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### **AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO THE HIGHER EDUCATION STATUTES AND MILITARY OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING DATA.**

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision (2) of section 3-22a of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
3 *1, 2014*):

4 (2) "Institution of higher education in the state" means a constituent  
5 unit of the state system of higher education, as defined in section 10a-1,  
6 or an independent [college or university] institution of higher  
7 education, as defined in [subsection (d) of section 10a-37] subsection  
8 (a) of section 10a-173.

9 Sec. 2. Section 4a-54 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
10 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

11 Connecticut Children's Medical Center, The American School at  
12 Hartford for the Deaf, The Connecticut Institute for the Blind, any  
13 other institution or agency [which] that receives at least sixty per cent

14 of its funding from the state or federal government, or both, and, by  
15 contract, any independent [college or university] institution of higher  
16 education, as defined in [section 10a-37] subsection (a) of section 10a-  
17 173, may each purchase through the Commissioner of Administrative  
18 Services such supplies, materials, equipment or contractual services as  
19 such institutions require at the cost thereof to the state.

20 Sec. 3. Section 10-262o of the general statutes is repealed and the  
21 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

22 The Department of Education shall establish, within available  
23 appropriations, a competitive grant program to fund innovative  
24 teacher training programs on the integration of technology into the  
25 public school curriculum in order to improve student learning. [On  
26 and after July 1, 2001, such training programs shall be consistent with  
27 the standards developed pursuant to section 4d-85.]

28 Sec. 4. Subsection (a) of section 10-264h of the 2014 supplement to  
29 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
30 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

31 (a) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012, and each fiscal year  
32 thereafter, a local or regional board of education, a regional  
33 educational service center, a cooperative arrangement pursuant to  
34 section 10-158a, or any of the following entities that operate an  
35 interdistrict magnet school that assists the state in meeting the goals of  
36 the 2008 stipulation and order for Milo Sheff, et al. v. William A.  
37 O'Neill, et al., as determined by the Commissioner of Education: (1)  
38 The Board of Trustees of the Community-Technical Colleges on behalf  
39 of a regional community-technical college, (2) the Board of Trustees of  
40 the Connecticut State University System on behalf of a state university,  
41 (3) the Board of Trustees for The University of Connecticut on behalf of  
42 the university, (4) the board of governors for an independent [college  
43 or university] institution of higher education, as defined in [section  
44 10a-37] subsection (a) of section 10a-173, or the equivalent of such a  
45 board, on behalf of the independent [college or university] institution

46 of higher education, and (5) any other third-party not-for-profit  
47 corporation approved by the Commissioner of Education, may be  
48 eligible for reimbursement, except as otherwise provided for, up to  
49 eighty per cent of the eligible cost of any capital expenditure for the  
50 purchase, construction, extension, replacement, leasing or major  
51 alteration of interdistrict magnet school facilities, including any  
52 expenditure for the purchase of equipment, in accordance with this  
53 section. To be eligible for reimbursement under this section a magnet  
54 school construction project shall meet the requirements for a school  
55 building project established in chapter 173, except that the  
56 Commissioner of Administrative Services, in consultation with the  
57 Commissioner of Education, may waive any requirement in said  
58 chapter for good cause. On and after July 1, 2011, the Commissioner of  
59 Administrative Services shall approve only applications for  
60 reimbursement under this section that the Commissioner of Education  
61 finds will reduce racial, ethnic and economic isolation. Applications for  
62 reimbursement under this section for the construction of new  
63 interdistrict magnet schools shall not be accepted until the  
64 Commissioner of Education develops a comprehensive state-wide  
65 interdistrict magnet school plan, in accordance with the provisions of  
66 subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of section 10-264l, unless the  
67 Commissioner of Education determines that such construction will  
68 assist the state in meeting the goals of the 2008 stipulation and order  
69 for Milo Sheff, et al. v. William A. O'Neill, et al.

