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Referred to Committee on VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Introduced by:
(VA)

AN ACT CONCERNING UNUSED TUITION AND FEE WAIVERS AT PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND FAMILY OF VETERANS AND MEMBERS OF THE CONNECTICUT NATIONAL GUARD.

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (d) of section 10a-77 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
3 *1, 2016*):

4 (d) Said board of trustees shall waive the payment of tuition at any
5 of the regional community-technical colleges (1) for any dependent
6 child of a person whom the armed forces of the United States has
7 declared to be missing in action or to have been a prisoner of war
8 while serving in such armed forces after January 1, 1960, which child
9 has been accepted for admission to such institution and is a resident of
10 Connecticut at the time such child is accepted for admission to such
11 institution, (2) subject to the provisions of subsection (e) of this section,
12 for any veteran who performed service in time of war, as defined in
13 subsection (a) of section 27-103, except that for purposes of this

14 subsection, "service in time of war" shall not include time spent in
15 attendance at a military service academy, who has been accepted for
16 admission to such institution and is domiciled in this state at the time
17 such veteran is accepted for admission to such institution, (3) for any
18 resident of Connecticut sixty-two years of age or older, provided, at
19 the end of the regular registration period, there are enrolled in the
20 course a sufficient number of students other than those persons
21 eligible for waivers pursuant to this subdivision to offer the course in
22 which such person intends to enroll and there is space available in
23 such course after accommodating all such students, (4) for any student
24 attending the Connecticut State Police Academy who is enrolled in a
25 law enforcement program at said academy offered in coordination
26 with a regional community-technical college which accredits courses
27 taken in such program, (5) for any active member of the Connecticut
28 Army or Air National Guard who (A) has been certified by the
29 Adjutant General or such Adjutant General's designee as a member in
30 good standing of the guard, and (B) is enrolled or accepted for
31 admission to such institution on a full-time or part-time basis in an
32 undergraduate degree-granting program, (6) for any dependent child
33 of a (A) police officer, as defined in section 7-294a, or supernumerary
34 or auxiliary police officer, (B) firefighter, as defined in section 7-323j, or
35 member of a volunteer fire company, (C) municipal employee, or (D)
36 state employee, as defined in section 5-154, killed in the line of duty,
37 (7) for any resident of the state who is a dependent child or surviving
38 spouse of a specified terrorist victim who was a resident of this state,
39 (8) for any dependent child of a resident of the state who was killed in
40 a multivehicle crash at or near the intersection of Routes 44 and 10 and
41 Nod Road in Avon on July 29, 2005, [and] (9) for any resident of the
42 state who is a dependent child or surviving spouse of a person who
43 was killed in action while performing active military duty with the
44 armed forces of the United States on or after September 11, 2001, and
45 who was a resident of this state, and (10) for any spouse, son or
46 daughter of a veteran or member of the National Guard entitled to a
47 tuition waiver under subdivision (2) or (5) of this subsection, as the

48 case may be, provided the number of semesters for which such spouse,
49 son or daughter may receive any such tuition waiver shall be
50 calculated by subtracting the number of semesters such veteran or
51 member received any such tuition waiver from eight, except that no
52 such spouse, son or daughter may receive any such tuition waiver for
53 more than four semesters. If any person who receives a tuition waiver
54 in accordance with the provisions of this subsection also receives
55 educational reimbursement from an employer, such waiver shall be
56 reduced by the amount of such educational reimbursement. Veterans
57 described in subdivision (2) of this subsection and members of the
58 National Guard described in subdivision (5) of this subsection shall be
59 given the same status as students not receiving tuition waivers in
60 registering for courses at regional community-technical colleges.
61 Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10a-30, as used in this
62 subsection, "domiciled in this state" includes domicile for less than one
63 year.

