



**Substitute Senate Bill No. 878**

**Public Act No. 13-240**

**AN ACT MAKING CLARIFYING CHANGES TO THE HIGHER EDUCATION STATUTES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REORGANIZATION OF THE HIGHER EDUCATION SYSTEM.**

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

Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 10a-6a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2013*):

(a) There is established a Higher Education Coordinating Council composed of: The vice-president for each constituent unit appointed pursuant to subsection (c) of section 10a-1b, the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, the Commissioner of Education, the president of The University of Connecticut, the chief academic officer of The University of Connecticut, the chairperson of the Board of Trustees for The University of Connecticut, the chairperson of the Board of Regents for Higher Education and the president of the Board of Regents for Higher Education. The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management shall call an annual meeting of the council.

Sec. 2. Section 10a-55j of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2013*):

[The Board of Regents for Higher Education shall require each] Each

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public institution of higher education and each independent institution of higher education that receives state funding [to] shall track the unique identifiers or state-assigned student identifiers, which are assigned by the Department of Education to public school students, of all in-state students of such institution until such students graduate from or terminate enrollment at such institution.

Sec. 3. Section 10a-33 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2013*):

The Board of Regents for Higher Education, The University of Connecticut and the Office of Higher Education may enter into agreements with appropriate agencies and institutions of higher education in other states and foreign countries providing for the reciprocal exchange of students in higher educational institutions in this state and such other states or countries. Such agreements may include provisions for waiver or reduction of nonresident tuition for designated categories of students and may include contractual payments to such other state or country, subject to the availability of appropriations. Such agreements shall have as their purpose the mutual improvement of educational advantages for residents of this state and such other states or countries with whom agreements may be made.

Sec. 4. Subsection (b) of section 10a-51 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2013*):

(b) The board of trustees of any such constituent unit may authorize the charging of a fee or schedule of fees to any person using any child care center operated by such constituent unit. [Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 10a-77, 10a-99 and 10a-105, the fixing of any such fee or schedule of fees shall not be subject to the approval of the Board of Regents for Higher Education. Any fees so charged at any

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such constituent unit shall be deposited in, and become a part of the resources of, the auxiliary services fund of such constituent unit, to be used for any noneducational aspects of any auxiliary services for which such fund is used.]

Sec. 5. Section 10-8c of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2013*):

The Department of Education, in cooperation with the [Board of Regents for Higher Education] Office of Higher Education, shall, within available appropriations, (1) establish an accelerated cross endorsement process for each subject shortage area pursuant to section 10-8b to allow certified teachers to add a new endorsement to their certificates, and (2) establish a program for formerly certified teachers to regain certification.

Sec. 6. Subsections (a) to (c), inclusive, of section 10a-1e of the general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2013*):

(a) Wherever the term "Board of Governors of Higher Education" is used or referred to in the following sections of the general statutes, the term "Board of Regents for Higher Education" shall be substituted in lieu thereof: 3-22e, 4-38c, 4-67x, 4-89, as amended by this act, 4-186, 4d-80, 4d-82, 5-160, 5-177, 10-16p, 10-19, 10-145a, 10-145b, 10-145m, 10-145n, 10-145p, [10-155e,] 10-155l, 10-183n, 10-220a, 10-235, 10a-6, 10a-7, 10a-10, 10a-12b, 10a-13, 10a-16, 10a-19i, 10a-20a, 10a-22, 10a-25j, [10a-25o, 10a-25p,] 10a-31, 10a-33, as amended by this act, 10a-36, 10a-42b, [10a-43,] 10a-44b, 10a-45, 10a-46, 10a-48, 10a-48b, [10a-49,] 10a-51, as amended by this act, 10a-54, 10a-66, 10a-74, 10a-78, 10a-132a, 10a-149, 10a-161, 10a-162a, 10a-163, 10a-163b, 10a-166, 10a-168, 10a-169, 10a-170b, 10a-170d, 10a-170l, 10a-170m, 10a-170u, 10a-170v, 10a-170w, 10a-171, 10a-203, 10a-210, 12-407, 19a-75, 20-37a, 20-206bb, 30-20a and 52-279.

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(b) Wherever the term "Department of Higher Education" is used or referred to in the following sections of the general statutes, the term "Board of Regents for Higher Education" shall be substituted in lieu thereof: 4-89, as amended by this act, 4-124x, 4-124y, 4-124aa, 4a-11, 4d-82, 5-155a, 5-198, 10-8c, as amended by this act, 10-76i, 10-145b, 10-221a, 10a-1, 10a-8b, 10a-8c, 10a-10, 10a-12, 10a-14, 10a-17, 10a-19c, 10a-19e, 10a-19f, 10a-19g, 10a-19i, 10a-25, [10a-25n,] 10a-48, 10a-54, 10a-55g, 10a-65, 10a-77a, 10a-99a, 10a-109i, 10a-151, [10a-161b,] 10a-163, 10a-163b, 10a-169a, 10a-169b, 10a-170a, 10a-170e, 10a-170i, as amended by this act, 10a-170l, 10a-170r, 10a-170t, 10a-170u, 11-1, 17a-52, 17a-215c and 20-206bb.