70 Sec. 5. Subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 10-264i of the 2014  
71 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is  
72 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

73 (a) (1) (A) A local or regional board of education, (B) a regional  
74 educational service center, (C) the Board of Trustees of the  
75 Community-Technical Colleges on behalf of Quinebaug Valley  
76 Community College and Three Rivers Community College, (D) a  
77 cooperative arrangement pursuant to section 10-158a, or (E) to assist  
78 the state in meeting the goals of the 2008 stipulation and order for Milo  
79 Sheff, et al. v. William A. O'Neill, et al., as determined by the

80 Commissioner of Education, (i) the Board of Trustees of the  
81 Community-Technical Colleges on behalf of a regional community-  
82 technical college, (ii) the Board of Trustees of the Connecticut State  
83 University System on behalf of a state university, (iii) the Board of  
84 Trustees for The University of Connecticut on behalf of the university,  
85 (iv) the board of governors for an independent [college or university]  
86 institution of higher education, as defined in [section 10a-37]  
87 subsection (a) of section 10a-173, or the equivalent of such a board, on  
88 behalf of the independent [college or university] institution of higher  
89 education, and (v) any other third-party not-for-profit corporation  
90 approved by the commissioner which transports a child to an  
91 interdistrict magnet school program, as defined in section 10-264l, in a  
92 town other than the town in which the child resides shall be eligible  
93 pursuant to section 10-264e to receive a grant for the cost of  
94 transporting such child in accordance with this section.

95 Sec. 6. Subsection (a) of section 10-264l of the 2014 supplement to the  
96 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
97 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

98 (a) The Department of Education shall, within available  
99 appropriations, establish a grant program (1) to assist (A) local and  
100 regional boards of education, (B) regional educational service centers,  
101 (C) the Board of Trustees of the Community-Technical Colleges on  
102 behalf of Quinebaug Valley Community College and Three Rivers  
103 Community College, and (D) cooperative arrangements pursuant to  
104 section 10-158a, and (2) in assisting the state in meeting the goals of the  
105 2008 stipulation and order for Milo Sheff, et al. v. William A. O'Neill, et  
106 al., as determined by the Commissioner of Education, to assist (A) the  
107 Board of Trustees of the Community-Technical Colleges on behalf of a  
108 regional community-technical college, (B) the Board of Trustees of the  
109 Connecticut State University System on behalf of a state university, (C)  
110 the Board of Trustees of The University of Connecticut on behalf of the  
111 university, (D) the board of governors for an independent [college or  
112 university] institution of higher education, as defined in [section 10a-  
113 37] subsection (a) of section 10a-173, or the equivalent of such a board,

114 on behalf of the independent [college or university] institution of  
115 higher education, and (E) any other third-party not-for-profit  
116 corporation approved by the commissioner with the operation of  
117 interdistrict magnet school programs. All interdistrict magnet schools  
118 shall be operated in conformance with the same laws and regulations  
119 applicable to public schools. For the purposes of this section "an  
120 interdistrict magnet school program" means a program which (i)  
121 supports racial, ethnic and economic diversity, (ii) offers a special and  
122 high quality curriculum, and (iii) requires students who are enrolled to  
123 attend at least half-time. An interdistrict magnet school program does  
124 not include a regional agricultural science and technology school, a  
125 technical high school or a regional special education center. On and  
126 after July 1, 2000, the governing authority for each interdistrict magnet  
127 school program that is in operation prior to July 1, 2005, shall restrict  
128 the number of students that may enroll in the program from a  
129 participating district to eighty per cent of the total enrollment of the  
130 program. The governing authority for each interdistrict magnet school  
131 program that begins operations on or after July 1, 2005, shall restrict  
132 the number of students that may enroll in the program from a  
133 participating district to seventy-five per cent of the total enrollment of  
134 the program, and maintain such a school enrollment that at least  
135 twenty-five per cent but not more than seventy-five per cent of the  
136 students enrolled are pupils of racial minorities, as defined in section  
137 10-226a.

