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**Public Act No. 12-7**

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE SELECTION PROCESS FOR MEMBERS OF THE FACULTY ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE BOARD OF REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION.**

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

Section 1. Section 10a-3a of the 2012 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2012*):

(a) There shall be a faculty advisory committee to the Board of Regents for Higher Education to assist the board in performing its statutory functions. The committee shall consist of the following members: Three teaching faculty members and one administrative faculty member who provides direct student services from the Connecticut State University System, three teaching faculty members and one administrative faculty member who provides direct student services from the regional community-technical college system and one teaching faculty member and one administrative faculty member who provides direct student services from Charter Oak State College. Such members shall serve a term of two years. If the membership of any such faculty member terminates, the constituent unit that elected such member shall, not later than thirty days after the membership terminates and in such manner as the council determines, elect a

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faculty member who shall serve for the remainder of the term.

(b) [The] Not later than October 1, 2013, the members of the committee and alternates for such members shall be elected pursuant to a uniform, fair and open system-wide election by the faculty [senates representing] governance body of each of the constituent units they are to represent and, in the case of Charter Oak State College, by a majority vote of the Academic Council at Charter Oak State College. The alternate members of the committee may serve in the absence of the regularly elected member. Nothing in this section shall be construed to require a labor union representing faculty members to participate in any election held pursuant to this subsection.

(c) The committee shall, on a rotating basis among its members, elect its own chairperson and vice-chairperson, one of whom shall be a member from the Connecticut State University System and the other of whom shall be a member from the regional community-technical colleges, and such other officers as it deems necessary, to serve for a term of two years. The committee shall be deemed to be a public agency within the scope of the Freedom of Information Act, as defined in section 1-200, and shall keep such records as may be appropriate.

(d) The committee, established pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, shall meet at least biannually with the Board of Regents for Higher Education. Agendas shall be prepared for such meetings and shall be distributed by the board prior thereto and shall consist of matters recommended for inclusion by the chairperson of the Board of Regents for Higher Education and the committee. Such meetings shall be chaired by the chairperson of the Board of Regents for Higher Education and the committee members shall have the right to participate in all discussions and deliberations, but shall not have the right to vote at such meetings.

(e) Beginning on January 1, 2012, and annually thereafter, the

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faculty advisory committee shall report to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to higher education and appropriations, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a, regarding the performance of its statutory functions and its biannual meetings with the Board of Regents for Higher Education.

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