



**AN ACT CONCERNING A PLAN FOR PARTICIPATION IN A STATE AUTHORIZATION RECIPROCIITY AGREEMENT REGARDING DISTANCE LEARNING PROGRAMS.**

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) Not later than January 1, 2015, the  
 2 Office of Higher Education shall (1) develop a plan to enter into a  
 3 multistate or regional reciprocity agreement that will allow for  
 4 participation by the state and Connecticut institutions of higher  
 5 education in a nation-wide state authorization reciprocity agreement  
 6 establishing uniform standards for distance learning programs across  
 7 states and eliminating the need for a state participating in such nation-  
 8 wide state authorization reciprocity agreement to assess the quality of  
 9 a distance learning program offered by an out-of-state institution of  
 10 higher education through such participating state's traditional  
 11 authorization, licensing and accreditation process, and (2) report on  
 12 such plan to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly  
 13 having cognizance of matters relating to higher education in  
 14 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes.

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

**APP** Joint Favorable Subst.

