1051 schedules for its professional staff. The board of trustees shall annually  
1052 submit to the Commissioner of Administrative Services a list of the

1053 positions which it has included within the professional staff. The board  
1054 of trustees may appoint one or more physicians for the Connecticut  
1055 State University System and shall provide such physicians with  
1056 suitable facilities for the performance of such duties as it prescribes.  
1057 Subject to state-wide policy and guidelines established by the Board of  
1058 [~~Governors of~~] Regents for Higher Education, the board of trustees  
1059 shall: (1) Make rules for the government of the Connecticut State  
1060 University System and shall determine the general policies of the  
1061 university system, including those concerning the admission of  
1062 students and the expenditure of the funds of institutions under its  
1063 jurisdiction within the amounts available; (2) develop the mission  
1064 statement for the university system which shall include, but not be  
1065 limited to the following elements: (A) The educational needs of and  
1066 constituencies served by the institutions within its jurisdiction; (B) the  
1067 degrees offered by such institutions; and (C) the role and scope of each  
1068 institution within the university system, which shall include each  
1069 institution's particular strengths and specialties; [. The board of  
1070 trustees shall submit the mission statement to the Board of Governors  
1071 of Higher Education for review and approval in accordance with the  
1072 provisions of section 10a-6;] (3) establish policies for the university  
1073 system and for the individual institutions under its jurisdiction; (4)  
1074 [~~submit to the Board of Governors of Higher Education, for approval,~~  
1075 ~~recommendations for the establishment of new academic programs;~~ (5)  
1076 make appropriate recommendations to the Board of Governors of  
1077 Higher Education regarding] make institutional mergers or closures;  
1078 [(6)] (5) coordinate the programs and services of the institutions under  
1079 its jurisdiction; [(7)] (6) be authorized to enter into agreements,  
1080 consistent with the provisions of section 5-141d, to save harmless and  
1081 indemnify sponsors of research grants to institutions under its  
1082 jurisdiction, provided such an agreement is required to receive the  
1083 grant and limits liability to damages or injury resulting from acts or  
1084 omissions related to such research by employees of such institutions;  
1085 [(8)] (7) promote fund-raising by the institutions under its jurisdiction  
1086 in order to assist such institutions [, provided the board shall not

1087 directly engage in fund-raising except for purposes of providing  
1088 funding for (A) scholarships or other direct student financial aid; and  
1089 (B) programs, services or activities at one or more of the institutions  
1090 within its jurisdiction] and report to the [Commissioner] President of  
1091 the Board of Regents for Higher Education and the joint standing  
1092 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
1093 relating to higher education by January 1, 1994, and biennially  
1094 thereafter, on all such fund-raising; and [(9)] (8) charge the direct costs  
1095 for a building project under its jurisdiction to the bond fund account  
1096 for such project, provided (A) such costs are charged in accordance  
1097 with a procedure approved by the Treasurer; and (B) nothing in this  
1098 subdivision shall permit the charging of working capital, as defined in  
1099 the applicable provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or any  
1100 subsequent corresponding internal revenue code of the United States,  
1101 as from time to time amended, or costs originally paid from sources  
1102 other than the bond fund account.

1103 (b) The board of trustees shall: (1) Review and approve institutional  
1104 budget requests; [and prepare and submit to the Board of Governors of  
1105 Higher Education, in accordance with the provisions of section 10a-8,  
1106 the budget request for the Connecticut State University System;] and  
1107 (2) propose facility planning and capital expenditure budget priorities  
1108 for the institutions under its jurisdiction. The board may request  
1109 authority from the Treasurer to issue payment for claims against the  
1110 state university system, other than a payment for payroll, debt service  
1111 payable on state bonds to bondholders, paying agents, or trustees, or  
1112 any payment the source of which includes the proceeds of a state bond  
1113 issue.

1114 Sec. 22. Subsection (c) of section 10a-99 of the general statutes is  
1115 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
1116 *1, 2011*):

1117 (c) Commencing December 1, 1984, and thereafter not later than  
1118 sixty days after the close of each quarter, the board of trustees shall

1119 submit to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly  
1120 having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and the  
1121 budgets of state agencies and the Office of Policy and Management [,  
1122 through the Board of Governors of Higher Education,] a report on the  
1123 actual expenditures of the Connecticut State University System  
1124 Operating Fund. [containing such relevant information as the Board of  
1125 Governors of Higher Education may require.]

