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Substitute House Bill No. 6648

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The Committee on Higher Education and Employment Advancement reported through REP. WILLIS of the 64th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE BOARD OF REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION.

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

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 Section 10a-1b of the general statutes is repealed and the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

3 (a) [The Governor shall appoint an interim president of the Board of
4 Regents for Higher Education who shall serve as president until a
5 successor is appointed and confirmed. On or after January 1, 2012, the
6 president of the Board of Regents for Higher Education shall be
7 recommended by the board and appointed by the Governor in
8 accordance with the provisions of sections 4-5 to 4-8, inclusive, with
9 the powers and duties prescribed by said sections. The president] The
10 Board of Regents for Higher Education shall appoint a president who
11 shall serve at the pleasure of the board. The president of the Board of
12 Regents for Higher Education shall (1) have the [responsibility for
13 implementing] authority to implement the policies, [and] directives

14 and rules of the board and any additional responsibilities as the board
15 may prescribe, (2) implement the goals identified and
16 recommendations made pursuant to section 10a-11b, (3) build
17 interdependent support among the Connecticut State University
18 System, the regional community-technical college system and Charter
19 Oak State College, (4) balance central authority with institutional
20 differentiation, autonomy and creativity, and (5) facilitate cooperation
21 and synergy among the Connecticut State University System, the
22 regional community-technical college system and Charter Oak State
23 College. Said president may designate an alternate to serve as a
24 member of any commission, foundation or committee upon which the
25 general statutes require said president to serve. Such designee may
26 vote on behalf of said president. There shall be an executive staff
27 responsible for the operation of the Board of Regents for Higher
28 Education. The executive staff shall be under the direction of the
29 president of the Board of Regents for Higher Education, who shall be
30 the chief executive officer of the Board of Regents for Higher
31 Education. [and shall administer, coordinate and supervise the
32 activities of the board in accordance with the policies established by
33 the board.]

34 (b) The president may employ staff as is deemed necessary,
35 including, but not limited to, temporary assistants and consultants.
36 The board shall establish terms and conditions of employment of its
37 president and staff, prescribe their duties and fix the compensation of
38 its president and professional and technical personnel.

39 (c) Upon recommendation of the president, the Board of Regents for
40 Higher Education shall appoint a vice-president for each constituent
41 unit with such duties and responsibilities as the board and president
42 shall prescribe, so that each constituent unit fulfills its mission. Such
43 duties shall include, but not be limited to, oversight of academic
44 programs, student support services and institutional support.

45 Sec. 2. Section 4-5 of the general statutes is repealed and the
46 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

47 As used in sections 4-6, 4-7 and 4-8, the term "department head"
 48 means Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management,
 49 Commissioner of Administrative Services, Commissioner of Revenue
 50 Services, Banking Commissioner, Commissioner of Children and
 51 Families, Commissioner of Construction Services, Commissioner of
 52 Consumer Protection, Commissioner of Correction, Commissioner of
 53 Economic and Community Development, State Board of Education,
 54 Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection,
 55 Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection,
 56 Commissioner of Agriculture, Commissioner of Public Health,
 57 Insurance Commissioner, Labor Commissioner, Liquor Control
 58 Commission, Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction Services,
 59 Commissioner of Social Services, Commissioner of Developmental
 60 Services, Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, Commissioner of
 61 Transportation, Commissioner of Veterans' Affairs, Commissioner of
 62 Housing, Commissioner of Rehabilitation Services and the executive
 63 director of the Office of Military Affairs. As used in sections 4-6 and 4-
 64 7, "department head" also means the Commissioner of Education, [and
 65 the president of the Board of Regents for Higher Education.]

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	10a-1b
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	4-5

HED Joint Favorable Subst.

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OFA Fiscal Note**State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None**Explanation**

Changing the appointing authority for the President of the Board of Regents results in no fiscal impact as it is procedural in nature.

The Out Years**State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None

OLR Bill Analysis**sHB 6648*****AN ACT CONCERNING THE BOARD OF REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill requires that the president of the Board of Regents for Higher Education (BOR) be appointed by the board, eliminating (1) the governor's responsibility to appoint the president upon the board's recommendation and (2) legislative confirmation of the appointee.

Under current law, the president serves at the governor's pleasure, but no later than March 1 in the year following a gubernatorial election (unless reappointed). The bill instead requires the president to serve at the board's pleasure, without a term limit. It requires BOR to establish the president's terms and conditions of employment, prescribe his or her duties, and fix his or her compensation.

The bill requires the president to implement the board's rules, not just its policies and directives as current law requires. It eliminates a requirement that the president administer, coordinate, and supervise the board's activities.

Lastly, the bill makes technical changes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

COMMITTEE ACTION

Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 18 Nay 1 (03/19/2013)