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Referred to Committee on HIGHER EDUCATION AND
EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT

Introduced by:
(HED)

***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2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
3 *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. The Commissioners of Education,
42 Economic and Community Development and Public Health and the
43 Labor Commissioner shall serve as ex-officio, nonvoting members of
44 the board.

45 Sec. 2. Section 10a-3a of the general statutes is repealed and the
46 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2013*):

47 (a) There shall be a faculty advisory committee to the Board of

48 Regents for Higher Education to assist the board in performing its
49 statutory functions. The committee shall consist of the following
50 members: Three teaching faculty members and one administrative
51 faculty member who provides direct student services from the
52 Connecticut State University System, three teaching faculty members
53 and one administrative faculty member who provides direct student
54 services from the regional community-technical college system and
55 one teaching faculty member and one administrative faculty member
56 who provides direct student services from Charter Oak State College.
57 Such members shall serve a term of two years. If the membership of
58 any such faculty member terminates, the constituent unit that elected
59 such member shall, not later than thirty days after the membership
60 terminates and in such manner as the council determines, elect a
61 faculty member who shall serve for the remainder of the term.

62 (b) Not later than October 1, 2013, the members of the committee
63 and alternates for such members shall be elected pursuant to a
64 uniform, fair and open system-wide election by the faculty governance
65 body of each of the constituent units they are to represent and, in the
66 case of Charter Oak State College, by a majority vote of the Academic
67 Council at Charter Oak State College. The alternate members of the
68 committee may serve in the absence of the regularly elected member.
69 Nothing in this section shall be construed to require a labor union
70 representing faculty members to participate in any election held
71 pursuant to this subsection.

72 (c) The committee shall, on a rotating basis among its members,
73 elect its own chairperson and vice-chairperson, one of whom shall be a
74 member from the Connecticut State University System and the other of
75 whom shall be a member from the regional community-technical
76 colleges, and such other officers as it deems necessary, to serve for a
77 term of two years. The committee shall be deemed to be a public
78 agency within the scope of the Freedom of Information Act, as defined
79 in section 1-200, and shall keep such records as may be appropriate.

80 (d) The committee, established pursuant to subsection (a) of this
81 section, shall meet at least biannually with the Board of Regents for
82 Higher Education. Agendas shall be prepared for such meetings and
83 shall be distributed by the board prior thereto and shall consist of
84 matters recommended for inclusion by the chairperson of the Board of
85 Regents for Higher Education and the committee. Such meetings shall
86 be chaired by the chairperson of the Board of Regents for Higher
87 Education and the committee members shall have the right to
88 participate in all discussions and deliberations, but shall not have the
89 right to vote at such meetings.

90 (e) The chairperson of the faculty advisory committee shall appoint
91 two members of the committee to serve on each standing and special
92 committee of the Board of Regents for Higher Education, except those
93 committees responsible for personnel matters.

94 [(e)] (f) Beginning on January 1, 2012, and annually thereafter, the
95 faculty advisory committee shall report to the joint standing
96 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
97 relating to higher education and appropriations, in accordance with
98 the provisions of section 11-4a, regarding the performance of its
99 statutory functions and its biannual meetings with the Board of
100 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-1a(a)
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2013</i>	10a-3a

Statement of Purpose:

To ensure faculty representation on the Board of Regents for Higher Education.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