1126       Sec. 23. Section 10a-102 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1127 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2011*):

1128       The University of Connecticut shall remain an institution for the  
1129 education of youths whose parents are citizens of this state. The  
1130 leading object of said university shall be, without excluding scientific  
1131 and classical studies, and including military tactics, to teach such  
1132 branches of learning as are related to agriculture and the mechanic  
1133 arts, in such manner as the General Assembly prescribes, in order to  
1134 promote the liberal and practical education of the industrial classes in  
1135 accordance with the provisions of an Act of Congress, approved July 2,  
1136 1862, entitled "An Act donating public lands to the several states and  
1137 territories which may provide colleges for the benefit of agriculture  
1138 and the mechanic arts", and also in accordance with an Act of  
1139 Congress, approved August 30, 1890, entitled "An Act to apply a  
1140 portion of the proceeds of the public lands to the more complete  
1141 endowment and support of the colleges for the benefit of agriculture  
1142 and the mechanic arts established under the provisions of an Act of  
1143 Congress, approved July 2, 1862". The number of students who are to  
1144 reside in university dormitories shall be determined by the board of  
1145 trustees, preference in enrollment in the university being given to  
1146 qualified students taking the full agricultural course. Said university is  
1147 authorized to confer the academic and professional degrees  
1148 appropriate to the courses prescribed by its board of trustees. The  
1149 board shall establish policies which protect academic freedom and the  
1150 content of course and degree programs. [, provided such policies shall  
1151 be consistent with state-wide policy and guidelines established by the

1152 Board of Governors of Higher Education.]

1153 Sec. 24. Section 10a-104 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1154 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2011*):

1155 (a) [Subject to state-wide policy and guidelines established by the  
1156 Board of Governors of Higher Education, the] The Board of Trustees of  
1157 The University of Connecticut shall: (1) Make rules for the government  
1158 of the university and shall determine the general policies of the  
1159 university, including those concerning the admission of students and  
1160 the establishment of schools, colleges, divisions and departments, and  
1161 shall direct the expenditure of the university's funds within the  
1162 amounts available; (2) develop the mission statement for The  
1163 University of Connecticut, and all branches thereof, which shall  
1164 include, but not be limited to, the following elements: (A) The  
1165 educational needs of and constituencies served by said university and  
1166 branches; (B) the degrees offered by said university; and (C) the role  
1167 and scope of each institution and branch within the university system,  
1168 which shall include each institution's and branch's particular strengths  
1169 and specialties. The board of trustees shall submit the mission  
1170 statement to the Board of Governors of Higher Education for review  
1171 and approval in accordance with the provisions of section 10a-6, as  
1172 amended by this act; (3) establish policies for the university system  
1173 and for the individual institutions and branches under its jurisdiction;  
1174 (4) [submit to the Board of Governors of Higher Education, for  
1175 approval, recommendations for the establishment of] establish new  
1176 academic programs; (5) [make recommendations to the Board of  
1177 Governors of Higher Education, when appropriate, regarding  
1178 institutional or branch mergers or closures] merge or close institutions  
1179 or branches; (6) coordinate the programs and services of the  
1180 institutions and branches under its jurisdiction; (7) be authorized to  
1181 enter into agreements, consistent with the provisions of section 5-141d,  
1182 to save harmless and indemnify sponsors of research grants to The  
1183 University of Connecticut, provided such an agreement is required to  
1184 receive the grant and limits liability to damages or injury resulting

1185 from acts or omissions related to such research by employees of the  
1186 university; (8) promote fund-raising to assist the university and report  
1187 to the Commissioner of Higher Education and the joint standing  
1188 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
1189 relating to education by January 1, 1994, and biennially thereafter, on  
1190 such fund-raising; (9) charge the direct costs for a building project  
1191 under its jurisdiction to the bond fund account for such project,  
1192 provided (A) such costs are charged in accordance with a procedure  
1193 approved by the Treasurer and (B) nothing in this subdivision shall  
1194 permit the charging of working capital costs, as defined in the  
1195 applicable provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or any  
1196 subsequent corresponding internal revenue code of the United States,  
1197 as from time to time amended, or costs originally paid from sources  
1198 other than the bond fund account; (10) exercise the powers delegated  
1199 to it pursuant to section 10a-109d; and (11) establish by October 1,  
1200 1997, policies governing the acceptance of gifts made by a foundation  
1201 established pursuant to sections 4-37e and 4-37f to the university or its  
1202 employees for reimbursement of expenditures or payment of  
1203 expenditures on behalf of the university or its employees.

1204 (b) The board of trustees shall: (1) Review and approve institutional  
1205 budget requests and prepare and submit to the [Board of Governors of  
1206 Higher Education, in accordance with the provisions of section 10a-8,]  
1207 Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management the budget request  
1208 for the university and all branches thereof; (2) propose facility  
1209 planning and capital expenditure budget priorities for the institutions  
1210 under its jurisdiction; (3) fulfill requirements concerning the auditing  
1211 and review of projects of UCONN 2000 in accordance with sections  
1212 10a-109z to 10a-109bb, inclusive; (4) establish the construction  
1213 assurance office in accordance with section 10a-109cc; and (5) exercise  
1214 the powers delegated to it in section 10a-109d. The board may request  
1215 authority from the Treasurer to issue payment for claims against the  
1216 university, other than a payment for payroll, debt service payable on  
1217 state bonds to bondholders, paying agents, or trustees, or any payment  
1218 the source of which includes the proceeds of a state bond issue.

