



Senate

General Assembly

File No. 651

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Senate Bill No. 985

Senate, May 1, 2013

The Committee on Judiciary reported through SEN. COLEMAN of the 2nd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CONNECTICUT SENTENCING COMMISSION REGARDING AN EXEMPTION FROM STATE CONTRACTING REQUIREMENTS FOR INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION THAT OFFER COURSES TO INMATES AT NO COST.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2013*) No institution of higher
2 education shall be deemed to be providing contractual services, as
3 defined in section 4a-50 of the general statutes, or otherwise deemed to
4 be a state contractor under any provision of the general statutes, on the
5 basis of an agreement between the institution of higher education and
6 the Department of Correction that provides solely for an employee or
7 agent of the institution of higher education to provide one or more
8 courses of instruction, for which college or university-level credit may
9 be given, to an inmate in the custody of the Department of Correction
10 at no charge to the inmate or department.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2013</i>	New section

JUD *Joint Favorable*

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

There is no fiscal impact to the constituent units of higher education in specifying that a higher education institution that enters into an agreement with the Department of Correction (DOC) for the institution's employees or agents to teach for-credit courses to inmates at no charge to DOC or the inmates to not be considered a state contractor for the purposes of the agreement as it is procedural in nature.

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

OLR Bill Analysis**SB 985*****AN ACT CONCERNING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CONNECTICUT SENTENCING COMMISSION REGARDING AN EXEMPTION FROM STATE CONTRACTING REQUIREMENTS FOR INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION THAT OFFER COURSES TO INMATES AT NO COST.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill specifies that a higher education institution that enters into an agreement with the Department of Correction (DOC) solely for the institution's employees or agents to teach for-credit courses to inmates at no charge to DOC or the inmates is not considered a state contractor or to be providing contractual services because of the agreement.

This means that, with respect to the agreement, the institution does not have to, among other things:

1. file a representation and documentation that it complies with state anti-discrimination laws;
2. permit the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (CHRO) access to pertinent books, records, and accounts on its employment practices and procedures; or
3. file compliance and employment reports with CHRO.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2013

BACKGROUND***Related Bill***

HB 5602, File 457, favorably reported by the Government Administration and Elections Committee, contains similar provisions which are effective October 1, 2013.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Judiciary Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 44 Nay 0 (04/12/2013)