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## **OLR Bill Analysis**

### **sHB 5423**

#### ***AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO THE HIGHER EDUCATION STATUTES.***

#### **SUMMARY:**

This bill makes a conforming change by eliminating a Connecticut Allied Health Workforce Policy Board position assigned to the higher education commissioner, replacing it with two new members. The change conforms to the 2011 creation of the Board of Regents for Higher Education (BOR), which consolidated the administration of all state higher education institutions except for the University of Connecticut. Under the bill, the BOR president and the executive director of the Office of Higher Education (OHE) replace the commissioner on the board, increasing total board membership from 17 to 18.

The bill also makes a conforming change by assigning the Office of Educational Opportunity to OHE, rather than BOR, as a result of the 2012 reorganization of higher education.

The bill also makes technical changes to other statutes relating to higher education.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

#### **BACKGROUND**

##### ***Connecticut Allied Health Workforce Policy Board***

State law charges the board with monitoring data and trends in the allied health workforce, along with identifying recruitment and retention strategies for allied health employers and public and private higher education institutions that offer allied health programs.

#### **COMMITTEE ACTION**

Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 19 Nay 0 (02/19/2013)