



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 898

January Session, 2015



AN ACT CONCERNING PROFESSIONAL DOCTORAL DEGREE PROGRAMS.

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

1 Section 1. Section 10a-149 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2015*):

3 (a) In addition to other powers granted in the general statutes,
4 authority and responsibility for the operation of the state's public
5 institutions of higher education shall be vested in (1) the Board of
6 Trustees of The University of Connecticut which shall have exclusive
7 responsibility for programs leading to research doctoral, doctor of
8 medicine, doctor of dental medicine and juris doctor degrees, [and
9 postbaccalaureate professional degrees, with the exception of
10 education doctoral degree programs,] (2) the Board of Trustees of the
11 Connecticut State University System which shall have special
12 responsibility for the preparation of personnel for the public schools of
13 the state including master's degree programs, education doctoral
14 degree programs, including an education doctoral degree program in
15 nursing education, and other graduate study in education, and
16 authority for providing (A) liberal arts and career programs at the
17 bachelors, masters and sixth year level, and (B) professional doctoral
18 degree programs, except programs leading to research doctoral, doctor
19 of medicine, doctor of dental medicine and juris doctor degrees, (3) the

20 Board of Trustees of the Community-Technical Colleges which shall
 21 have responsibility for providing programs, as enumerated in section
 22 10a-80, leading, where appropriate, to an associate degree or
 23 occupational certificate and programs leading to the degree of
 24 associate in applied science and such other appropriate degrees or
 25 certificates as are approved by the Board of Regents for Higher
 26 Education and for such terminal vocational retraining and continuing
 27 education programs leading to occupational certificates as are
 28 appropriate, and (4) the Board of Regents for Higher Education which
 29 shall have responsibility for the award of external degrees and credits
 30 earned at Charter Oak State College by examination and by other
 31 forms of validation and by evaluation of learning, including transfer of
 32 credit, [j] provided the authority of the Boards of Trustees of The
 33 University of Connecticut, the Connecticut State University System
 34 and the Community-Technical Colleges to award degrees of the
 35 respective institutions shall not be affected.

36 (b) In approving programs provided under subparagraph (B) of
 37 subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of this section, the Board of Trustees
 38 for the Connecticut State University System shall consider (1) the effect
 39 a proposed professional doctoral degree program would have on the
 40 budget of the state university seeking to offer such program, (2)
 41 whether expertise in the subject matter of such program currently
 42 exists at the state university, (3) the current and projected accreditation
 43 standards governing such program, and (4) the current and projected
 44 professional standards in the occupational field for which students
 45 would qualify for employment upon graduation from such program.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2015	10a-149

HED *Joint Favorable Subst.*