



Senate

General Assembly

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 867

Senate, April 15, 2013

The Committee on Higher Education and Employment Advancement reported through SEN. BYE of the 5th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING FACULTY REPRESENTATION ON THE BOARD OF REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION.

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

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2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*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

4 (a) There shall be a Board of Regents for Higher Education who
5 shall serve as the governing body for the regional community-technical
6 college system, the Connecticut State University System and Charter
7 Oak State College. The board shall consist of nineteen members who
8 shall be distinguished leaders of the community in Connecticut. The
9 board shall reflect the state's geographic, racial and ethnic diversity.
10 The voting members shall not be employed by or be a member of a
11 board of trustees for any independent institution of higher education
12 in this state or the Board of Trustees for The University of Connecticut
13 nor shall they be employed by or be elected officials of any public

14 agency, as defined in subdivision (1) of section 1-200, during their term
15 of membership on the Board of Regents for Higher Education. The
16 Governor shall appoint nine members to the board as follows: Three
17 members for a term of two years; three members for a term of four
18 years; and three members for a term of six years. Thereafter, the
19 Governor shall appoint members of the board to succeed such
20 appointees whose terms expire and each member so appointed shall
21 hold office for a period of six years from the first day of July in the year
22 of his or her appointment. Four members of the board shall be
23 appointed as follows: One appointment by the president pro tempore
24 of the Senate, who shall be an alumnus of the regional community-
25 technical college system, for a term of four years; one appointment by
26 the minority leader of the Senate, who shall be a specialist in the
27 education of children in grades kindergarten to twelve, inclusive, for a
28 term of three years; one appointment by the speaker of the House of
29 Representatives, who shall be an alumnus of the Connecticut State
30 University System, for a term of four years; and one appointment by
31 the minority leader of the House of Representatives, who shall be an
32 alumnus of Charter Oak State College, for a term of three years.
33 Thereafter, such members of the General Assembly shall appoint
34 members of the board to succeed such appointees whose terms expire
35 and each member so appointed shall hold office for a period of four
36 years from the first day of July in the year of his or her appointment.
37 The chairperson and vice-chairperson of the student advisory
38 committee created under section 10a-3 shall serve as members of the
39 board. The chairperson and vice-chairperson of the faculty advisory
40 committee created under section 10a-3a shall serve as ex-officio,
41 nonvoting members of the board and, in their role as chairperson and
42 vice-chairperson, shall be excluded from any executive session, as
43 defined in section 1-200, of the board. The Commissioners of
44 Education, Economic and Community Development and Public Health
45 and the Labor Commissioner shall serve as ex-officio, nonvoting
46 members of the board.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2013</i>	10a-1a(a)

HED *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

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

There is no fiscal impact to the Board of Regents for Higher Education in adding two ex-officio faculty members to the Board of Regents for Higher Education as such members would receive no compensation for expenses.

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

OLR Bill Analysis**sSB 867*****AN ACT CONCERNING FACULTY REPRESENTATION ON THE BOARD OF REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill adds the chairperson and vice-chairperson of the Board of Regents for Higher Education (BOR) Faculty Advisory Committee to serve as ex-officio, nonvoting members of the BOR. However, the bill prohibits these faculty members from attending BOR executive sessions.

While the bill adds these two ex-officio members, it does not increase the total number of BOR members from 19, under current law, to 21.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2013

BACKGROUND***Definition of Executive Sessions***

Executive sessions are meetings that are closed to the public for the purpose of discussing:

1. the appointment, employment, performance, evaluation, health, or dismissal of a public officer or employee;
2. pending claims or litigation to which a public agency or member is a party;
3. security strategy, deployment of security personnel, or public security devices;
4. the lease, sale, or purchase of real estate by a political subdivision of the state, when public discussion may cause a

price increase prior to final transaction; or

5. any matter that would disclose information in public records that are not subject to the Freedom of Information Act.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 20 Nay 0 (03/26/2013)