



Senate

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Senate Bill No. 869

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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 bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO 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 (c) of section 10a-3 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
3 *1, 2013*):

4 (c) The committee shall, on a rotating basis among its members and
5 by a consensus vote of all its members, elect its own [chairperson and
6 vice-chairperson] cochairpersons, one of whom shall be a member
7 from the Connecticut State University System or Charter Oak State
8 College and the other of whom shall be a member from the regional
9 community-technical colleges, and such other officers as it deems
10 necessary, to serve for a term of two years. The committee shall be
11 deemed to be a public agency within the scope of the Freedom of
12 Information Act, as defined in section 1-200, and shall keep such
13 records as may be appropriate.

14 Sec. 2. Section 10a-3 of the general statutes is amended by adding
 15 subsection (e) as follows (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

16 (NEW) (e) Beginning on January 1, 2014, and annually thereafter,
 17 the committee shall report to the joint standing committees of the
 18 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to higher
 19 education and appropriations, in accordance with the provisions of
 20 section 11-4a, regarding the performance of its statutory functions and
 21 its biannual meetings with the Board of Regents for Higher Education.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2013</i>	10a-3(c)
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	10a-3

HED *Joint Favorable*

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 broadening the candidacy pool for one chairperson position on the Student Advisory Committee as the action is procedural in nature.

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

OLR Bill Analysis**SB 869*****AN ACT CONCERNING THE STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE BOARD OF REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill broadens the candidacy pool for one chairperson position on the Board of Regents for Higher Education (BOR) student advisory committee. It also equalizes the two leadership positions by making the vice-chairperson a cochairperson.

Currently, this student committee elects its own chairperson and vice-chairperson, one from committee members of the Connecticut State University System (CSUS), and the other from a regional technical community college. The bill allows Charter Oak State College students to also be eligible for the CSUS chairperson position.

Also, the bill requires the student committee, beginning January 1, 2014 (see COMMENT), to submit a yearly report to the Higher Education and Appropriations Committees on its biannual meetings with BOR and its assistance with BOR's duties under the law.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2013, except for the reporting provision, which is effective July 1, 2014.

BACKGROUND***Membership of the Student Advisory Committee***

The BOR Student Advisory Committee consists of 17 members serving two-year terms: one from each institution in the CSUS system (four total), one from each regional community-technical college (12 total), and one from Charter Oak State College. Eligible members may be full-time or part-time undergraduate or graduate students in good

standing. They are elected to the committee by their respective institutions' student governments.

COMMENT

Conflicting Internal and Bill Effective Date

The bill (Section 2) requires the student advisory committee to report annually to the Higher Education and Appropriation Committees beginning January 1, 2014. However, this section does not take effect until July 1, 2014.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 20 Nay 0 (03/26/2013)