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The Committee on Higher Education and Employment Advancement reported through SEN. CASSANO, S. of the 4th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE BOARD OF REGENTS.

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

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2 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu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

4 (c) Upon recommendation of the president, the Board of Regents for
5 Higher Education shall appoint [a vice-president for each constituent
6 unit with] two vice-presidents. One vice-president shall represent the
7 Connecticut State University System and the other vice-president shall
8 represent the regional community-technical college system. Each vice-
9 president shall perform such duties and responsibilities as the board
10 and president shall prescribe, so that each said constituent unit fulfills
11 its mission. Such duties shall include, but not be limited to, oversight
12 of academic programs, student support services and institutional
13 support.

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 Section 10a-1 of the general statutes is repealed and the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

16 There shall be a state system of public higher education to consist of
17 (1) The University of Connecticut and all campuses thereof, (2) the
18 state colleges, which shall be known collectively as the Connecticut
19 State University System, (3) the regional community-technical colleges,
20 (4) [the Board for State Academic Awards] Charter Oak State College,
21 and (5) the staff of the Board of Regents for Higher Education as
22 established pursuant to section 10a-1a. "Constituent units" as used in
23 the general statutes means those units in subdivisions (1) to (4),
24 inclusive, of this section.

25 Sec. 3. Subsection (a) of section 10a-6 of the 2014 supplement to the
26 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
27 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

28 (a) The Board of Regents for Higher Education shall: (1) Establish
29 state-wide policy and guidelines for Connecticut's system of public
30 higher education; (2) develop a master plan for higher education and
31 postsecondary education, consistent with the goals in subsection (b) of
32 this section; (3) establish state-wide tuition and student fee policies; (4)
33 monitor and evaluate institutional effectiveness and viability in
34 accordance with criteria established by the board; (5) merge or close
35 institutions within the Connecticut State University System, the
36 regional community-technical college system and [the Board for State
37 Academic Awards] Charter Oak State College in accordance with
38 criteria established by the board, provided (A) such recommended
39 merger or closing shall require a two-thirds vote of the board and (B)
40 notice of such recommended merger or closing shall be sent to the
41 committee having cognizance over matters relating to education and to
42 the General Assembly; (6) review and approve mission statements for
43 the Connecticut State University System, the regional community-
44 technical college system and [the Board for State Academic Awards]
45 Charter Oak State College and role and scope statements for the
46 individual institutions and campuses of such constituent units; (7)

47 review and approve any recommendations for the establishment of
48 new academic programs submitted to the board by the state colleges
49 within the Connecticut State University System, the regional
50 community-technical colleges and [the Board for State Academic
51 Awards] Charter Oak State College, and, in consultation with the
52 affected constituent units, provide for the initiation, consolidation or
53 termination of academic programs. The Board of Regents for Higher
54 Education shall notify the board of trustees affected by the proposed
55 termination of an academic program. Within ninety days of receipt of
56 such notice, said trustees shall accept or reject the termination proposal
57 and shall notify the Board of Regents for Higher Education of its
58 action. If the termination proposal is rejected by the trustees, the Board
59 of Regents for Higher Education may override the rejection by a two-
60 thirds vote; (8) develop criteria to ensure acceptable quality in
61 programs and institutions and enforce standards through licensing
62 and accreditation; (9) prepare and present to the Governor and General
63 Assembly, in accordance with section 10a-8, as amended by this act,
64 consolidated operating and capital expenditure budgets for public
65 higher education developed in accordance with the provisions of said
66 section 10a-8; (10) review and make recommendations on plans
67 received from the constituent unit boards of trustees for the continuing
68 development and maximum utilization of the state's public higher
69 education resources; (11) appoint advisory committees to assist in
70 defining and suggesting solutions for the problems and needs of
71 higher education; (12) establish an advisory council for higher
72 education with representatives from public and private institutions to
73 study methods and proposals for coordinating efforts of all such
74 institutions in providing a stimulating and enriched educational
75 environment for the citizens of the state, including measures to
76 improve educational opportunities through alternative and
77 nontraditional approaches such as external degrees and credit by
78 examination; (13) coordinate programs and services throughout public
79 higher education and between public and independent institutions,
80 including procedures to evaluate the impact on independent
81 institutions of higher education of proposals affecting public

