
OLR Bill Analysis

sSB 402

AN ACT CONCERNING FACULTY REPRESENTATION ON THE BOARD OF REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION.

SUMMARY:

This bill requires the Board of Regents for Higher Education's (BOR) faculty advisory committee (FAC) vice-chairperson to serve as an ex-officio, nonvoting BOR member for a two-year term but excludes the vice-chairperson from BOR executive sessions. By law, the FAC chairperson is already an ex-officio, nonvoting member and is similarly excluded from executive sessions. Executive sessions are those from which the public is excluded while committee members discuss topics such as specific employees, pending legal claims or litigation, security strategy, real estate transactions, or public records exempt from the Freedom of Information Act.

The bill increases BOR's stated size from 19 to 20 members to reflect the addition of the FAC vice-chairperson, but does not accurately reflect the board's actual membership (i.e., the bill should increase the size to 21 members).

BOR is the governing body for the Connecticut State University System, regional community-technical colleges, and Charter Oak State College. Currently, the board has 15 voting and five ex-officio, nonvoting members. The FAC assists BOR in performing its statutory functions and consists of 10 members representing the institutions governed by BOR.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2014

COMMITTEE ACTION

Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 18 Nay 0 (03/13/2014)