138 Sec. 7. Subsection (c) of section 10-264~~l~~ of the 2014 supplement to the  
139 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
140 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

141 (c) (1) The maximum amount each interdistrict magnet school  
142 program, except those described in subparagraphs (A) to (F), inclusive,  
143 of subdivision (3) of this subsection, shall be eligible to receive per  
144 enrolled student who is not a resident of the town operating the  
145 magnet school shall be (A) six thousand sixteen dollars for the fiscal  
146 year ending June 30, 2008, (B) six thousand seven hundred thirty  
147 dollars for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2009, to June 30, 2012,

148 inclusive, and (C) seven thousand eighty-five dollars for the fiscal year  
149 ending June 30, 2013, and each fiscal year thereafter. The per pupil  
150 grant for each enrolled student who is a resident of the town operating  
151 the magnet school program shall be three thousand dollars for the  
152 fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, and each fiscal year thereafter.

153 (2) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2003, and each fiscal year  
154 thereafter, the commissioner may, within available appropriations,  
155 provide supplemental grants for the purposes of enhancing  
156 educational programs in such interdistrict magnet schools, as the  
157 commissioner determines. Such grants shall be made after the  
158 commissioner has conducted a comprehensive financial review and  
159 approved the total operating budget for such schools, including all  
160 revenue and expenditure estimates.

161 (3) (A) Except as otherwise provided in subparagraphs (C) to (F),  
162 inclusive, of this subdivision, each interdistrict magnet school operated  
163 by a regional educational service center that enrolls less than fifty-five  
164 per cent of the school's students from a single town shall receive a per  
165 pupil grant in the amount of (i) six thousand two hundred fifty dollars  
166 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006, (ii) six thousand five hundred  
167 dollars for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007, (iii) seven thousand  
168 sixty dollars for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, (iv) seven  
169 thousand six hundred twenty dollars for the fiscal years ending June  
170 30, 2009, to June 30, 2012, inclusive, and (v) seven thousand nine  
171 hundred dollars for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013, and each fiscal  
172 year thereafter.

173 (B) Except as otherwise provided in subparagraphs (C) to (F),  
174 inclusive, of this subdivision, each interdistrict magnet school operated  
175 by a regional educational service center that enrolls at least fifty-five  
176 per cent of the school's students from a single town shall receive a per  
177 pupil grant for each enrolled student who is not a resident of the  
178 district that enrolls at least fifty-five per cent of the school's students in  
179 the amount of (i) six thousand sixteen dollars for the fiscal year ending  
180 June 30, 2008, (ii) six thousand seven hundred thirty dollars for the

181 fiscal years ending June 30, 2009, to June 30, 2012, inclusive, and (iii)  
182 seven thousand eighty-five dollars for the fiscal year ending June 30,  
183 2013, and each fiscal year thereafter. The per pupil grant for each  
184 enrolled student who is a resident of the district that enrolls at least  
185 fifty-five per cent of the school's students shall be three thousand  
186 dollars.

187 (C) Each interdistrict magnet school operated by a regional  
188 educational service center that began operations for the school year  
189 commencing July 1, 2001, and that for the school year commencing  
190 July 1, 2008, enrolled at least fifty-five per cent, but no more than  
191 eighty per cent of the school's students from a single town shall receive  
192 a per pupil grant for each enrolled student who is a resident of the  
193 district that enrolls at least fifty-five per cent, but no more than eighty  
194 per cent of the school's students in the amount of eight thousand one  
195 hundred eighty dollars for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013, and  
196 each fiscal year thereafter, and a per pupil grant for each enrolled  
197 student who is not a resident of the district that enrolls at least fifty-  
198 five per cent, but no more than eighty per cent of the school's students  
199 in the amount of eight thousand one hundred eighty dollars for the  
200 fiscal year ending June 30, 2013, and each fiscal year thereafter.

201 (D) Each interdistrict magnet school operated by (i) a regional  
202 educational service center, (ii) the Board of Trustees of the  
203 Community-Technical Colleges on behalf of a regional community-  
204 technical college, (iii) the Board of Trustees of the Connecticut State  
205 University System on behalf of a state university, (iv) the Board of  
206 Trustees for The University of Connecticut on behalf of the university,  
207 (v) the board of governors for an independent [college or university]  
208 institution of higher education, as defined in [section 10a-37]  
209 subsection (a) of section 10a-173, or the equivalent of such a board, on  
210 behalf of the independent [college or university] institution of higher  
211 education, (vi) cooperative arrangements pursuant to section 10-158a,  
212 (vii) any other third-party not-for-profit corporation approved by the  
213 commissioner, and (viii) the Hartford school district for the operation  
214 of Great Path Academy on behalf of Manchester Community College,