82 institutions of higher education; (14) make or enter into contracts,
83 leases or other agreements in connection with its responsibilities under
84 this part, provided all acquisitions of real estate by lease or otherwise
85 shall be subject to the provisions of section 4b-23; (15) be responsible
86 for the care and maintenance of permanent records of institutions of
87 higher education dissolved after September 1, 1969; (16) prepare and
88 present to the Governor and General Assembly legislative proposals
89 affecting public higher education, including proposals which utilize
90 programs and facilities of independent institutions of higher
91 education; (17) develop and maintain a central higher education
92 information system and establish definitions and data requirements for
93 the state system of higher education; (18) report all new programs and
94 program changes to the Office of Higher Education; and (19)
95 undertake such studies and other activities as will best serve the higher
96 educational interests of the state.

97 Sec. 4. Subsection (a) of section 10a-8 of the general statutes is
98 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
99 *1, 2014*):

100 (a) The provisions of sections 4-77 and 4-78 shall not apply to the
101 constituent units of the state system of higher education, and for the
102 purposes of said sections only, the Board of Regents for Higher
103 Education shall be deemed the budgeted agency for the Connecticut
104 State University System, the regional community-technical college
105 system and Charter Oak State College. The Board of Regents for
106 Higher Education shall develop a formula or program-based
107 budgeting system to be used by each institution in preparing operating
108 budgets. The Board of Regents for Higher Education shall prepare a
109 single budget request itemized by the Connecticut State University
110 System, the regional community-technical college system and [the
111 Board for State Academic Awards] Charter Oak State College using the
112 formula or program-based budgeting system and shall submit such
113 budget request displaying all operating funds to the Secretary of the
114 Office of Policy and Management in accordance with sections 4-77 and
115 4-78, subject to procedures developed by the Board of Regents for

116 Higher Education and approved by said secretary. The budget request
117 shall set forth, in the form prescribed by the Board of Regents for
118 Higher Education, a proposed expenditure plan which shall include:
119 (1) The total amount requested for such appropriation account; (2) the
120 amount to be appropriated from the General Fund; and (3) the amount
121 to be paid from the tuition revenues of the regional community-
122 technical college system and the Connecticut State University System.
123 After review and comment by the Board of Regents for Higher
124 Education, the proposed expenditure plans shall be incorporated into
125 the single public higher education budget request including
126 recommendations, if any, by said board. Any tuition increase proposed
127 by the regional community-technical college system and the
128 Connecticut State University System for the fiscal year to which the
129 budget request relates shall be included in the single public higher
130 education budget request submitted by the Board of Regents for
131 Higher Education for such fiscal year, provided if the General
132 Assembly does not appropriate the amount requested by any such
133 system, such system may increase tuition and fees by an amount
134 greater than that included in the budget request in response to which
135 the appropriation was made. The General Assembly shall make
136 appropriations directly to the constituent units. Allotment reductions
137 made pursuant to the provisions of subsections (b) and (c) of section 4-
138 85 shall be applied by the Board of Regents for Higher Education
139 among the appropriations to the constituent units without regard to
140 the limitations on reductions provided in said section, except that said
141 limitations shall apply to the total of the amounts appropriated. The
142 Board of Regents for Higher Education shall apply such reductions
143 after consultation with the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
144 Management. Any reductions of more than five per cent of the
145 appropriations of any constituent units shall be submitted to the
146 appropriations committee which shall, within thirty days, approve or
147 reject such reduction.

148 Sec. 5. Subsection (b) of section 10a-25i of the general statutes is
149 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
150 *1, 2014*):

151 (b) The constituent units of the state system of higher education, not
152 including [the Board for State Academic Awards] Charter Oak State
153 College, are authorized to solicit, receive and maintain funds from
154 private sources to be used for the centers of excellence.