1219 (c) The board of trustees may create a board of directors for the  
1220 governance of The University of Connecticut Health Center and may  
1221 delegate such duties and authority as it deems necessary and  
1222 appropriate to said board of directors. The board of directors shall  
1223 include members of the board of trustees designated by the  
1224 chairperson of the board of trustees and such other persons as the  
1225 board of trustees deems appropriate.

1226 Sec. 25. Subsection (d) of section 10a-105 of the general statutes is  
1227 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
1228 *1, 2011*):

1229 (d) Commencing December 1, 1981, and thereafter not later than  
1230 sixty days after the close of each quarter, the board of trustees shall  
1231 submit to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly  
1232 having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and the  
1233 budgets of state agencies and the Office of Policy and Management,  
1234 through the Board of Governors of Higher Education, a report on the  
1235 actual expenditures of The University of Connecticut Operating Fund  
1236 and The University of Connecticut Health Center Operating Fund  
1237 containing such relevant information as the [Board of Governors of  
1238 Higher Education] Office of Policy and Management may require.

1239 Sec. 26. Subdivision (7) of section 10a-109c of the general statutes is  
1240 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
1241 *1, 2011*):

1242 (7) "Endowment fund state grant" means moneys transferred by the  
1243 [Department of] Board of Regents for Higher Education from the fund  
1244 established pursuant to section 10a-8b for deposit into the endowment  
1245 fund pursuant to subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of section 10a-109i in  
1246 an aggregate amount not exceeding the endowment fund state grant  
1247 maximum commitment.

1248 Sec. 27. Subdivision (26) of section 10a-109c of the general statutes is  
1249 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*

1250 1, 2011):

1251 (26) "University" means The University of Connecticut, a  
1252 [constituent unit of the state system of] public institution of higher  
1253 education, including The University of Connecticut Health Center.

1254 Sec. 28. Section 10a-143 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1255 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2011*):

1256 (a) The Board of [Governors of] Regents for Higher Education in  
1257 concert with the state's institutions of higher education, shall study,  
1258 develop and coordinate the implementation of new methods of  
1259 awarding undergraduate degrees and college credits including but not  
1260 limited to: (1) External degrees awarded on the basis of acceptable  
1261 performance in an educational field whether or not the necessary  
1262 education was obtained by the candidate at an institution of higher  
1263 education and (2) examinations and methods other than classroom  
1264 instruction for determining qualifications. On or before July 1, 1993,  
1265 each constituent unit of the state system of higher education shall  
1266 establish procedures to award college credits pursuant to this  
1267 subsection and subsection (e) of this section.

1268 (b) The Board of [Governors of] Regents for Higher Education shall  
1269 promulgate regulations to authorize accredited institutions of higher  
1270 education to award degrees by such new procedures.

1271 (c) There shall continue to be a Board for State Academic Awards  
1272 which shall be an independent constituent unit of the state system of  
1273 higher education with authority to grant undergraduate and graduate  
1274 credits and degrees on the basis of (1) examinations, (2) courses offered  
1275 by Charter Oak State College, and (3) other forms of evaluation and  
1276 validation of learning including transfer of credit. Said board is  
1277 authorized to use the term "Charter Oak State College" on diplomas  
1278 and other documents and utterances to affirm the status of the board  
1279 as a degree-granting institution of higher education. It shall be the  
1280 responsibility of the board to serve the interest of all Connecticut

1281 residents by providing open access to academic credentials which are  
1282 based on a consensus of professional judgment. The purpose of such  
1283 credentials shall be to identify and give recognition to higher learning  
1284 acquired by individuals through independent study, work experience  
1285 and programs of noncollegiate educational activity.