215 that enrolls less than sixty per cent of its students from Hartford  
216 pursuant to the 2008 stipulation and order for Milo Sheff, et al. v.  
217 William A. O'Neill, et al., shall receive a per pupil grant in the amount  
218 of (I) nine thousand six hundred ninety-five dollars for the fiscal year  
219 ending June 30, 2010, and (II) ten thousand four hundred forty-three  
220 dollars for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2011, to June 30, 2015,  
221 inclusive.

222 (E) Each interdistrict magnet school operated by a local or regional  
223 board of education, pursuant to the 2008 stipulation and order for Milo  
224 Sheff, et al. v. William A. O'Neill, et al., shall receive a per pupil grant  
225 for each enrolled student who is not a resident of the district in the  
226 amount of (i) twelve thousand dollars for the fiscal year ending June  
227 30, 2010, and (ii) thirteen thousand fifty-four dollars for the fiscal years  
228 ending June 30, 2011, to June 30, 2015, inclusive.

229 (F) In addition to the grants described in subparagraph (E) of this  
230 subdivision, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010, the commissioner  
231 may, subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Office of Policy and  
232 Management and the Finance Advisory Committee, established  
233 pursuant to section 4-93, provide supplemental grants to the Hartford  
234 school district of up to one thousand fifty-four dollars for each student  
235 enrolled at an interdistrict magnet school operated by the Hartford  
236 school district who is not a resident of such district.

237 (4) The amounts of the grants determined pursuant to this  
238 subsection shall be proportionately adjusted, if necessary, within  
239 available appropriations, and in no case shall any grant pursuant to  
240 this section exceed the reasonable operating budget of the interdistrict  
241 magnet school program, less revenues from other sources. Any  
242 interdistrict magnet school program operating less than full-time, but  
243 at least half-time, shall be eligible to receive a grant equal to sixty-five  
244 per cent of the grant amount determined pursuant to this subsection.

245 (5) Within available appropriations, the commissioner may make  
246 grants to the following entities that operate an interdistrict magnet

247 school that assists the state in meeting the goals of the 2008 stipulation  
248 and order for Milo Sheff, et al. v. William A. O'Neill, et al., as  
249 determined by the commissioner and that provide academic support  
250 programs and summer school educational programs approved by the  
251 commissioner to students participating in such interdistrict magnet  
252 school program: (A) Regional educational service centers, (B) local and  
253 regional boards of education, (C) the Board of Trustees of the  
254 Community-Technical Colleges on behalf of a regional community-  
255 technical college, (D) the Board of Trustees of the Connecticut State  
256 University System on behalf of a state university, (E) the Board of  
257 Trustees for The University of Connecticut on behalf of the university,  
258 (F) the board of governors for an independent [college or university]  
259 institution of higher education, as defined in [section 10a-37]  
260 subsection (a) of section 10a-173, or the equivalent of such a board, on  
261 behalf of the independent [college or university] institution of higher  
262 education, (G) cooperative arrangements pursuant to section 10-158a,  
263 and (H) any other third-party not-for-profit corporation approved by  
264 the commissioner.

265 (6) Within available appropriations, the Commissioner of Education  
266 may make grants, in an amount not to exceed seventy-five thousand  
267 dollars, for start-up costs associated with the development of new  
268 interdistrict magnet school programs that assist the state in meeting  
269 the goals of the 2008 stipulation and order for Milo Sheff, et al. v.  
270 William A. O'Neill, et al., as determined by the commissioner, to the  
271 following entities that develop such a program: (A) Regional  
272 educational service centers, (B) local and regional boards of education,  
273 (C) the Board of Trustees of the Community-Technical Colleges on  
274 behalf of a regional community-technical college, (D) the Board of  
275 Trustees of the Connecticut State University System on behalf of a state  
276 university, (E) the Board of Trustees for The University of Connecticut  
277 on behalf of the university, (F) the board of governors for an  
278 independent [college or university] institution of higher education, as  
279 defined in [section 10a-37] subsection (a) of section 10a-173, or the  
280 equivalent of such a board, on behalf of the independent [college or

281 university] institution of higher education, (G) cooperative  
282 arrangements pursuant to section 10-158a, and (H) any other third-  
283 party not-for-profit corporation approved by the commissioner.