155 Sec. 6. Subsection (a) of section 10a-35a of the 2014 supplement to
156 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
157 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

158 (a) Notwithstanding sections 10a-34 to 10a-35, inclusive, the Board
159 of Regents for Higher Education shall have the authority, in
160 accordance with the provisions of said sections 10a-34 to 10a-35,
161 inclusive, over academic degrees awarded by the state colleges within
162 the Connecticut State University System, the regional community-
163 technical colleges and [the Board for State Academic Awards] Charter
164 Oak State College, including the (1) operation of such public
165 institutions of higher education and the programs offered by such
166 public institutions of higher education, (2) licensure and accreditation
167 of such public institutions of higher education and programs offered
168 by such public institutions of higher education, (3) evaluation and
169 approval of applications to confer academic degrees made by such
170 public institutions of higher education, and (4) assessment of any
171 violation by such public institutions of higher education of the
172 authority of said board as described in subdivisions (1) to (3),
173 inclusive, of this section and the imposition of a penalty for such
174 violation.

175 Sec. 7. Section 10a-80d of the 2014 supplement to the general
176 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
177 (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

178 An adjunct faculty member of a regional community-technical
179 college or Charter Oak State College shall be permitted to irrevocably
180 waive membership in a Connecticut retirement plan not later than
181 sixty days after commencing employment with such regional
182 community-technical college or Charter Oak State College. Once the
183 adjunct faculty member waives membership in a Connecticut

184 retirement plan, such faculty member is no longer eligible to elect to
185 participate in a Connecticut retirement plan in any subsequent part-
186 time employment with the regional community-technical college
187 system, [the Board for State Academic Awards] Charter Oak State
188 College, the Board of Regents for Higher Education or any other
189 constituent unit, as defined in section 10a-1, as amended by this act.

190 Sec. 8. Section 3-27a of the general statutes is repealed and the
191 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

192 There is hereby created a Short Term Investment Fund to be
193 administered by the State Treasurer. The State Treasurer may sell
194 participation certificates of the Short Term Investment Fund for
195 investment to the General Fund, bond funds, the Special
196 Transportation Fund, the Local Bridge Revolving Fund, the
197 Educational Excellence Trust Fund, the Residential Property Tax
198 Revaluation Relief Fund, the Municipal Abandoned Vehicle Trust
199 Fund, the Special Abandoned Property Fund, trust funds administered
200 by the Treasurer and all such other funds the moneys of which by law
201 the Treasurer is responsible for investing. Said participation certificates
202 shall bear and pay such interest and be issued subject to such terms
203 and conditions as shall be determined and established by the State
204 Treasurer. The interest derived from the investment or reinvestment of
205 funds of The University of Connecticut Operating Fund and The
206 University of Connecticut Health Center Operating Fund, The
207 University of Connecticut Research Foundation, The University of
208 Connecticut Health Center Research Foundation, the Connecticut State
209 University System Operating Fund, the Connecticut State University
210 System Research Foundation, and the Regional Community-Technical
211 Colleges Operating Fund, as authorized by sections 10a-105, 10a-110a,
212 10a-130, 10a-99 and 10a-77, respectively, and the [Board for State
213 Academic Awards] Board of Regents for Higher Education for Charter
214 Oak State College educational services account, as authorized by
215 section 10a-143, as amended by this act, shall be paid to each board or
216 board of trustees respectively.

217 Sec. 9. Subsection (a) of section 10a-25h of the general statutes is
218 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
219 *1, 2014*):

220 (a) In order to develop and further encourage excellence in public
221 higher education, the boards of trustees of the constituent units of the
222 state system of higher education, not including [the Board for State
223 Academic Awards] Charter Oak State College, are hereby authorized
224 to establish and administer centers to be known as Connecticut higher
225 education centers of excellence. Appropriations to these centers shall
226 be used for the development or enhancement of essential support for
227 academic, research, or public service centers of excellence which have
228 gained or may gain regional and national prominence or for libraries
229 or equipment for present enhancement to existing programs deemed
230 to have potential for excellence with such enhancement.