1286 (d) The Board of Regents for Higher Education shall serve as the  
1287 Board for State Academic Awards. [shall consist of nine persons, eight  
1288 to be appointed by the Governor, who shall reflect the state's  
1289 geographic, racial and ethnic diversity; one of whom shall be an  
1290 alumnus of Charter Oak State College; and one to be elected by the  
1291 students enrolled in Charter Oak State College. On or before July 1,  
1292 1983, the Governor shall appoint two members of the board for a term  
1293 of two years from said date, two members for a term of four years  
1294 from said date and one member for a term of six years from said date.  
1295 On or before July 1, 1984, the Governor shall appoint one member for a  
1296 term of three years from said date. On or before July 1, 1996, the  
1297 Governor shall appoint two members, one for a term of five years from  
1298 said date and one for a term of one year from said date. Thereafter the  
1299 Governor shall appoint members of said board to succeed those  
1300 appointees whose terms expire, such members to serve for terms of six  
1301 years each from July first in the year of their appointment. On or  
1302 before November 1, 1984, and biennially thereafter, the students  
1303 enrolled with the board shall, in such manner as the board shall  
1304 determine, elect one member of the board, who shall serve for a term  
1305 of two years from November first in the year of his election. No  
1306 member of said board, appointed by the Governor, shall be an  
1307 employee of an institution of postsecondary or higher education. No  
1308 member who has served consecutively for two full terms or portions  
1309 thereof may again be appointed until two years have passed. The  
1310 Governor shall, pursuant to section 4-9a, appoint the chairperson of  
1311 the board. The board shall, annually, elect from its members such other  
1312 officers as it deems necessary. The Governor shall fill any vacancies in  
1313 the membership of said board by appointment for the balance of the  
1314 unexpired term. The members of said board shall receive no

1315 compensation for their services as such but shall be reimbursed for  
1316 their necessary expenses in the course of their duties. The board shall  
1317 meet at least once during each calendar quarter and at such other times  
1318 as the chairperson deems necessary or upon the request of a majority  
1319 of members in office. Any member who fails to attend three  
1320 consecutive meetings or who fails to attend fifty per cent of all  
1321 meetings held during any calendar year shall be deemed to have  
1322 resigned from office.]

1323 (e) (1) The Board for State Academic Awards shall develop and  
1324 implement programs to improve opportunities in higher education  
1325 through alternative modes of service, including, but not limited to,  
1326 guidance and information services, registration and validation  
1327 services, examination and degree-granting services, technological  
1328 delivery systems, and projects of research and development. [With  
1329 respect to its own operation the board may appoint and remove an  
1330 executive director, who shall be the chief academic and administrative  
1331 officer, and a professional academic staff.] The Board of Regents for  
1332 Higher Education may appoint and remove executive staff responsible  
1333 for the operation of the Board for State Academic Awards. The board  
1334 may determine the size of the academic staff and the duties, terms, and  
1335 conditions of employment of said [director and] staff. [subject to  
1336 personnel guidelines established by the Board of Governors of Higher  
1337 Education in consultation with the Board for State Academic Awards.]  
1338 The board shall establish through appointments on an adjunct basis a  
1339 faculty of consulting examiners to make recommendations as to  
1340 requirements and standards of the board's programs and to make  
1341 recommendations for the award of academic undergraduate and  
1342 graduate credits and degrees. Persons serving as members of the  
1343 faculty of consulting examiners shall have appropriate professional  
1344 qualifications as determined by the board and may hold professional  
1345 appointments in active status at accredited institutions of  
1346 postsecondary or higher learning. Within the limit of appropriations,  
1347 the board shall fix the compensation of persons serving with adjunct  
1348 appointment as members of the faculty of consulting examiners. The

1349 board shall confer such undergraduate and graduate certificates and  
1350 degrees as are appropriate to programs of postsecondary and higher  
1351 learning and in accordance with the recommendations of the board's  
1352 faculty of consulting examiners on the basis of (A) examinations, (B)  
1353 courses offered by Charter Oak State College, and (C) other forms of  
1354 validation and evaluation of learning, including transfer of credit. The  
1355 board shall assist public institutions of higher education in establishing  
1356 and implementing procedures to award college credits pursuant to  
1357 subsection (a) of this section.

1358 (2) The Board for State Academic Awards shall develop a mission  
1359 statement which shall include, but not be limited to, the following  
1360 elements: (A) The educational needs of, and constituencies served by  
1361 the board; (B) the degrees offered by the board; and (C) the role and  
1362 scope of the programs offered by the board. [The board shall submit  
1363 the mission statement to the Board of Governors of Higher Education  
1364 for review and approval in accordance with the provisions of section  
1365 10a-6.]

1366 [(f) The Advisory Council for Higher Education established in  
1367 accordance with subdivision (13) of subsection (a) of section 10a-6 shall  
1368 be the advisory council for the board.]

1369 [(g)] (f) The board shall fix fees for examinations and for such other  
1370 purposes as the board deems necessary and may make refunds and  
1371 other disposition of same as provided by law or regulation. The board  
1372 may make contracts, leases or other agreements in connection with its  
1373 responsibilities.