284 Sec. 8. Subdivision (1) of section 10a-55 of the general statutes is  
285 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
286 *1, 2014*):

287 (1) "Institution of higher education" means a constituent unit of the  
288 state system of higher education, as defined in section 10a-1, or an  
289 independent [college or university] institution of higher education, as  
290 defined in [section 10a-37] subsection (a) of section 10a-173.

291 Sec. 9. Subdivision (9) of subsection (a) of section 10a-109d of the  
292 2014 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following  
293 is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

294 (9) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10a-150, to receive  
295 and accept aid or contributions, from any source, of money, property,  
296 labor or other things of value, to be held, used and applied to carry out  
297 the purposes of sections 10a-109a to 10a-109y, inclusive, subject to the  
298 conditions upon which such aid or contributions may be made,  
299 including, but not limited to, gifts or grants from any department or  
300 agency of the United States or the state for any purpose consistent with  
301 said sections; [provided however, the university shall disclose gifts  
302 from foreign sources as provided by sections 10a-150a to 10a-150d,  
303 inclusive;]

304 Sec. 10. Section 10a-143b of the general statutes is repealed and the  
305 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

306 The Board for State Academic Awards shall establish, within  
307 available appropriations, innovative on-line teacher and higher  
308 education faculty training programs on the integration of technology  
309 into the public school curriculum and courses at public institutions of  
310 higher education in order to improve student learning. [On and after  
311 July 1, 2001, the training program established for public school

312 teachers shall be consistent with the standards developed pursuant to  
313 section 4d-85.]

314 Sec. 11. Subsection (a) of section 10a-156a of the 2014 supplement to  
315 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
316 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

317 (a) Not later than October 1, 2013, each constituent unit of the state  
318 system of higher education and each independent institution of higher  
319 education, as defined in [section 10a-37] subsection (a) of section 10a-  
320 173, shall submit an up-to-date security protocol plan to the  
321 Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection. Such plan  
322 shall identify procedures specifically designed to heighten awareness  
323 by all faculty and staff regarding potentially at-risk students and other  
324 individuals on campus through effective educational strategies. Such  
325 procedures shall be designed to educate faculty and staff on how to  
326 recognize and respond to students and such other individuals who  
327 may be at risk of harm to themselves or others. Not later than July 1,  
328 2015, and biennially thereafter, each constituent unit and independent  
329 institution of higher education shall review the security protocol plan  
330 with each of its chiefs of police or heads of campus security to  
331 determine whether such plan adequately addresses campus security  
332 concerns or requires revisions. In the event that revisions are required,  
333 the constituent unit or independent institution of higher education  
334 making revisions shall submit a revised security protocol plan to the  
335 Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection not later  
336 than August first of the year in which revisions are deemed necessary.

337 Sec. 12. Subsection (a) of section 12-20a of the general statutes is  
338 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
339 *1, 2014*):

340 (a) On or before January first, annually, the Secretary of the Office of  
341 Policy and Management shall determine the amount due to each  
342 municipality in the state, in accordance with this section, as a state  
343 grant in lieu of taxes with respect to real property owned by any