231 Sec. 10. Section 10a-143 of the 2014 supplement to the general
232 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
233 (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

234 (a) The Board of Regents for Higher Education, in concert with the
235 state's institutions of higher education, shall study, develop and
236 coordinate the implementation of new methods of awarding
237 undergraduate degrees and college credits including but not limited
238 to: (1) External degrees awarded on the basis of acceptable
239 performance in an educational field whether or not the necessary
240 education was obtained by the candidate at an institution of higher
241 education, and (2) examinations and methods other than classroom
242 instruction for determining qualifications. On or before July 1, 1993,
243 each constituent unit of the state system of higher education shall
244 establish procedures to award college credits pursuant to this
245 subsection and subsection (e) of this section.

246 (b) The Board of Regents for Higher Education shall promulgate
247 regulations to authorize accredited institutions of higher education to
248 award degrees by such new procedures.

249 (c) [There shall continue to be a Board for State Academic Awards
250 which] Charter Oak State College shall be an independent constituent
251 unit of the state system of higher education with authority to grant
252 undergraduate and graduate credits and degrees on the basis of (1)
253 examinations, (2) courses offered by Charter Oak State College, and (3)
254 other forms of evaluation and validation of learning including transfer
255 of credit. Said [board] college is authorized to use the term "Charter
256 Oak State College" on diplomas and other documents and utterances
257 to affirm the status of the [board] college as a degree-granting
258 institution of higher education. It shall be the responsibility of the
259 [board] college to serve the interest of all Connecticut residents by
260 providing open access to academic credentials which are based on a
261 consensus of professional judgment. The purpose of such credentials
262 shall be to identify and give recognition to higher learning acquired by
263 individuals through independent study, work experience and
264 programs of noncollegiate educational activity.

265 [(d) Beginning on January 1, 2012, the Board of Regents for Higher
266 Education shall serve as the Board for State Academic Awards. The
267 members of the Board for State Academic Awards in office on June 30,
268 2011, shall remain in office to provide assistance in transitioning duties
269 and responsibilities to the Board of Regents for Higher Education
270 during the period of July 1, 2011, to December 31, 2011. For the
271 transition period of July 1, 2011, to December 31, 2011, any action of
272 the Board for State Academic Awards shall not be final until ratified by
273 the Board of Regents for Higher Education. Until December 31, 2011,
274 the Board for State Academic Awards shall consist of nine persons,
275 eight to be appointed by the Governor, who shall reflect the state's
276 geographic, racial and ethnic diversity; one of whom shall be an
277 alumnus of Charter Oak State College; and one to be elected by the
278 students enrolled in Charter Oak State College. On or before July 1,
279 1983, the Governor shall appoint two members of the board for a term
280 of two years from said date, two members for a term of four years
281 from said date and one member for a term of six years from said date.
282 On or before July 1, 1984, the Governor shall appoint one member for a
283 term of three years from said date. On or before July 1, 1996, the

284 Governor shall appoint two members, one for a term of five years from
285 said date and one for a term of one year from said date. Thereafter the
286 Governor shall appoint members of said board to succeed those
287 appointees whose terms expire, such members to serve for terms of six
288 years each from July first in the year of their appointment. On or
289 before November 1, 1984, and biennially thereafter, the students
290 enrolled with the board shall, in such manner as the board shall
291 determine, elect one member of the board, who shall serve for a term
292 of two years from November first in the year of his election. No
293 member of said board, appointed by the Governor, shall be an
294 employee of an institution of postsecondary or higher education. No
295 member who has served consecutively for two full terms or portions
296 thereof may again be appointed until two years have passed. The
297 Governor shall, pursuant to section 4-9a, appoint the chairperson of
298 the board. The board shall, annually, elect from its members such other
299 officers as it deems necessary. The Governor shall fill any vacancies in
300 the membership of said board by appointment for the balance of the
301 unexpired term. The members of said board shall receive no
302 compensation for their services as such but shall be reimbursed for
303 their necessary expenses in the course of their duties. The board shall
304 meet at least once during each calendar quarter and at such other times
305 as the chairperson deems necessary or upon the request of a majority
306 of members in office. Any member who fails to attend three
307 consecutive meetings or who fails to attend fifty per cent of all
308 meetings held during any calendar year shall be deemed to have
309 resigned from office.]