1374 [(h)] (g) The Board for State Academic Awards shall establish and  
1375 administer a fund to be known as the Board for State Academic  
1376 Awards Operating Fund, which shall be a separate account within the  
1377 General Fund. The operating fund shall be used for the expenses of the  
1378 board, including personnel expenses and equipment, and for the  
1379 support of board activities pursuant to this section, including  
1380 validation and evaluation of learning, guidance and public

1381 information services, projects of research and development for the  
1382 improvement of learning materials and the technology of delivery  
1383 systems, and for the purchase of such services, materials and  
1384 equipment as are required for use in connection with said activities.  
1385 Appropriations from general revenues of the state, all fees and  
1386 proceeds of the board's activities, including grants and donations, not  
1387 required by statute or regulation to be deposited to the credit of the  
1388 General Fund, shall be credited to and become a part of the resources  
1389 of said operating fund. Any balance of receipts above expenditures  
1390 shall remain in said operating fund.

1391 [(i)] (h) The Board for State Academic Awards shall promote fund-  
1392 raising to assist its programs pursuant to this section and shall report  
1393 to the [Commissioner of Higher Education and the] joint standing  
1394 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
1395 relating to education by January 1, 1994, and biennially thereafter, on  
1396 such fund-raising.

1397 Sec. 29. Section 10a-143a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1398 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2011*):

1399 (a) (1) The Board for State Academic Awards shall establish a  
1400 permanent Endowment Fund for Charter Oak State College to  
1401 encourage donations from the private sector, with an incentive in the  
1402 form of an endowment fund state grant, the net earnings on the  
1403 principal of which are dedicated and made available to Charter Oak  
1404 State College for scholarships and programmatic enhancements. The  
1405 fund shall be administered by the Board for State Academic Awards or  
1406 by a nonprofit entity entrusted for such purpose and qualified as a  
1407 Section 501(c)(3) organization under the Internal Revenue Code of  
1408 1986, or any subsequent corresponding internal revenue code of the  
1409 United States, as from time to time amended, and preferably  
1410 constituted and controlled independent of the state and college so as to  
1411 qualify the interest on state bonds the proceeds of which have been  
1412 granted for deposit in the endowment fund as excludable from federal

1413 taxation under such code and shall, in any event, be held in a trust  
1414 fund separate and apart from all other funds and accounts of the state  
1415 and the Board for State Academic Awards. There shall be deposited  
1416 into the fund: (A) Endowment fund eligible gifts; (B) endowment fund  
1417 state grants; and (C) interest or other earnings from the investment of  
1418 moneys in the endowment fund pending transfer or use of earnings on  
1419 the principal of the fund for the purposes identified in this subdivision.

1420 (2) (A) For each of the fiscal years ending June 30, 2000, to June 30,  
1421 2006, inclusive, as part of the state contract with donors of endowment  
1422 fund eligible gifts, the [Department of] Board of Regents for Higher  
1423 Education, in accordance with section 10a-8b, shall deposit in the  
1424 Endowment Fund for Charter Oak State College a grant in an amount  
1425 equal to half of the total amount of endowment fund eligible gifts  
1426 received by or for the benefit of Charter Oak State College for the  
1427 calendar year ending the December thirty-first preceding the  
1428 commencement of such fiscal year, as certified by the chairperson of  
1429 the Board for State Academic Awards by February fifteenth to (i) the  
1430 Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, and (ii) the joint  
1431 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
1432 matters relating to appropriations and the budgets of state agencies,  
1433 [and (iii) the Commissioner of Higher Education,] provided such sums  
1434 do not exceed the endowment fund state grant maximum commitment  
1435 for the fiscal year in which the grant is made.

1436 (B) For each of the fiscal years ending June 30, 2007, to June 30, 2014,  
1437 inclusive, as part of the state contract with donors of endowment fund  
1438 eligible gifts, the [Department of] Board of Regents for Higher  
1439 Education, in accordance with section 10a-8b, shall deposit in the  
1440 Endowment Fund for Charter Oak State College a grant in an amount  
1441 equal to one-quarter of the total amount of endowment fund eligible  
1442 gifts, except as provided in this subdivision, received by or for the  
1443 benefit of Charter Oak State College for the calendar year ending the  
1444 December thirty-first preceding the commencement of such fiscal year,  
1445 as certified by the chairperson of the Board for State Academic Awards

1446 by February fifteenth to (i) the Secretary of the Office of Policy and  
1447 Management, and (ii) the joint standing committee of the General  
1448 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and  
1449 the budgets of state agencies, [and (iii) the Commissioner of Higher  
1450 Education,] provided such sums do not exceed the endowment fund  
1451 state grant maximum commitment for the fiscal year in which the  
1452 grant is made. Endowment fund eligible gifts that meet the criteria set  
1453 forth in this subdivision, made by donors during the period from  
1454 January 1, 2005, to June 30, 2005, shall continue to be matched by the  
1455 [Department of] Board of Regents for Higher Education in an amount  
1456 equal to one-half of the total amount of endowment fund eligible gifts  
1457 received. Commitments by donors to make endowment fund eligible  
1458 gifts for two or more years that meet the criteria set forth in this  
1459 subdivision and that are made for the period prior to December 31,  
1460 2004, but ending before December 31, 2012, shall continue to be  
1461 matched by the Department of Higher Education in an amount equal  
1462 to one-half of the total amount of endowment fund eligible gifts  
1463 received through the commitment.

