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Referred to Committee on Higher Education and Employment
Advancement

Introduced by:
(HED)

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE CAPITOL SCHOLARSHIP GRANT
PROGRAM.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 10a-169 of the 2012 supplement to the general
2 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
3 (*Effective from passage*):

4 [(a)] For the fiscal year commencing on July 1, 1987, and thereafter,
5 any student (1) who is a resident of the state as defined under sections
6 10a-28, 10a-29, and 10a-30, (2) who has not received a baccalaureate
7 degree, and (3) who has been accepted for study on a full-time or part-
8 time basis at any postsecondary school, technical institute, college or
9 university within the state or in any other state which permits its
10 students to bring state student financial assistance funds into
11 Connecticut shall be eligible for financial assistance under the capitol
12 scholarship grant program at any stage of postsecondary study. All
13 such institutions shall be previously approved or accredited by the
14 Board of Regents for Higher Education or by the State Board of
15 Education for postsecondary study. Grants under said program shall

16 be based on financial need and either previous high school academic
17 achievement or performance on standardized academic aptitude tests,
18 as determined by the Board of Regents for Higher Education. The
19 maximum award tendered to a student attending an institution in the
20 state shall not exceed three thousand dollars annually. The maximum
21 award tendered to a student attending an out-of-state institution shall
22 not exceed five hundred dollars annually. Sums so awarded shall be
23 disbursed by the accepting institution on behalf of the student for
24 tuition fees, books, board or any legitimate educational expense.

25 [(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section,
26 for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2012, and June 30, 2013, (1) no
27 student shall be eligible for financial assistance under the capitol
28 scholarship grant program unless such student was eligible and
29 received financial assistance in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2011, and
30 (2) grants under said program shall be reduced proportionately if the
31 total amount of such grants exceeds the amount appropriated to the
32 capitol scholarship program in section 1 of public act 11-6.]

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	10a-169

Statement of Purpose:

To eliminate the provision that restricts new, incoming students in certain academic years from receiving financial assistance under the capitol scholarship grant program.

[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.]