



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 147

LCO No. 1282



Referred to Committee on HIGHER EDUCATION AND
EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT

Introduced by:
(HED)

***AN ACT ASSISTING STUDENTS WITHOUT LEGAL IMMIGRATION
STATUS WITH THE COST OF COLLEGE.***

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2016*) (a) In accordance with 8 USC
2 1621(d) and for institutional financial assistance available for the
3 semester beginning in the fall of 2016 and for each semester thereafter,
4 any person who is entitled to classification as an in-state student for
5 tuition purposes pursuant to section 10a-29 of the general statutes shall
6 be eligible to apply for and receive, to the extent permitted by federal
7 law, institutional financial assistance to attend a public institution of
8 higher education in the state from the funds set aside by the
9 constituent unit, as defined in section 10a-1 of the general statutes,
10 from the anticipated tuition revenue of the institutions of higher
11 education under its jurisdiction for purposes of providing (A) tuition
12 waivers, (B) tuition remissions, (C) grants for educational expenses,
13 and (D) student employment for residents of the state enrolled as full
14 or part-time matriculated students in a degree-granting program or
15 enrolled in a precollege remedial program and who demonstrate

16 substantial financial need.

17 (b) Not later than January 1, 2017, the Board of Regents for Higher
18 Education and The University of Connecticut shall establish
19 procedures and develop forms to enable persons who are eligible for
20 institutional financial assistance under subsection (a) of this section to
21 apply for and receive, to the extent permitted by federal law, such
22 assistance.

23 (c) Nothing in this section is intended to require or compel a public
24 institution of higher education to match the amount of federal student
25 financial aid a person eligible for institutional financial assistance
26 under subsection (a) of this section would receive if such person was
27 eligible for such financial aid.

28 (d) The Board of Regents for Higher Education and the Board of
29 Trustees for The University of Connecticut may adopt such policies as
30 are necessary to carry out the purposes of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2016	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To enable students without legal immigration status to be eligible for institutional financial assistance.

[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.]