



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 19

LCO No. 512



Referred to Committee on HIGHER EDUCATION AND
EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT

Introduced by:
(HED)

***AN ACT ESTABLISHING UNIFORM STATE ACADEMIC DEGREE
STANDARDS.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 10a-35a of the 2014 supplement to the general
2 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
3 (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

4 (a) Notwithstanding sections 10a-34 to 10a-35, inclusive, the Board
5 of Regents for Higher Education shall have the authority, in
6 accordance with the provisions of said sections [10a-34 to 10a-35,
7 inclusive, over academic degrees awarded by the state colleges within
8 the Connecticut State University System, the regional community-
9 technical colleges and the Board for State Academic Awards, including
10 the (1) operation of such public institutions of higher education and
11 the programs offered by such public institutions of higher education,
12 (2) licensure and accreditation of such public institutions of higher
13 education and programs offered by such public institutions of higher
14 education, (3) evaluation and approval of applications to confer

15 academic degrees made by such public institutions of higher
16 education, and (4) assessment of any violation by such public
17 institutions of higher education of the authority of said board as
18 described in subdivisions (1) to (3), inclusive, of this section and the
19 imposition of a penalty for such violation] and the standards set forth
20 in any regulations promulgated thereunder, to (1) review and approve
21 recommendations for the establishment of new academic programs for
22 the universities within the Connecticut State University System, the
23 regional community-technical colleges and the Board for State
24 Academic Awards, and (2) report all new programs and program
25 changes to the Office of Higher Education.

26 (b) Notwithstanding sections 10a-34 to 10a-35, inclusive, the Board
27 of Trustees for The University of Connecticut shall (1) have the
28 authority, in accordance with the provisions of said sections and the
29 standards set forth in any regulations promulgated thereunder, to
30 review and approve recommendations for the establishment of new
31 academic programs at the university, and (2) report all new programs
32 and program changes to the Office of Higher Education.

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: | | |
| Section 1 | July 1, 2014 | 10a-35a |

Statement of Purpose:

To clarify that the academic standards set forth in regulation regarding academic programs apply to all institutions of higher education and that public institutions of higher education may have their own processes for program approval.

[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.]