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Committee Bill No. 6118

LCO No. 3734



Referred to Committee on HIGHER EDUCATION AND
EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT

Introduced by:
(HED)

**AN ACT CONCERNING STUDENT MEMBERSHIP ON THE BOARD OF
TRUSTEES FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 10a-103 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 There shall continue to be a Board of Trustees for The University of
4 Connecticut to consist of [twenty-one] twenty-three persons, twelve to
5 be appointed by the Governor, who shall reflect the state's geographic,
6 racial and ethnic diversity; two to be elected by the university alumni;
7 [two] four to be elected by the students enrolled at the institutions
8 under the jurisdiction of said board; and five members ex officio. On or
9 before July 1, 1983, the Governor shall appoint members to the board
10 as follows: Four members for a term of two years from said date; four
11 members for a term of four years from said date; and four members for
12 a term of six years from said date. Thereafter, the Governor shall
13 appoint trustees of said university to succeed those appointees whose
14 terms expire, and each trustee so appointed shall hold office for a
15 period of six years from the first day of July in the year of his or her

16 appointment, provided two of the trustees appointed for terms
17 commencing July 1, 1995, and their successors shall be alumni of the
18 university, one of the trustees appointed for a term commencing July 1,
19 1997, and his or her successors shall be such alumni and one of the
20 members appointed for a term commencing July 1, 1999, and his or her
21 successors shall be such alumni. The Commissioner of Agriculture, the
22 Commissioner of Education, the Commissioner of Economic and
23 Community Development and the chairperson of The University of
24 Connecticut Health Center Board of Directors shall be, ex officio,
25 members of the board of trustees. The Governor shall be, ex officio,
26 president of said board. The graduates of all of the schools and
27 colleges of said university shall, prior to September first in the odd-
28 numbered years, elect one trustee, who shall be a graduate of the
29 institution and who shall hold office for four years from the first day of
30 September succeeding his or her election. Not less than two or more
31 than four nominations for each such election shall be made by the
32 alumni association of said university, provided no person who has
33 served as an alumni trustee for the two full consecutive terms
34 immediately prior to the term for which such election is to be held
35 shall be nominated for any such election. Such election shall be
36 conducted by mail prior to September first under the supervision of a
37 canvassing board consisting of three members, one appointed by the
38 board of trustees, one by the board of directors of the alumni
39 association of the university and one by the president of the university.
40 No ballot in such election shall be opened until the date by which
41 ballots must be returned to the canvassing board. In such election, all
42 graduates shall be entitled to vote by signed ballots which have been
43 circulated to them by mail and which shall be returned by mail.
44 Vacancies occurring by death or resignation of either of such alumni
45 trustees shall be filled for the unexpired portion of the term by special
46 election, if such unexpired term is for more than eighteen months.
47 When the unexpired term is eighteen months or less, such vacancy
48 shall be filled by appointment by the board of directors of said alumni
49 association. On or before November 1, 1975, the students of The

50 University of Connecticut shall, in such manner as the board of
51 trustees of said university shall determine, elect two trustees, each of
52 whom shall be enrolled as a full-time student of said university at the
53 time of his or her election. One such [member] trustee shall be elected
54 for a term of one year from November 1, 1975, and one for a term of
55 two years from said date. [Prior to July first, annually, such] On or
56 before July 1, 2015, the students of The University of Connecticut shall,
57 in such manner as the board of trustees of said university shall
58 determine, elect two additional trustees. One such trustee shall be
59 enrolled as a full-time undergraduate student at a school or college of
60 the university, be elected by the undergraduate students of the schools
61 and colleges of the university, and serve a term of one year from July 1,
62 2015. The other trustee shall be enrolled as a full-time student in the
63 School of Law, the School of Medicine, the School of Dentistry, the
64 School of Social Work, or as a graduate student of a school or college of
65 the university, be elected by the students of said schools and the
66 graduate students of the schools and colleges of the university, and
67 serve a term of two years from July 1, 2015. Thereafter, on or before
68 July first, annually, the students of the university shall, in accordance
69 with this section and in such manner as the board shall determine,
70 elect [one member of said board] two trustees, who shall be so enrolled
71 at said university at the time of [his or her] their election and who shall
72 serve for a term of two years from July first in the year of his or her
73 election. The student [member] trustees elected to fill the [term] terms
74 expiring on June 30, 2003, and June 30, 2016, and such [elected
75 member's] trustees' successors, shall be enrolled as [a] full-time
76 undergraduate [student] students at a school or college of the
77 university and shall be elected by the undergraduate students of the
78 schools and colleges of the university. The student [member] trustees
79 elected to fill the [term] terms expiring on June 30, 2004, and June 30,
80 2017, and such [elected member's] trustees' successors, shall be
81 enrolled as [a] full-time [student] students in the School of Law, the
82 School of Medicine, the School of Dentistry, the School of Social Work,
83 or as a graduate student of a school or college of the university, and

84 shall be elected by the students of the School of Law, the School of
85 Medicine, the School of Dentistry, the School of Social Work and the
86 graduate students of the schools and colleges of the university. Any
87 student [member] trustee elected after July 1, 2013, shall be enrolled as
88 a full-time student [at the time of his or her election and] for the
89 duration of his or her term of service. Any vacancies in the elected
90 membership of said board shall, except as otherwise provided in this
91 section, be filled by special election for the balance of the unexpired
92 term.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	10a-103

Statement of Purpose:

To allow for the election of two additional student members of the Board of Trustees for The University of Connecticut.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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