344 private nonprofit institution of higher learning or any nonprofit  
345 general hospital facility or freestanding chronic disease hospital or an  
346 urgent care facility that operates for at least twelve hours a day and  
347 that had been the location of a nonprofit general hospital for at least a  
348 portion of calendar year 1996 to receive payments in lieu of taxes for  
349 such property, exclusive of any such facility operated by the federal  
350 government, except a campus of the United States Department of  
351 Veterans Affairs Connecticut Healthcare Systems, or the state of  
352 Connecticut or any subdivision thereof. As used in this section "private  
353 nonprofit institution of higher learning" means any such institution, as  
354 defined in subsection (a) of section 10a-34, or any independent [college  
355 or university] institution of higher education, as defined in [section  
356 10a-37] subsection (a) of section 10a-173, that is engaged primarily in  
357 education beyond the high school level, and offers courses of  
358 instruction for which college or university-level credit may be given or  
359 may be received by transfer, the property of which is exempt from  
360 property tax under any of the subdivisions of section 12-81; "nonprofit  
361 general hospital facility" means any such facility [which] that is used  
362 primarily for the purpose of general medical care and treatment,  
363 exclusive of any hospital facility used primarily for the care and  
364 treatment of special types of disease or physical or mental conditions;  
365 and "freestanding chronic disease hospital" means a facility [which]  
366 that provides for the care and treatment of chronic diseases, excluding  
367 any such facility having an ownership affiliation with and operated in  
368 the same location as a chronic and convalescent nursing home.

369 Sec. 13. Subsection (e) of section 10a-11b of the 2014 supplement to  
370 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
371 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

372 (e) Not later than [October 1] January 1, 2016, and annually  
373 thereafter, the commission shall submit a report [, prepared by the  
374 Board of Regents for Higher Education,] to the Governor and [not later  
375 than January 1, 2016, and annually thereafter, to] the joint standing  
376 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
377 relating to higher education and employment advancement, education,

378 commerce, labor and appropriations, in accordance with section 11-4a,  
379 on the implementation of the plan and progress made toward  
380 achieving the goals specified in the plan. The commission may  
381 periodically suggest changes to the goals as necessary.

382 Sec. 14. Section 14 of substitute house bill 5299 of the current session  
383 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
384 *from passage*):

385 (a) For the purposes of this section, "licensing authority" means the  
386 Department of Consumer Protection, the Department of Emergency  
387 Services and Public Protection, the Labor Department, the Department  
388 of Motor Vehicles, the Department of Public Health, the Board of  
389 Regents for Higher Education, the Office of Higher Education, the  
390 Board of Trustees of The University of Connecticut or the Police  
391 Officer Standards and Training Council; "service member" means a  
392 member of the armed forces or the National Guard or a veteran;  
393 "armed forces" has the same meaning as set forth in section 27-103 of  
394 the general statutes; and "veteran" means any person who was  
395 discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable from  
396 active service in the armed forces.

397 (b) Each licensing authority shall ask each applicant for a license, a  
398 certificate, a registration or an educational credit that is within such  
399 licensing authority's purview and where military training or  
400 experience is relevant and could be applied whether such applicant is  
401 a service member.

402 (c) (1) On or before January 1, 2015, and annually thereafter, each  
403 licensing authority, except the Board of Regents for Higher Education  
404 and the Board of Trustees of The University of Connecticut, shall  
405 submit a report to the joint standing committee of the General  
406 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to military and  
407 veterans' affairs, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of  
408 the general statutes, and the Labor Department that shall include the  
409 following: [(1)] (A) The number of service members who applied for a

410 military training evaluation pursuant to section 4 of [this act]  
411 substitute house bill 5299 of the current session, a license, a certificate,  
412 a registration or an educational credit that is within such licensing  
413 authority's purview and where military training or experience is  
414 relevant and could be applied; [(2)] (B) the number of service members  
415 whose application for a license, a certificate, a registration or an  
416 educational credit that is within such licensing authority's purview  
417 and where military training or experience is relevant and could be  
418 applied was approved; [(3)] (C) the number of service members whose  
419 application for a license, a certificate, a registration or an educational  
420 credit that is within such licensing authority's purview and where  
421 military training or experience is relevant and could be applied was  
422 denied, and data on the reasons for any such denial; [(4)] (D) the  
423 licensing authority's processing time for applications that are within  
424 such licensing authority's purview where military training or  
425 experience is relevant and could be applied and are submitted by  
426 service members and the average processing time for all applications;  
427 [(5)] (E) information on the licensing authority's efforts to inform and  
428 assist service members in accessing programs that provide the  
429 education and training necessary for meeting the requirements for  
430 licensure, certification, registration or educational credit; [(6)] (F)  
431 information on whether existing law effectively addresses the  
432 challenges that service members face when applying for an  
433 occupational or professional license, a certificate, a registration or an  
434 educational credit upon discharge from military service or relocating  
435 to the state; and [(7)] (G) recommendations on improving the licensing  
436 authority's ability to meet the occupational needs of service members,  
437 including, but not limited to, the issuance of temporary or provisional  
438 licenses, certificates or registrations. The Labor Department shall also  
439 include in its report the number of service members who were issued  
440 or denied a recommendation for review or a deduction from the hours  
441 of apprenticeship training pursuant to section 4 of [this act] of  
442 substitute house bill 5299 of the current session.