310 [(e) (1) The Board for State Academic Awards] (d) (1) The Board of
311 Regents for Higher Education shall develop and implement programs
312 at Charter Oak State College to improve opportunities in higher
313 education through alternative modes of service, including, but not
314 limited to, guidance and information services, registration and
315 validation services, examination and degree-granting services,
316 technological delivery systems, and projects of research and
317 development. [With respect to its own operation the board may
318 appoint and remove an executive director, who shall be the] The board

319 may appoint a chief academic and administrative officer [.] and a
320 professional academic staff of Charter Oak State College. The board
321 may appoint and remove executive staff responsible for the operation
322 of [the Board for State Academic Awards] Charter Oak State College.
323 The board may determine the size of the academic staff and the duties,
324 terms, and conditions of employment of said director and staff. The
325 board shall establish through appointments on an adjunct basis a
326 faculty of consulting examiners at Charter Oak State College to make
327 recommendations as to requirements and standards of the [board's]
328 college's programs and to make recommendations for the award of
329 academic undergraduate and graduate credits and degrees. Persons
330 serving as members of the faculty of consulting examiners shall have
331 appropriate professional qualifications as determined by the board and
332 may hold professional appointments in active status at accredited
333 institutions of postsecondary or higher learning. Within the limit of
334 appropriations, the board shall fix the compensation of persons
335 serving with adjunct appointment as members of the faculty of
336 consulting examiners. The board shall confer such undergraduate and
337 graduate certificates and degrees as are appropriate to programs of
338 postsecondary and higher learning at Charter Oak State College and in
339 accordance with the recommendations of the board's faculty of
340 consulting examiners on the basis of (A) examinations, (B) courses
341 offered by Charter Oak State College, and (C) other forms of validation
342 and evaluation of learning, including transfer of credit. The board shall
343 assist public institutions of higher education in establishing and
344 implementing procedures to award college credits pursuant to
345 subsection (a) of this section.

346 (2) The [Board for State Academic Awards] Board of Regents for
347 Higher Education shall develop a mission statement for Charter Oak
348 State College which shall include, but not be limited to, the following
349 elements: (A) The educational needs of, and constituencies served by
350 [the board] said college; (B) the degrees offered by [the board] said
351 college; and (C) the role and scope of the programs offered by [the
352 board] said college.

353 [(f)] (e) The board shall fix fees for examinations and for such other
354 purposes as the board deems necessary on behalf of Charter Oak State
355 College and may make refunds and other disposition of same as
356 provided by law or regulation. The board may make contracts, leases
357 or other agreements in connection with its responsibilities.

358 [(g) The Board for State Academic Awards] (f) The Board of Regents
359 for Higher Education shall establish and administer a fund to be
360 known as the [Board for State Academic Awards] Board of Regents for
361 Higher Education for Charter Oak State College Operating Fund,
362 which shall be a separate account within the General Fund. The
363 operating fund shall be used for the expenses of [the board] Charter
364 Oak State College, including personnel expenses and equipment, and
365 for the support of [board] college activities pursuant to this section,
366 including validation and evaluation of learning, guidance and public
367 information services, projects of research and development for the
368 improvement of learning materials and the technology of delivery
369 systems, and for the purchase of such services, materials and
370 equipment as are required for use in connection with said activities.
371 Appropriations from general revenues of the state, all fees and
372 proceeds of the board's activities on behalf of Charter Oak State
373 College, including grants and donations, not required by statute or
374 regulation to be deposited to the credit of the General Fund, shall be
375 credited to and become a part of the resources of said operating fund.
376 Any balance of receipts above expenditures shall remain in said
377 operating fund. Not later than sixty days after the close of each
378 quarter, the Board of Regents for Higher Education shall submit to the
379 joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance
380 of matters relating to appropriations and the budgets of state agencies,
381 the Office of Higher Education and the Office of Policy and
382 Management a report on the actual expenditures of the [Board for State
383 Academic Awards] Board of Regents for Higher Education for Charter
384 Oak State College Operating Fund.