64 Sec. 2. Subsection (d) of section 10a-99 of the general statutes is
65 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
66 *1, 2016*):

67 (d) Said board shall waive the payment of tuition fees at the
68 Connecticut State University System (1) for any dependent child of a
69 person whom the armed forces of the United States has declared to be
70 missing in action or to have been a prisoner of war while serving in
71 such armed forces after January 1, 1960, which child has been accepted
72 for admission to such institution and is a resident of Connecticut at the
73 time such child is accepted for admission to such institution, (2) subject
74 to the provisions of subsection (e) of this section, for any veteran who
75 performed service in time of war, as defined in subsection (a) of section
76 27-103, except that for purposes of this subsection, "service in time of
77 war" shall not include time spent in attendance at a military service
78 academy, who has been accepted for admission to such institution and
79 is domiciled in this state at the time such veteran is accepted for
80 admission to such institution, (3) for any resident of Connecticut sixty-

81 two years of age or older who has been accepted for admission to such
82 institution, provided (A) such person is enrolled in a degree-granting
83 program, or (B) at the end of the regular registration period, there are
84 enrolled in the course a sufficient number of students other than those
85 persons eligible for waivers pursuant to this subdivision to offer the
86 course in which such person intends to enroll and there is space
87 available in such course after accommodating all such students, (4) for
88 any student attending the Connecticut Police Academy who is enrolled
89 in a law enforcement program at said academy offered in coordination
90 with the university which accredits courses taken in such program, (5)
91 for any active member of the Connecticut Army or Air National Guard
92 who (A) has been certified by the Adjutant General or such Adjutant
93 General's designee as a member in good standing of the guard, and (B)
94 is enrolled or accepted for admission to such institution on a full-time
95 or part-time basis in an undergraduate or graduate degree-granting
96 program, (6) for any dependent child of a (A) police officer, as defined
97 in section 7-294a, or supernumerary or auxiliary police officer, (B)
98 firefighter, as defined in section 7-323j, or member of a volunteer fire
99 company, (C) municipal employee, or (D) state employee, as defined in
100 section 5-154, killed in the line of duty, (7) for any resident of this state
101 who is a dependent child or surviving spouse of a specified terrorist
102 victim who was a resident of the state, (8) for any dependent child of a
103 resident of the state who was killed in a multivehicle crash at or near
104 the intersection of Routes 44 and 10 and Nod Road in Avon on July 29,
105 2005, [and] (9) for any resident of the state who is a dependent child or
106 surviving spouse of a person who was killed in action while
107 performing active military duty with the armed forces of the United
108 States on or after September 11, 2001, and who was a resident of this
109 state, and (10) for any spouse, son or daughter of a veteran or member
110 of the National Guard entitled to a tuition waiver under subdivision
111 (2) or (5) of this subsection, as the case may be, provided the number of
112 semesters for which such spouse, son or daughter may receive any
113 such tuition waiver shall be calculated by subtracting the number of
114 semesters such veteran or member received any such tuition waiver

115 from eight, except that no such spouse, son or daughter may receive
116 any such tuition waiver for more than four semesters. If any person
117 who receives a tuition waiver in accordance with the provisions of this
118 subsection also receives educational reimbursement from an employer,
119 such waiver shall be reduced by the amount of such educational
120 reimbursement. Veterans described in subdivision (2) of this
121 subsection and members of the National Guard described in
122 subdivision (5) of this subsection shall be given the same status as
123 students not receiving tuition waivers in registering for courses at
124 Connecticut state universities. Notwithstanding the provisions of
125 section 10a-30, as used in this subsection, "domiciled in this state"
126 includes domicile for less than one year.

127 Sec. 3. Subsection (e) of section 10a-105 of the 2016 supplement to
128 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
129 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2016*):

130 (e) Said board of trustees shall waive the payment of tuition fees at
131 The University of Connecticut (1) for any dependent child of a person
132 whom the armed forces of the United States has declared to be missing
133 in action or to have been a prisoner of war while serving in such armed
134 forces after January 1, 1960, which child has been accepted for
135 admission to The University of Connecticut and is a resident of
136 Connecticut at the time such child is accepted for admission to said
137 institution, (2) subject to the provisions of subsection (f) of this section,
138 for any veteran who performed service in time of war, as defined in
139 subsection (a) of section 27-103, except that for purposes of this
140 subsection, "service in time of war" shall not include time spent in
141 attendance at a military service academy, who has been accepted for
142 admission to said institution and is domiciled in this state at the time
143 such veteran is accepted for admission to said institution, (3) for any
144 resident of Connecticut sixty-two years of age or older who has been
145 accepted for admission to said institution, provided (A) such person is
146 enrolled in a degree-granting program, or (B) at the end of the regular
147 registration period, there are enrolled in the course a sufficient number