443 (2) On or before July 1, 2016, and annually thereafter, the Board of

444 Regents for Higher Education and the Board of Trustees of The  
 445 University of Connecticut shall each submit a report to the joint  
 446 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
 447 matters relating to military and veterans' affairs, in accordance with  
 448 the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, and the Labor  
 449 Department that shall (A) include the information required pursuant  
 450 to subparagraphs (A), (B), (E), (F) and (G) of subdivision (1) of this  
 451 subsection, and (B) in aggregate, detail the types of military training  
 452 presented, the types of educational credit awarded to enrolled service  
 453 members for such training and the types of military training for which  
 454 credit was not awarded to enrolled service members.

455 (d) On or before January 1, 2016, each licensing authority shall,  
 456 within existing budgetary resources, publish on its Internet web site a  
 457 link to the Department of Veterans' Affairs informational Internet web  
 458 site established pursuant to section 27-100f of the general statutes and  
 459 the Internet web site maintained by the executive branch listing  
 460 resources and opportunities available to veterans.

461 (e) On or before January 1, 2016, the Labor Department shall post  
 462 the reports submitted pursuant to subsection (c) of this section on its  
 463 Internet web site.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2014	3-22a(2)
Sec. 2	July 1, 2014	4a-54
Sec. 3	July 1, 2014	10-262o
Sec. 4	July 1, 2014	10-264h(a)
Sec. 5	July 1, 2014	10-264i(a)(1)
Sec. 6	July 1, 2014	10-264l(a)
Sec. 7	July 1, 2014	10-264l(c)
Sec. 8	July 1, 2014	10a-55(1)
Sec. 9	July 1, 2014	10a-109d(a)(9)
Sec. 10	July 1, 2014	10a-143b
Sec. 11	July 1, 2014	10a-156a(a)
Sec. 12	July 1, 2014	12-20a(a)

Sec. 13	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	10a-11b(e)
Sec. 14	<i>from passage</i>	HB 5299 (current session), Sec. 14

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***OFA Fiscal Note***

***State Impact:*** None

***Municipal Impact:*** None

***Explanation***

The bill, which makes conforming changes to the higher education statutes that contain the term "independent institution of higher education," is not anticipated to result in a fiscal impact.

House "A" and House "B" resulted in reporting requirements that do not result in a fiscal impact.

***The Out Years***

***State Impact:*** None

***Municipal Impact:*** None

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**OLR Bill Analysis****HB 5028 (as amended by House "A" and "B")\******AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO THE HIGHER EDUCATION STATUTES.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill amends sHB 5299, as amended by House Amendment "A" and passed by the House, which requires various governmental licensing authorities to certify, waive, grant, or award certain licenses, registrations, examinations, training, or credit to veterans or armed forces or National Guard members (i.e., service members) with military experience or qualifications similar to those otherwise required.

The bill alters when the licensing authorities must inquire about applicants' service member status and the information they must submit in annual reports to the Department of Labor (DOL) and the Veterans' Affairs Committee. The bill requires the Board of Regents for Higher Education (BOR) and the UConn Board of Trustees (BOT) to submit a separate report with different information than the other licensing authorities' and makes their first annual report due at a later date.

The bill also changes reporting requirements for the Planning Commission for Higher Education, which by law must develop and ensure the implementation of a strategic master plan for higher education in Connecticut (see BACKGROUND).

The bill makes changes to higher education statutes to conform with name and definition changes enacted in 2013 and several technical changes to other statutes relating to higher education and licensing of veterans and service members.

