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To: Subst. Senate Bill No. 858

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"AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO THE HIGHER EDUCATION STATUTES."

1 Strike lines 3 to 56, inclusive, in their entirety and insert the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "(a) For the purposes of this section, "veterinary student" means an
4 in-state resident enrolled in an accredited veterinary graduate school.

5 (b) The Commissioner of Higher Education shall establish and
6 administer the Kirklyn M. Kerr program to support the veterinary
7 medicine education of not more than five veterinary students per
8 cohort. Each cohort may be funded for a four-year period. [In order to
9 participate in the Kirklyn M. Kerr program, a student shall commit, in
10 writing, to work as a veterinarian in this state for five years following
11 graduation from an accredited veterinary medicine program or agree
12 to repay the cost to the state of such student's veterinary medicine
13 education. Students who do not practice veterinary medicine in this
14 state for at least five years shall repay the amount of state support. For

15 the purposes of this section, "veterinary student" means an in-state
16 resident enrolled in an accredited veterinary graduate school who
17 plans to practice veterinary medicine in Connecticut.

18 (b) No support awarded pursuant to this section shall exceed
19 twenty thousand dollars annually or eighty thousand dollars for the
20 four years of the veterinary graduate school program.

21 (c) The Commissioner of Higher Education shall treat support
22 awarded pursuant to this section as loans for any student who does
23 not practice veterinary medicine in this state for at least five years
24 beginning not later than six months following the recipient's date of
25 graduation from veterinary school. The commissioner shall determine
26 the manner of the repayment of the state support by students who do
27 not practice in this state for five years provided, for each year of such
28 five-year period that the student does not practice in this state, the
29 student shall owe to the state not less than twenty per cent of the
30 amount of the state support.]"