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**"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A HIGHER EDUCATION TECHNOLOGY
TRANSFER POLICY BOARD."**

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

3 "Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established the
4 Higher Education Technology Transfer Policy Board within
5 Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated.

6 (b) (1) (A) There shall be fifteen voting members of the board, which
7 shall be appointed as follows:

8 (i) Seven members shall be appointed by the Commissioner of
9 Higher Education, three of whom shall be faculty or staff members of
10 the office of Technology Commercialization at The University of

11 Connecticut, one of whom shall be a faculty or staff member of a
12 Connecticut State University with the capacity to conduct research and
13 perform technology transfer to Connecticut businesses and who is
14 involved in such university's technology transfer office, and three of
15 whom shall be faculty or staff members from a private university or
16 college in the state with the capacity to conduct research and perform
17 technology transfer to Connecticut businesses and who are involved in
18 such university's or college's technology transfer office;

19 (ii) Two members shall be appointed by the Governor;

20 (iii) One member shall be appointed by the president pro tempore of
21 the Senate;

22 (iv) One member shall be appointed by the speaker of the House of
23 Representatives;

24 (v) One member shall be appointed by the majority leader of the
25 House of Representatives;

26 (vi) One member shall be appointed by the majority leader of the
27 Senate;

28 (vii) One member shall be appointed by the minority leader of the
29 House of Representatives; and

30 (viii) One member shall be appointed by the minority leader of the
31 Senate.

32 (B) Each gubernatorial or legislative appointment to the board shall
33 be a representative of a technology firm that is part of an economic
34 cluster within the state.

35 (2) The ex-officio nonvoting members shall consist of the following
36 members, or their designees: The Commissioners of Higher Education
37 and Economic and Community Development and the president and
38 executive director of Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated.

39 (3) The appointed members shall serve for a term of four years. The
40 members of the board shall serve without compensation but shall,
41 within the limits of available funds, be reimbursed for expenses
42 necessarily incurred in the performance of their duties.

43 (4) The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development
44 shall be the chairperson of the board. The chairperson shall schedule
45 the first meeting of the board, which shall be held not later than
46 August 1, 2011. Thereafter, meetings of the board shall be held
47 quarterly and at such other times as the chairperson deems necessary.

48 (5) The board may create other positions it deems necessary and
49 may fill such positions from among its members. Five members of the
50 board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business or
51 exercise of any power of the board. For the transaction of any business
52 or exercise of any power of the board, the board may act by a majority
53 of the voting members present at any meeting at which a quorum is in
54 attendance. The board may solicit and receive funds from any public
55 or private sources to carry out its activities.

56 (c) The Higher Education Technology Transfer Policy Board shall:

57 (1) Develop and implement a plan to review the status of the state
58 economy and determine (A) which business or technology sectors
59 would be the most beneficial for the promotion of long-term job
60 creation and economic growth, and (B) whether The University of
61 Connecticut or any private college or university with a major research
62 facility having representation on the board has adequate faculty and
63 research programs to support industry needs for research, technology
64 and graduates for the business or technology sectors;

65 (2) Develop a method to periodically review the impact and
66 programmatic needs of The University of Connecticut and any private
67 college or university with a major research facility having
68 representation on the board, and utilize such method to make
69 recommendations to said universities or colleges for ways to improve
70 such programs that support technology transfer and economic

71 development;

72 (3) Develop and implement a plan for such universities or colleges
73 to negotiate research collaborations with businesses and industries in
74 the state for development of technology by such universities or
75 colleges in conjunction with such businesses and industries; and

76 (4) Develop and implement a plan to provide The University of
77 Connecticut and any private college or university with a major
78 research facility with support for any negotiation pursuant to
79 subdivision (3) of this subsection.

80 (d) The board may request other state agencies, including, but not
81 limited to, the Departments of Higher Education and Economic and
82 Community Development and Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated,
83 to provide information, reports and other assistance in carrying out its
84 duties.

85 (e) On or before January 1, 2012, and every two years thereafter, the
86 chairperson of the board shall submit a report, in accordance with the
87 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the Governor and
88 the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having
89 cognizance of matters relating to commerce and higher education.
90 Such report shall indicate: (1) Which business or technology sectors
91 would be the most beneficial for the promotion of long-term job
92 creation and economic growth and whether there is adequate faculty at
93 universities or colleges in this state to prepare students for jobs in such
94 sectors, (2) the success of technology transfer programs at The
95 University of Connecticut or any private university or college with a
96 major research facility with representation on the board, (3) the success
97 of such universities or colleges in negotiating and implementing
98 research collaborations, and (4) any support the board has provided
99 such universities or colleges in negotiations for research collaboration.
100 The board shall also make recommendations for legislative action
101 needed to assist the board in achieving its directive."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section