385 [(h) The Board for State Academic Awards] (g) The Board of
386 Regents for Higher Education shall promote fund-raising to assist [its]

387 Charter Oak State College's programs pursuant to this section and
388 shall report to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly
389 having cognizance of matters relating to higher education by January
390 1, 1994, and biennially thereafter, on such fund-raising.

391 Sec. 11. Section 10a-143a of the general statutes is repealed and the
392 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

393 (a) (1) [~~The Board for State Academic Awards~~] The Board of Regents
394 for Higher Education shall establish a permanent Endowment Fund
395 for Charter Oak State College to encourage donations from the private
396 sector, with an incentive in the form of an endowment fund state
397 grant, the net earnings on the principal of which are dedicated and
398 made available to Charter Oak State College for scholarships and
399 programmatic enhancements. The fund shall be administered by the
400 [~~Board for State Academic Awards~~] Board of Regents for Higher
401 Education or by a nonprofit entity entrusted for such purpose and
402 qualified as a Section 501(c)(3) organization under the Internal
403 Revenue Code of 1986, or any subsequent corresponding internal
404 revenue code of the United States, as from time to time amended, and
405 preferably constituted and controlled independent of the state and
406 college so as to qualify the interest on state bonds the proceeds of
407 which have been granted for deposit in the endowment fund as
408 excludable from federal taxation under such code and shall, in any
409 event, be held in a trust fund separate and apart from all other funds
410 and accounts of the state and the [~~Board for State Academic Awards~~]
411 Board of Regents for Higher Education. There shall be deposited into
412 the fund: (A) Endowment fund eligible gifts; (B) endowment fund state
413 grants; and (C) interest or other earnings from the investment of
414 moneys in the endowment fund pending transfer or use of earnings on
415 the principal of the fund for the purposes identified in this subdivision.

416 (2) (A) For each of the fiscal years ending June 30, 2000, to June 30,
417 2006, inclusive, as part of the state contract with donors of endowment
418 fund eligible gifts, the Office of Higher Education, in accordance with
419 section 10a-8b, shall deposit in the Endowment Fund for Charter Oak

420 State College a grant in an amount equal to half of the total amount of
421 endowment fund eligible gifts received by or for the benefit of Charter
422 Oak State College for the calendar year ending the December thirty-
423 first preceding the commencement of such fiscal year, as certified by
424 the chairperson of the [Board for State Academic Awards] Board of
425 Regents for Higher Education by February fifteenth to (i) the Secretary
426 of the Office of Policy and Management, (ii) the joint standing
427 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
428 relating to appropriations and the budgets of state agencies, and (iii)
429 the executive director of the Office of Higher Education, provided such
430 sums do not exceed the endowment fund state grant maximum
431 commitment for the fiscal year in which the grant is made.