\*House Amendment "A" changes the deadline for the Planning Commission's first annual report to the governor and removes BOR's obligation to prepare the commission's annual report.

\*House Amendment "B" adds provisions on governmental licensing entities and service providers.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2014, except the provisions on licensing entities are effective upon passage.

## **MILITARY WAIVERS FROM LICENSING ENTITIES**

### ***Licensing Entities' Requirements***

sHB 5299 would require various licensing entities to ask each applicant for a license, certificate, registration, or an educational credit (if he or she is a veteran or a service member). This bill requires the licensing entity to ask only when evidence of military training or experience is relevant and could be applied to a credential or credit within the entity's authority.

The bill also makes changes to some of the required contents for the licensing entities' annual report to DOL and the Veterans' Affairs Committee, which is due by January 1, 2015 under sHB 5299. Under this bill, the report must now include the following information only if it falls within the licensing entity's authority and where military training or experience is relevant and could be applied:

1. the number of service members who applied for a military training evaluation, license, certificate, registration, or an educational credit;
2. the number of service members whose applications were (a) approved and (b) denied, along with the data on the reasons for the denials; and
3. the licensing entity's processing time for applications submitted by service members compared to the processing time for all applications.

Under sHB 5299, licensing entities that have the authority to certify, waive, grant, or award certain licenses, registrations, examinations, training, or credit for veterans or service members with military experience include the (1) Department of Consumer Protection, (2) Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, (3) DOL, (4) Department of Motor Vehicles, (5) Department of Public Health, (6) BOR, (7) Office of Higher Education, (8) UConn BOT, and (9) Police Officer Standards and Training Council.

### ***BOR and UConn BOT Reporting Requirements***

The bill changes BOR and UConn's reporting requirements to DOL and the Veterans' Affairs Committee under sHB 5299. The bill changes the required report contents for BOR and UConn's BOT. sHB 5299 requires these higher education entities to submit reports identical to the other licensing entities. The bill restores the requirements to report on:

1. information on (a) the number of service members who applied for a military training evaluation, license, certificate, registration, or an educational credit and (b) the number of service members whose applications were approved (the bill limits this to information about credentials that fall within the licensing entity's authority and where military training or experience is relevant and could be applied);
2. information on their efforts to inform and assist service members in accessing programs that provide the education and training necessary for meeting the requirements for licensure, certification, registration, or educational credit;
3. information on whether existing law effectively addresses the challenges that service members face when applying for an occupational or professional license, certificate, registration, or an educational credit upon discharge from military service or relocating to the state; and

4. recommendations on improving their ability to meet the occupational needs of service members who were issued or denied a recommendation for review or a deduction from the hours of apprenticeship training.

The bill eliminates the requirements to report on the:

1. number of service members whose application for a license, a certificate, a registration, or an educational credit was denied, and data on the reasons for the denials and
2. licensing entity's processing time for applications submitted by service members compared to the processing time for all applications.

Also, the bill extends BOR and UConn's BOT's first annual reporting deadline. Under sHB 52990, these entities must submit their first reports by January 1, 2015. The bill extends the deadline to July 1, 2016.

## **PLANNING COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT**

The bill changes the deadline, from October 1, 2016 to January 1, 2016, by which the commission must submit its first annual report on implementation status and goal progress to the governor. The law already requires the commission to submit its first annual report by this date to the Higher Education, Education, Commerce, Labor, and Appropriations committees. It also removes the requirement that BOR prepare the annual report on behalf of the commission.

## **BACKGROUND**

### ***Planning Commission for Higher Education***

The commission develops and ensures the implementation of a strategic master plan for higher education. The plan must address degree attainment, the number of people entering the workforce, and the achievement gap. It also must establish numerical goals for 2015 and 2020 that (1) eliminate the postsecondary achievement gap between minority students and the general student population and (2)

increase the number of people (a) earning a bachelor degree, associate degree, or certificate; (b) completing coursework at community colleges; and (c) entering the state's workforce. The plan must provide specific strategies for meeting these goals and consider the impact of education trends on higher education in Connecticut (CGS § 10a-11b).

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 18 Nay 2 (03/04/2014)