1464 (C) In any such fiscal year in which the total of the eligible gifts  
1465 received by Charter Oak State College exceeds the endowment fund  
1466 state grant maximum commitment for such fiscal year the amount in  
1467 excess of such endowment fund state grant maximum commitment  
1468 shall be carried forward and be eligible for a matching state grant in  
1469 any succeeding fiscal year from the fiscal year ending June 30, 2000, to  
1470 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014, inclusive, subject to the  
1471 endowment fund state grant maximum commitment. Any endowment  
1472 fund eligible gifts that are not included in the total amount of  
1473 endowment fund eligible gifts certified by the chairperson of the Board  
1474 for State Academic Awards pursuant to this subdivision may be  
1475 carried forward and be eligible for a matching state grant in any  
1476 succeeding fiscal year from the fiscal year ending June 30, 2000, to the  
1477 fiscal year ending June 30, 2014, inclusive, subject to the endowment  
1478 fund state matching grant maximum commitment for such fiscal year.

1479 (3) The Board for State Academic Awards shall adopt, by October 1,  
1480 1997, guidelines with respect to (A) the solicitation of endowment fund  
1481 eligible gifts from private donors, and (B) governing the acceptance of  
1482 gifts made by a foundation established pursuant to sections 4-37e and  
1483 4-37f, to Charter Oak State College or its employees for reimbursement  
1484 of expenditures or payment of expenditures on behalf of Charter Oak  
1485 State College or its employees. Private donations shall not be  
1486 construed to include proceeds of municipal grants.

1487 (b) For the purposes of this section: (1) "Endowment fund eligible  
1488 gift" means a gift to or for the benefit of Charter Oak State College of  
1489 cash or assets which may be reduced to cash or which has a value that  
1490 is ascertainable by such college which the donor has specifically  
1491 designated for deposit in the endowment fund or which explicitly or  
1492 implicitly by the terms of the gift Charter Oak State College may and  
1493 does deposit or permit to be deposited in the endowment fund. (2)  
1494 "Endowment fund state grant" means moneys that are transferred by  
1495 the [Department of] Board of Regents for Higher Education from the  
1496 fund established pursuant to section 10a-8b to the endowment fund  
1497 established pursuant to this section in an aggregate amount not  
1498 exceeding the endowment fund state grant maximum commitment. (3)  
1499 "Endowment fund state grant maximum commitment" means an  
1500 amount not exceeding one hundred thousand dollars for each fiscal  
1501 year from the fiscal year ending June 30, 2000, to the fiscal year ending  
1502 June 30, 2014, inclusive.

1503 (c) Notwithstanding the endowment fund state grant maximum  
1504 commitment level provided for each fiscal year pursuant to subsection  
1505 (b) of this section, the total of the endowment fund state grant  
1506 maximum commitments for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2000, to  
1507 June 30, 2014, inclusive, shall not exceed nine hundred thousand  
1508 dollars.

1509 Sec. 30. Subsection (b) of section 31-11dd of the general statutes is  
1510 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*

1511 1, 2011):

1512 (b) The Office of Workforce Competitiveness, in accordance with  
1513 subsection (c) of section 4-124w, may request other state agencies,  
1514 including, but not limited to, the Departments of Education, [Higher  
1515 Education,] Economic and Community Development and Social  
1516 Services, the Labor Department, and the Board of [Trustees of the  
1517 Community-Technical Colleges] Regents for Higher Education to  
1518 provide information, reports and other assistance to the board in  
1519 carrying out its duties, pursuant to subsection (a) of this section and  
1520 sections 31-11cc and 31-11ee, and to the Connecticut Employment and  
1521 Training Commission in carrying out its duties pursuant to subsection  
1522 (d) of this section.