148 of students other than those persons eligible for waivers pursuant to
149 this subdivision to offer the course in which such person intends to
150 enroll and there is space available in such course after accommodating
151 all such students, (4) for any active member of the Connecticut Army
152 or Air National Guard who (A) has been certified by the Adjutant
153 General or such Adjutant General's designee as a member in good
154 standing of the guard, and (B) is enrolled or accepted for admission to
155 said institution on a full-time or part-time basis in an undergraduate or
156 graduate degree-granting program, (5) for any dependent child of a
157 (A) police officer, as defined in section 7-294a, or supernumerary or
158 auxiliary police officer, (B) firefighter, as defined in section 7-323j, or
159 member of a volunteer fire company, (C) municipal employee, or (D)
160 state employee, as defined in section 5-154, killed in the line of duty,
161 (6) for any resident of the state who is the dependent child or surviving
162 spouse of a specified terrorist victim who was a resident of the state,
163 (7) for any dependent child of a resident of the state who was killed in
164 a multivehicle crash at or near the intersection of Routes 44 and 10 and
165 Nod Road in Avon on July 29, 2005, [and] (8) for any resident of the
166 state who is a dependent child or surviving spouse of a person who
167 was killed in action while performing active military duty with the
168 armed forces of the United States on or after September 11, 2001, and
169 who was a resident of this state, and (9) for any spouse, son or
170 daughter of a veteran or member of the National Guard entitled to a
171 tuition waiver under subdivision (2) or (4) of this subsection, as the
172 case may be, provided the number of semesters for which such spouse,
173 son or daughter may receive any such tuition waiver shall be
174 calculated by subtracting the number of semesters such veteran or
175 member received any such tuition waiver from eight, except that no
176 such spouse, son or daughter may receive any such tuition waiver for
177 more than four semesters. If any person who receives a tuition waiver
178 in accordance with the provisions of this subsection also receives
179 educational reimbursement from an employer, such waiver shall be
180 reduced by the amount of such educational reimbursement. Veterans
181 described in subdivision (2) of this subsection and members of the

182 National Guard described in subdivision (4) of this subsection shall be
183 given the same status as students not receiving tuition waivers in
184 registering for courses at The University of Connecticut.
185 Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10a-30, as used in this
186 subsection, "domiciled in this state" includes domicile for less than one
187 year.

188 Sec. 4. Section 10a-143 of the general statutes is amended by adding
189 subsection (h) as follows (*Effective July 1, 2016*):

190 (NEW) (h) The Board of Regents for Higher Education shall waive
191 the payment of course enrollment fees at Charter Oak State College (1)
192 subject to the provisions of subsection (i) of this section, for any
193 veteran who performed service in time of war, as defined in subsection
194 (a) of section 27-103, who has been accepted for admission to Charter
195 Oak State College and is domiciled in this state at the time such
196 veteran is accepted for admission to said institution, except that for
197 purposes of this subsection, "service in time of war" shall not include
198 time spent in attendance at a military service academy, (2) for any
199 active member of the Connecticut Army or Air National Guard who
200 (A) has been certified by the Adjutant General or the Adjutant
201 General's designee as a member in good standing of the guard, and (B)
202 is enrolled or accepted for admission to Charter Oak State College on a
203 full-time or part-time basis in a degree-granting program, and (3) for
204 any spouse, son or daughter of a veteran or member of the National
205 Guard entitled to a course enrollment fee waiver under subdivision (1)
206 or (2) of this subsection, as the case may be, provided the number of
207 semesters for which such spouse, son or daughter may receive any
208 such course enrollment fee waiver shall be calculated by subtracting
209 the number of semesters such veteran or member received any such
210 course enrollment fee waiver from eight, except that no such spouse,
211 son or daughter may receive any such course enrollment fee waiver for
212 more than four semesters. If any person who receives a course
213 enrollment fee waiver in accordance with the provisions of this
214 subsection also receives educational reimbursement from an employer,

215 such waiver shall be reduced by the amount of such educational
216 reimbursement. Veterans and members of the National Guard
217 described in this subsection shall be given the same status as students
218 not receiving course enrollment fee waivers in registering for courses
219 at Charter Oak State College. Notwithstanding the provisions of
220 section 10a-30, as used in this subsection, "domiciled in this state"
221 includes domiciled for less than one year.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	10a-77(d)
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	10a-99(d)
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	10a-105(e)
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	10a-143

Statement of Purpose:

To permit the spouse, son or daughter of a veteran or member of the National Guard to receive a tuition or course enrollment fee waiver for up to four semesters when such veteran or member is entitled to such waiver but has received fewer than eight semester's worth of such waiver.

[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.]