



Substitute House Bill No. 5361

Special Act No. 14-11

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

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

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

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