

OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
PUBLIC ACT SUMMARY



PA 14-91—SB 19

Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee

AN ACT ESTABLISHING UNIFORM STATE ACADEMIC DEGREE STANDARDS

SUMMARY: By law, the UConn Board of Trustees (BOT) and the Board of Regents for Higher Education (BOR) are authorized to review and approve recommendations for the establishment of new academic programs. BOT has authority concerning UConn programs, and BOR has authority concerning programs for the Connecticut State University System, regional community-technical colleges, and Charter Oak State College.

This act specifies that, when approving academic programs, (1) UConn's BOT must follow certain statutory requirements concerning standards set by the Office of Higher Education (OHE) (the law already requires BOR to do so) and (2) both BOR and UConn's BOT must follow regulations promulgated by OHE. The statutory and regulatory requirements concern administration, finance, faculty, curricula, library, student admission and graduation, plant and equipment, records, catalogs, program announcements, and any other pertinent criteria.

The act also (1) eliminates BOR's authority to impose penalties on public institutions for violating program approval and licensure and accreditation requirements and (2) makes technical changes.

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