1523 Sec. 31. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2011*) (a) Whenever the term "Board  
1524 of Governors of Higher Education" is used or referred to in the  
1525 following sections of the general statutes, the term "Board of Regents  
1526 for Higher Education" shall be substituted in lieu thereof: 3-22e, 4-9a,  
1527 4-38c, 4-67x, 4-89, 4-186, 4d-80, 4d-82, 5-160, 5-177, 5-242, 10-9, 10-16p,  
1528 10-19, 10-145a, 10-145b, 10-145m, 10-145n, 10-145p, 10-155d, 10-155e,  
1529 10-155l, 10-183b, 10-183n, 10-220a, 10-235, 10-236a, 10a-7, 10a-8, 10a-9,  
1530 10a-10, 10a-10a, 10a-11, 10a-11a, 10a-12b, 10a-13, 10a-15, 10a-16, 10a-19,  
1531 10a-19i, 10a-20, 10a-20a, 10a-22, 10a-22a, 10a-22b, 10a-22d, 10a-22k,  
1532 10a-22x, 10a-23, 10a-24, 10a-25j, 10a-25o, 10a-25p, 10a-31, 10a-33, 10a-  
1533 34, 10a-34a, 10a-34c, 10a-34d, 10a-34f, 10a-35, 10a-36, 10a-37, 10a-38,  
1534 10a-39, 10a-40, 10a-42, 10a-42b, 10a-42g, 10a-43, 10a-44b, 10a-45, 10a-46,  
1535 10a-48, 10a-48b, 10a-49, 10a-51, 10a-54, 10a-66, 10a-74, 10a-78, 10a-132a,  
1536 10a-149, 10a-161, 10a-162a, 10a-163, 10a-163a, 10a-163b, 10a-164a, 10a-  
1537 166, 10a-168, 10a-169, 10a-170, 10a-170b, 10a-170d, 10a-170l, 10a-170m,  
1538 10a-170u, 10a-170v, 10a-170w, 10a-171, 10a-203, 10a-210, 12-407, 19a-75,  
1539 20-37a, 20-206bb, 29-251b, 29-298a, 30-20a and 52-279.

1540 (b) Whenever the term "Department of Higher Education" is used or  
1541 referred to in the following sections of the general statutes, the term  
1542 "Board of Regents for Higher Education" shall be substituted in lieu

1543 thereof: 4-89, 4-124x, 4-124y, 4-124aa, 4a-11, 4d-82, 5-155a, 5-198, 10-8c,  
1544 10-76i, 10-145b, 10-155d, 10-221a, 10a-8b, 10a-8c, 10a-9, 10a-9a, 10a-10,  
1545 10a-11a, 10a-12, 10a-14, 10a-15, 10a-17, 10a-17b, 10a-17c, 10a-17d, 10a-  
1546 19c, 10a-19e, 10a-19f, 10a-19g, 10a-19i, 10a-22d, 10a-22h, 10a-22r, 10a-  
1547 22u, 10a-25, 10a-25n, 10a-37, 10a-38, 10a-40, 10a-48, 10a-48a, 10a-54,  
1548 10a-55g, 10a-65, 10a-77a, 10a-89g, 10a-99a, 10a-109i, 10a-151, 10a-161b,  
1549 10a-163, 10a-163a, 10a-163b, 10a-164a, 10a-168a, 10a-169a, 10a-169b,  
1550 10a-170a, 10a-170e, 10a-170i, 10a-170l, 10a-170r, 10a-170t, 10a-170u, 11-  
1551 1, 14-19a, 17a-52, 17a-215c and 20-206bb.

1552 (c) Whenever the term "Commissioner of Higher Education" is used  
1553 or referred to in the following sections of the general statutes, the term  
1554 "President of the Board of Regents for Higher Education" shall be  
1555 substituted in lieu thereof: 3-22e, 4-124x, 4-124y, 4-124aa, 10-1, 10-16p,  
1556 10-16z, 10a-4a, 10a-8a, 10a-12a, 10a-19a, 10a-19d, 10a-19e, 10a-19f, 10a-  
1557 19h, 10a-22a, 10a-22b, 10a-22c, 10a-22e, 10a-22f, 10a-22g, 10a-22h, 10a-  
1558 22i, 10a-22n, 10a-22r, 10a-22s, 10a-22u, 10a-22v, 10a-34a, 10a-34b, 10a-  
1559 34c, 10a-34d, 10a-34e, 10a-42g, 10a-48, 10a-48b, 10a-55a, 10a-77a, 10a-  
1560 99a, 10a-109i, 10a-112g, 10a-144, 10a-150, 10a-150b, 10a-161a, 10a-161b,  
1561 10a-163, 10a-169a, 10a-169b, 10a-170c, 10a-170d, 10a-170h, 10a-170i,  
1562 10a-170k, 10a-170s, 10a-170t, 10a-203, 10a-224, 12-413b, 17a-52, 32-4f,  
1563 32-35, 32-39 and 32-717.