432 (B) For each of the fiscal years ending June 30, 2007, to June 30, 2014,
433 inclusive, as part of the state contract with donors of endowment fund
434 eligible gifts, the Office of Higher Education, in accordance with
435 section 10a-8b, shall deposit in the Endowment Fund for Charter Oak
436 State College a grant in an amount equal to one-quarter of the total
437 amount of endowment fund eligible gifts, except as provided in this
438 subdivision, received by or for the benefit of Charter Oak State College
439 for the calendar year ending the December thirty-first preceding the
440 commencement of such fiscal year, as certified by the chairperson of
441 the [Board for State Academic Awards] Board of Regents for Higher
442 Education by February fifteenth to (i) the Secretary of the Office of
443 Policy and Management, (ii) the joint standing committee of the
444 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
445 appropriations and the budgets of state agencies, and (iii) the executive
446 director of the Office of Higher Education, provided such sums do not
447 exceed the endowment fund state grant maximum commitment for the
448 fiscal year in which the grant is made. Endowment fund eligible gifts
449 that meet the criteria set forth in this subdivision, made by donors
450 during the period from January 1, 2005, to June 30, 2005, shall continue
451 to be matched by the Office of Higher Education in an amount equal to
452 one-half of the total amount of endowment fund eligible gifts received.
453 Commitments by donors to make endowment fund eligible gifts for
454 two or more years that meet the criteria set forth in this subdivision

455 and that are made for the period prior to December 31, 2004, but
456 ending before December 31, 2012, shall continue to be matched by the
457 Office of Higher Education in an amount equal to one-half of the total
458 amount of endowment fund eligible gifts received through the
459 commitment.

460 (C) In any such fiscal year in which the total of the eligible gifts
461 received by Charter Oak State College exceeds the endowment fund
462 state grant maximum commitment for such fiscal year the amount in
463 excess of such endowment fund state grant maximum commitment
464 shall be carried forward and be eligible for a matching state grant in
465 any succeeding fiscal year from the fiscal year ending June 30, 2000, to
466 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014, inclusive, subject to the
467 endowment fund state grant maximum commitment. Any endowment
468 fund eligible gifts that are not included in the total amount of
469 endowment fund eligible gifts certified by the chairperson of the
470 [Board for State Academic Awards] Board of Regents for Higher
471 Education pursuant to this subdivision may be carried forward and be
472 eligible for a matching state grant in any succeeding fiscal year from
473 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2000, to the fiscal year ending June 30,
474 2014, inclusive, subject to the endowment fund state matching grant
475 maximum commitment for such fiscal year.

476 (3) The [Board for State Academic Awards] Board of Regents for
477 Higher Education shall adopt, by October 1, 1997, guidelines with
478 respect to (A) the solicitation of endowment fund eligible gifts from
479 private donors, and (B) governing the acceptance of gifts made by a
480 foundation established pursuant to sections 4-37e and 4-37f, to Charter
481 Oak State College or its employees for reimbursement of expenditures
482 or payment of expenditures on behalf of Charter Oak State College or
483 its employees. Private donations shall not be construed to include
484 proceeds of municipal grants.

485 (b) For the purposes of this section: (1) "Endowment fund eligible
486 gift" means a gift to or for the benefit of Charter Oak State College of
487 cash or assets which may be reduced to cash or which has a value that

488 is ascertainable by such college which the donor has specifically
489 designated for deposit in the endowment fund or which explicitly or
490 implicitly by the terms of the gift Charter Oak State College may and
491 does deposit or permit to be deposited in the endowment fund. (2)
492 "Endowment fund state grant" means moneys that are transferred by
493 the Office of Higher Education from the fund established pursuant to
494 section 10a-8b to the endowment fund established pursuant to this
495 section in an aggregate amount not exceeding the endowment fund
496 state grant maximum commitment. (3) "Endowment fund state grant
497 maximum commitment" means an amount not exceeding one hundred
498 thousand dollars for each fiscal year from the fiscal year ending June
499 30, 2000, to the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014, inclusive.

500 (c) Notwithstanding the endowment fund state grant maximum
501 commitment level provided for each fiscal year pursuant to subsection
502 (b) of this section, the total of the endowment fund state grant
503 maximum commitments for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2000, to
504 June 30, 2014, inclusive, shall not exceed nine hundred thousand
505 dollars.

