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Substitute House Bill No. 6118

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The Committee on Higher Education and Employment Advancement reported through REP. WILLIS, R. of the 64th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

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 Section 10a-103 of the general statutes is repealed and the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, 2016, 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 two years from July
62 1, 2016. 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 one year from July 1, 2016. Thereafter, on or before July
68 first, annually, the students of the university shall, in accordance with
69 this section and in such manner as the board shall determine, elect [one
70 member of said board] two trustees, who shall be so enrolled at said
71 university at the time of [his or her] their election and who shall serve
72 for a term of two years from July first in the year of his or her election.
73 The student [member] trustees elected to fill the [term] terms expiring
74 on June 30, 2003, and June 30, 2018, and such [elected member's]
75 trustees' successors, shall be enrolled as [a] full-time undergraduate
76 [student] students at a school or college of the university and shall be
77 elected by the undergraduate students of the schools and colleges of
78 the university. The student [member] trustees elected to fill the [term]
79 terms expiring on June 30, 2004, and June 30, 2017, and such [elected
80 member's] trustees' successors, shall be enrolled as [a] full-time
81 [student] students in the School of Law, the School of Medicine, the
82 School of Dentistry, the School of Social Work, or as a graduate student
83 of a school or college of the university, and shall be elected by the

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

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

HED *Joint Favorable Subst.*

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 to the state as it is technical and procedural in nature.

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OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY:

This bill increases the number of UConn Board of Trustee members from 21 to 23 by adding two more student trustees to be elected by the student body. Thus, under the bill, the board will have a total of four student trustees.

It requires UConn students to elect the two additional student trustees by July 1, 2016. Undergraduate students must elect a full-time undergraduate to serve a two-year term beginning July 1, 2016. Students from the School of Law, School of Medicine, School of Dentistry, School of Social Work, and graduate students of a UConn school or college must elect a graduate student to serve a one-year term beginning July 1, 2016. For subsequent elections, the undergraduate and graduate student bodies must each elect two trustees to serve two-year terms.

The bill also removes the requirement that student trustees be enrolled as full-time students at the time of their election; however, the requirement under existing law that the student be enrolled full-time for the duration of the term of service remains unchanged.

It also makes various technical changes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

COMMITTEE ACTION

Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 18 Nay 0 (03/24/2015)