(c) Wherever the term "Commissioner of Higher Education" is used or referred to in the following sections of the general statutes, the term "president of the Board of Regents for Higher Education" shall be substituted in lieu thereof: 3-22e, 4-124x, 4-124y, 4-124aa, 10-1, 10-16p, 10-16z, 10a-19d, 10a-19e, 10a-19f, 10a-19h, 10a-48, 10a-48b, 10a-55a, 10a-77a, 10a-99a, 10a-109i, 10a-112g, 10a-144, 10a-150, as amended by this act, [10a-150b,] 10a-161a, [10a-161b,] 10a-163, 10a-169a, 10a-169b, 10a-170c, 10a-170d, 10a-170i, as amended by this act, [10a-170k,] 10a-170s, 10a-170t, 10a-203, 10a-224, 12-413b, 17a-52, 32-4f, 32-35 and 32-39.

Sec. 7. Subsection (f) of section 4-89 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2013*):

(f) The provisions of this section shall not apply to appropriations to the Office of Higher Education for student financial assistance for the scholarship program established under section 10a-169, or for the high technology graduate scholarship program established under section 10a-170a, to the Board of Regents for Higher Education for Connecticut higher education centers of excellence established under section 10a-25h, to the Office of Higher Education for the minority advancement program established under subsection (b) of section

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10a-11, [to the Board of Regents for Higher Education for the high technology doctoral fellowship program established under section 10a-25n,] or to the operating funds of the constituent units of the state system of higher education established pursuant to sections 10a-105, 10a-99 and 10a-77. Such appropriations shall not lapse until the end of the fiscal year succeeding the fiscal year of the appropriation except that centers of excellence appropriations deposited by the Board of Regents for Higher Education in the Endowed Chair Investment Fund, established under section 10a-20a, shall not lapse but shall be held permanently in the Endowed Chair Investment Fund and any moneys remaining in higher education operating funds of the constituent units of the state system of higher education shall not lapse but shall be held permanently in such funds. On or before September first, annually, the Office of Higher Education and Board of Regents for Higher Education shall submit a report to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and the budgets of state agencies, through the Office of Fiscal Analysis, concerning the amount of each such appropriation carried over from the preceding fiscal year.

Sec. 8. Section 10a-47 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2013*):

Sections 10a-45 to [10a-49] 10a-48, inclusive, shall not be interpreted to apply to any federal program under which funds are payable by grant, contract or otherwise to any specific institution of higher education and where the federal legislation, or administrative ruling pursuant thereto, authorizing or appropriating funds for such program does not require administrative action by the state as a condition to the determination to pay or the payment of such funds.

Sec. 9. Section 10a-150 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2013*):

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The boards of trustees of each of the constituent units of the state system of higher education are empowered to accept, on behalf of the state, any gifts of lands, money or other property donated to the institutions under their control. Said boards shall direct the application, distribution or disbursement of such lands, money or other donated property, or the income therefrom, for any purpose connected with said institutions under their respective control, consistent with the conditions, if any, upon which the gift was created. The State Treasurer shall be advised of the receipt of any such gift of money and where practicable shall hold on behalf of the respective boards of trustees, any such gift of money or income therefrom. The approval of the Commissioner of Administrative Services and the State Properties Review Board under section 4b-23 where acquisitions of real estate are involved shall be required. [The president of the Board of Regents for Higher Education shall also be advised of any gift which is subject to the provisions of section 10a-150b.]

Sec. 10. Subsection (a) of section 10a-170i of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2013*):

(a) Loan repayment and interest charges shall commence twelve months after the loan recipient has terminated full-time student status or five years after initial receipt of a loan under this program whichever occurs first, [ except as provided in section 10a-170k.] Each recipient who renders services as a certified teacher in a Connecticut public elementary or secondary school or nonpublic elementary or secondary school approved by the State Board of Education shall have the loan forgiven based upon the following schedule: Ten per cent forgiveness of the total amount borrowed upon the completion of one year of teaching in such a school on a full-time basis; twenty-five per cent forgiveness of the total amount borrowed upon the completion of two years of teaching in such a school on a full-time basis; forty-five

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per cent forgiveness of the total amount borrowed upon the completion of three years of teaching in such a school on a full-time basis; seventy per cent forgiveness of the total amount borrowed upon the completion of four years of teaching in such a school on a full-time basis; and one hundred per cent forgiveness upon the completion of five years of teaching in such a school on a full-time basis. The superintendent of public schools or the director of a nonpublic school or the person holding an equivalent position, who employs such teacher shall certify annually to the president of the Board of Regents for Higher Education or a designee of the president that the loan recipient has taught that year in a Connecticut public or nonpublic elementary or secondary school.

Sec. 11. Subsections (d) and (e) of section 10a-11b of the general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2013*):

(d) Not later than [January 1, 2012] June 1, 2014, the commission shall submit a preliminary report on the development of the strategic master plan and, not later than [October 1, 2012] September 1, 2014, the commission shall submit the strategic master plan, including specific goals and benchmarks for the years ending [2015] 2020 and [2020] 2025, together with any recommendations for appropriate legislation and funding to the Governor and the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to higher education and employment advancement, education, commerce, labor and appropriations, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a.

(e) Not later than October 1, [2014] 2016, and annually thereafter, the commission shall submit a report, prepared by the Board of Regents for Higher Education, to the Governor and not later than January 1, [2014] 2016, and annually thereafter, to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to higher education and employment advancement, education,

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commerce, labor and appropriations, in accordance with section 11-4a, on the implementation of the plan and progress made toward achieving the goals specified in the plan. The commission may periodically suggest changes to the goals as necessary.

Sec. 12. Sections 10-155e, 10a-25n, 10a-25o, 10a-25p, 10a-43, 10a-49, 10a-150a to 10a-150d, inclusive, 10a-161b and 10a-170k of the general statutes are repealed. (*Effective July 1, 2013*)

Approved July 2, 2013