



# House of Representatives

**File No. 850**

General Assembly

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Substitute House Bill No. 6919  
As Amended by House Amendment  
Schedule "A"

Approved by the Legislative Commissioner  
May 18, 2015

***AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE CONCERNING  
OUTCOMES-BASED FINANCING.***

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force  
2 to develop a strategic outcomes-based plan for financing higher  
3 education that shall be aligned with the goals and benchmarks for  
4 higher education recommended by the Planning Commission for  
5 Higher Education in accordance with section 10a-11b of the general  
6 statutes. The task force shall consider the interrelationships among  
7 state appropriations, tuition and student financial aid in developing  
8 such plan. Such plan shall include base funding of public institutions  
9 of higher education, an investment fund for public institutions of  
10 higher education and performance-based funding of public and  
11 independent institutions of higher education. For purposes of  
12 developing the performance-based funding component of such plan,  
13 the task force shall examine performance-based funding models,  
14 including, but not limited to, models implemented in other states, and  
15 consider the following objectives: (1) Rewarding public and

16 independent institutions of higher education for (A) increasing the  
17 number of degrees awarded to residents of the state, including, but not  
18 limited to, degrees awarded (i) in areas with workforce shortages, and  
19 (ii) to students from underrepresented populations, and (B) increasing  
20 business activity in the state through research; and (2) rewarding  
21 public institutions of higher education for improving their  
22 productivity, which may be measured in part by decreasing the cost of  
23 earning a degree. For purposes of this subsection, "investment fund"  
24 means an account that shall fund projects and programs proposed by  
25 the public institutions of higher education that (A) meet criteria  
26 developed by the Planning Commission for Higher Education, in  
27 consultation with the president of the Board of Trustees for The  
28 University of Connecticut, the Office of the Governor and the  
29 chairpersons of the joint standing committees of the General Assembly  
30 having cognizance of matters relating to higher education and  
31 appropriations, and (B) are in alignment with the goals and  
32 benchmarks for higher education recommended by the Planning  
33 Commission for Higher Education and adopted by the General  
34 Assembly in accordance with section 10a-11b of the general statutes.

35 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

36 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,  
37 who shall be faculty members of the Connecticut State University  
38 System;

39 (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, who  
40 shall be faculty members of the regional community-technical college  
41 system;

42 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of  
43 Representatives, who shall be a faculty member of The University of  
44 Connecticut;

45 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, who shall be  
46 a representative of an organization representing faculty,  
47 administrators and staff of the regional community-technical college

48 system;

49 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of  
50 Representatives, who shall be a faculty member of Charter Oak State  
51 College;

52 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, who shall be  
53 a faculty member of an independent institution of higher education;

54 (7) The president of the Board of Regents for Higher Education, or  
55 the president's designee;

56 (8) The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, or the  
57 secretary's designee;

58 (9) The president of The University of Connecticut, or the  
59 president's designee;

60 (10) The chief academic officer of The University of Connecticut, or  
61 the chief academic officer's designee;

62 (11) The chairperson of the Board of Trustees for The University of  
63 Connecticut, or such chairperson's designee;

64 (12) A representative of the Connecticut State University System,  
65 who shall be appointed by the Board of Regents for Higher Education;

66 (13) A representative of the regional community-technical college  
67 system, who shall be appointed by the Board of Regents for Higher  
68 Education;

69 (14) The president of Charter Oak State College, or the president's  
70 designee;

71 (15) The president of the Connecticut Conference of Independent  
72 Colleges, or the president's designee;

73 (16) The chairperson of the Planning Commission for Higher  
74 Education, or the chairperson's designee; and

75 (17) The chairpersons of the joint standing committees of the  
76 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to higher  
77 education and appropriations.

78 (c) All appointments to the task force shall be made not later than  
79 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be  
80 filled by the appointing authority.

81 (d) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president  
82 pro tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force  
83 from among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall  
84 schedule the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not  
85 later than sixty days after the effective date of this section.

86 (e) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the  
87 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to higher  
88 education shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

89 (f) Not later than January 1, 2016, the task force shall submit a report  
90 on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee  
91 of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to  
92 higher education, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of  
93 the general statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date that it  
94 submits such report or January 1, 2016, whichever is later.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

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:**

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 16 \$	FY 17 \$
Various State Agencies	GF - Potential Cost	Less than \$1,000	None

Note: GF=General Fund

**Municipal Impact:** None

**Explanation**

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The bill may be result in a cost of less than \$1,000 in FY 16 to those agencies participating in the task force to reimburse legislators and agency staff for mileage expenses.

House "A" increases the membership of the task force to include the chief academic officer of the University of Connecticut and the chairperson of the Board of Trustees of the University of Connecticut or their designees; hence the potential mileage reimbursement costs could be increased.

**The Out Years**

There is no ongoing fiscal impact because the task force terminates in FY 16.

**OLR Bill Analysis**

**sHB 6919 (as amended by House "A")**

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**SUMMARY:**

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 18 Nay 0 (03/24/2015)