1564 Sec. 32. Subsection (n) of section 32-222 of the general statutes is  
1565 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
1566 *1, 2011*):

1567 (n) "Nonprofit organization" means a municipality or nonprofit  
1568 corporation as defined in section 33-1002 and organized under the  
1569 laws of this state and for purposes of this chapter includes any  
1570 constituent unit of the state system of higher education and The  
1571 University of Connecticut;

1572 Sec. 33. Subdivision (41) of section 32-651 of the general statutes is  
1573 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
1574 *1, 2011*):

1575 (41) "University" means The University of Connecticut, [ a  
1576 constituent unit of the state system of public higher education.]

1577 Sec. 34. (*Effective from passage*) The Office of Policy and Management,  
1578 in consultation with the chairpersons of the joint standing committee  
1579 of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to  
1580 higher education, shall study the impact of this act on sections 1-79, 1-  
1581 84, 1-84d, 1-91, 3-25, 3-117, 3-123f, 4-29b, 4-37e, 4-37f, 4-37i, 4-65a, 4-  
1582 73a, 4-87, 4-89, 4-124y, 4-124aa, 4-188a, 4a-4, 4a-5a, 4a-52a, 4a-52b, 4a-  
1583 64, 4b-3, 4b-23, 4b-38, 4b-51, 4b-52, 4b-55, 4b-91, 4d-2, 4d-12, 4d-80, 4e-  
1584 1, 4e-10, 4e-13, 4e-47, 5-155a, 5-160, 5-198, 5-200, 5-242, 10-9, 10-21f, 10-  
1585 155e, 10-155l, 10-183v, 10-221a, 10-235, 10a-4a, 10a-8c, 10a-9, 10a-11,  
1586 10a-12a, 10a-15, 10a-19a, 10a-19b, 10a-20, 10a-25h, 10a-25i, 10a-25j, 10a-  
1587 26, 10a-27, 10a-31, 10a-51, 10a-67, 10a-149c, 10a-150, 10a-151, 10a-151a,  
1588 10a-151b, 10a-151c, 10a-151d, 10a-151e, 10a-152, 10a-153, 10a-154a, 10a-  
1589 154b, 10a-156a, 10a-232, 12-64, 16a-37w, 17a-750, 22a-1f, 22a-20a, 27-  
1590 102b, 31-57c and 54-102uu of the general statutes and whether The  
1591 University of Connecticut should be included in said statutes in  
1592 addition to the constituent units, as defined in section 10a-1 of the  
1593 general statutes, as amended by this act. Not later than May 1, 2011,  
1594 the Office of Policy and Management shall report on such study,  
1595 including any recommended legislation, to the joint standing  
1596 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
1597 relating to higher education.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2011</i>	3-22a(2)
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2011</i>	4-9c
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2011</i>	10a-1
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2011</i>	10a-2
Sec. 5	<i>July 1, 2011</i>	10a-3
Sec. 6	<i>July 1, 2011</i>	10a-4
Sec. 7	<i>July 1, 2011</i>	10a-5
Sec. 8	<i>July 1, 2011</i>	10a-6

Sec. 9	<i>July 1, 2011</i>	10a-6a(a)
Sec. 10	<i>July 1, 2011</i>	10a-6b
Sec. 11	<i>July 1, 2011</i>	10a-8
Sec. 12	<i>July 1, 2011</i>	10a-11b
Sec. 13	<i>July 1, 2011</i>	10a-28(1)
Sec. 14	<i>July 1, 2011</i>	10a-55(1)
Sec. 15	<i>July 1, 2011</i>	10a-71
Sec. 16	<i>July 1, 2011</i>	10a-72
Sec. 17	<i>July 1, 2011</i>	10a-77(c)
Sec. 18	<i>July 1, 2011</i>	10a-77(f)
Sec. 19	<i>July 1, 2011</i>	10a-87
Sec. 20	<i>July 1, 2011</i>	10a-88
Sec. 21	<i>July 1, 2011</i>	10a-89
Sec. 22	<i>July 1, 2011</i>	10a-99(c)
Sec. 23	<i>July 1, 2011</i>	10a-102
Sec. 24	<i>July 1, 2011</i>	10a-104
Sec. 25	<i>July 1, 2011</i>	10a-105(d)
Sec. 26	<i>July 1, 2011</i>	10a-109c(7)
Sec. 27	<i>July 1, 2011</i>	10a-109c(26)
Sec. 28	<i>July 1, 2011</i>	10a-143
Sec. 29	<i>July 1, 2011</i>	10a-143a
Sec. 30	<i>July 1, 2011</i>	31-11dd(b)
Sec. 31	<i>July 1, 2011</i>	New section
Sec. 32	<i>July 1, 2011</i>	32-222(n)
Sec. 33	<i>July 1, 2011</i>	32-651(41)
Sec. 34	<i>from passage</i>	New section

**Statement of Purpose:**

To implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*