506 Sec. 12. Section 10a-143b of the general statutes is repealed and the
507 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

508 The [Board for State Academic Awards] Board of Regents for
509 Higher Education shall establish, on behalf of Charter Oak State
510 College and within available appropriations, innovative on-line
511 teacher and higher education faculty training programs on the
512 integration of technology into the public school curriculum and
513 courses at public institutions of higher education in order to improve
514 student learning. On and after July 1, 2001, the training program
515 established for public school teachers shall be consistent with the
516 standards developed pursuant to section 4d-85.

517 Sec. 13. Section 10a-149 of the general statutes is repealed and the
518 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

519 In addition to other powers granted in the general statutes,

520 authority and responsibility for the operation of the state's public
 521 institutions of higher education shall be vested in (1) the Board of
 522 Trustees of The University of Connecticut which shall have exclusive
 523 responsibility for programs leading to doctoral degrees and
 524 postbaccalaureate professional degrees, with the exception of
 525 education doctoral degree programs, (2) the Board of Trustees of the
 526 Connecticut State University System which shall have special
 527 responsibility for the preparation of personnel for the public schools of
 528 the state including master's degree programs, education doctoral
 529 degree programs, including an education doctoral degree program in
 530 nursing education, and other graduate study in education, and
 531 authority for providing liberal arts and career programs at the
 532 bachelors, masters and sixth year level, (3) the Board of Trustees of the
 533 Community-Technical Colleges which shall have responsibility for
 534 providing programs, as enumerated in section 10a-80, leading, where
 535 appropriate, to an associate degree or occupational certificate and
 536 programs leading to the degree of associate in applied science and
 537 such other appropriate degrees or certificates as are approved by the
 538 Board of Regents for Higher Education and for such terminal
 539 vocational retraining and continuing education programs leading to
 540 occupational certificates as are appropriate, and (4) the [Board for State
 541 Academic Awards] Board of Regents for Higher Education which shall
 542 have responsibility for the award of external degrees and credits
 543 earned at Charter Oak State College by examination and by other
 544 forms of validation and by evaluation of learning, including transfer of
 545 credit; provided the authority of the Boards of Trustees of The
 546 University of Connecticut, the Connecticut State University System
 547 and the Community-Technical Colleges to award degrees of the
 548 respective institutions shall not be affected.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	10a-1b(c)
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	10a-1
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	10a-6(a)

Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	10a-8(a)
Sec. 5	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	10a-25i(b)
Sec. 6	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	10a-35a(a)
Sec. 7	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	10a-80d
Sec. 8	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	3-27a
Sec. 9	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	10a-25h(a)
Sec. 10	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	10a-143
Sec. 11	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	10a-143a
Sec. 12	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	10a-143b
Sec. 13	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	10a-149

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In section 9, "Subsection (a) of" was added to the introductory paragraph for accuracy.

HED *Joint Favorable Subst. -LCO*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note**State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None**Explanation**

The bill results in no fiscal impact as it makes technical and clarifying changes to the statutes with regard to the Board of Regents for Higher Education.

The Out Years**State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None

OLR Bill Analysis**sSB 330*****AN ACT CONCERNING THE BOARD OF REGENTS.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill conforms law to current practice by requiring the Board of Regents for Higher Education (BOR) to appoint two vice presidents upon the BOR president's recommendation, one for the Connecticut State University System (CSUS) and one for the regional community-technical colleges (CTC). Under current law, BOR must appoint a vice president for each constituent unit of higher education (UConn, CSUS, CTC, and Charter Oak State College). By law, the vice presidents' duties include overseeing academic programs, student support services, and institutional support.

The bill also eliminates statutory references to the Board for State Academic Awards (BSAA) and replaces them with references to BOR or Charter Oak State College, as appropriate. For example, it renames the Board of State Academic Awards Operating Fund as the Board of Regents for Higher Education for Charter Oak State College Operating Fund.

BSAA was formerly a nine-member board that governed Charter Oak State College. A 2011 law transferred BSAA's powers and duties to BOR but retained statutory references to BSAA (PA 11-48). Thus BOR, acting as BSAA, has governed Charter Oak since January 1, 2012.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2014

COMMITTEE ACTION

Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 18 Nay 0 (03/13/2014)