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Substitute Bill No. 287

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

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

1 Section 1. Subsections (d) to (g), inclusive, of section 10a-77 of the
2 general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
3 thereof (*Effective July 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, except that
18 for purposes of this subsection, "service in time of war" shall not

19 include time spent in attendance at a military service academy, and
20 except that said board of trustees shall also waive for any such veteran
21 the payment of any extension fees for educational extension programs
22 and summer school sessions, as described in section 10a-26, (3) for any
23 resident of Connecticut sixty-two years of age or older, provided, at
24 the end of the regular registration period, there are enrolled in the
25 course a sufficient number of students other than those persons
26 eligible for waivers pursuant to this subdivision to offer the course in
27 which such person intends to enroll and there is space available in
28 such course after accommodating all such students, (4) for any student
29 attending the Connecticut State Police Academy who is enrolled in a
30 law enforcement program at said academy offered in coordination
31 with a regional community-technical college which accredits courses
32 taken in such program, (5) for any active member of the Connecticut
33 Army or Air National Guard who (A) has been certified by the
34 Adjutant General or such Adjutant General's designee as a member in
35 good standing of the guard, and (B) is enrolled or accepted for
36 admission to such institution on a full-time or part-time basis in an
37 undergraduate degree-granting program, except that said board of
38 trustees shall also waive for any such member the payment of any
39 extension fees for educational extension programs and summer school
40 sessions, as described in section 10a-26, (6) for any dependent child of
41 a (A) police officer, as defined in section 7-294a, or supernumerary or
42 auxiliary police officer, (B) firefighter, as defined in section 7-323j, or
43 member of a volunteer fire company, (C) municipal employee, or (D)
44 state employee, as defined in section 5-154, killed in the line of duty,
45 (7) for any resident of the state who is a dependent child or surviving
46 spouse of a specified terrorist victim who was a resident of this state,
47 (8) for any dependent child of a resident of the state who was killed in
48 a multivehicle crash at or near the intersection of Routes 44 and 10 and
49 Nod Road in Avon on July 29, 2005, and (9) for any resident of the state
50 who is a dependent child or surviving spouse of a person who was
51 killed in action while performing active military duty with the armed
52 forces of the United States on or after September 11, 2001, and who
53 was a resident of this state. 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 (e) (1) If any veteran described in subsection (d) of this section has
65 applied for federal educational assistance under the Post-9/11
66 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008, the board of trustees shall
67 waive the payment of tuition and extension fees at any of the regional
68 community-technical colleges for such veteran in accordance with
69 subdivision (2) of this subsection. If any such veteran certifies to said
70 board of trustees that such veteran's application for such federal
71 educational assistance has been denied or withdrawn, said board of
72 trustees shall waive the payment of tuition and extension fees in
73 accordance with subsection (d) of this section.

74 (2) (A) For purposes of this subdivision, "veteran tuition benefit"
75 means the portion of federal educational assistance under the Post-
76 9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008 to be paid to a
77 regional community-technical college on behalf of a veteran that
78 represents payment for tuition and extension fees. Such portion shall
79 be calculated by multiplying (i) the total amount of such federal
80 educational assistance to be paid to a regional community-technical
81 college on behalf of such veteran by (ii) an amount obtained by
82 dividing (I) the actual tuition and extension fees charged by such
83 college to such veteran by (II) the sum of the actual tuition, extension
84 fees and other fees charged by such college to such veteran.

85 (B) Said board of trustees shall waive the payment of tuition and
86 extension fees in excess of the veteran tuition benefit at any of the

87 regional community-technical colleges for such veteran.

88 (f) Said board of trustees shall set aside from its anticipated regional
89 community-technical college tuition revenue, an amount not less than
90 that required by said board's tuition policy. Such funds shall be used to
91 provide tuition waivers, tuition remissions, grants for educational
92 expenses and student employment for residents enrolled in regional
93 community-technical colleges as full or part-time matriculated
94 students in a degree-granting program, or enrolled in a precollege
95 remedial program, who demonstrate substantial financial need. Said
96 board may also set aside from its anticipated tuition revenue an
97 additional amount equal to one per cent of said tuition revenue for
98 financial assistance for students who would not otherwise be eligible
99 for financial assistance but who do have a financial need as determined
100 by the college in accordance with this subsection. In determining such
101 financial need, the college shall exclude the value of equity in the
102 principal residence of the student's parents or legal guardians, or in the
103 student's principal residence if the student is not considered to be a
104 dependent of his parents or legal guardians and shall assess the
105 earnings of a dependent student at the rate of thirty per cent.

106 (g) The Regional Community-Technical Colleges Operating Fund
107 shall be reimbursed for the amount by which the tuition and extension
108 fee waivers granted under subsection (d) of this section exceed five per
109 cent of tuition and extension fee revenue through an annual state
110 appropriation. The board of trustees shall request such an
111 appropriation and said appropriation shall be based upon an estimate
112 of tuition and extension fee revenue loss using tuition and extension
113 fee rates in effect for the fiscal year in which such appropriation will
114 apply.

115 Sec. 2. Subsections (d) to (g), inclusive, of section 10a-99 of the
116 general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
117 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2016*):

118 (d) Said board of trustees shall waive the payment of tuition fees at

119 the Connecticut State University System (1) for any dependent child of
120 a person whom the armed forces of the United States has declared to
121 be missing in action or to have been a prisoner of war while serving in
122 such armed forces after January 1, 1960, which child has been accepted
123 for admission to such institution and is a resident of Connecticut at the
124 time such child is accepted for admission to such institution, (2) subject
125 to the provisions of subsection (e) of this section, for any veteran who
126 performed service in time of war, as defined in subsection (a) of section
127 27-103, [except that for purposes of this subsection, "service in time of
128 war" shall not include time spent in attendance at a military service
129 academy,] who has been accepted for admission to such institution
130 and is domiciled in this state at the time such veteran is accepted for
131 admission to such institution, except that for purposes of this
132 subsection, "service in time of war" shall not include time spent in
133 attendance at a military service academy, and except that said board of
134 trustees shall also waive for any such veteran the payment of any
135 extension fees for educational extension programs and summer school
136 sessions, as described in section 10a-26, (3) for any resident of
137 Connecticut sixty-two years of age or older who has been accepted for
138 admission to such institution, provided (A) such person is enrolled in a
139 degree-granting program, or (B) at the end of the regular registration
140 period, there are enrolled in the course a sufficient number of students
141 other than those persons eligible for waivers pursuant to this
142 subdivision to offer the course in which such person intends to enroll
143 and there is space available in such course after accommodating all
144 such students, (4) for any student attending the Connecticut Police
145 Academy who is enrolled in a law enforcement program at said
146 academy offered in coordination with the university which accredits
147 courses taken in such program, (5) for any active member of the
148 Connecticut Army or Air National Guard who (A) has been certified
149 by the Adjutant General or such Adjutant General's designee as a
150 member in good standing of the guard, and (B) is enrolled or accepted
151 for admission to such institution on a full-time or part-time basis in an
152 undergraduate or graduate degree-granting program, except that said
153 board of trustees shall also waive for any such member the payment of

154 any extension fees for educational extension programs and summer
155 school sessions, as described in section 10a-26, (6) for any dependent
156 child of a (A) police officer, as defined in section 7-294a, or
157 supernumerary or auxiliary police officer, (B) firefighter, as defined in
158 section 7-323j, or member of a volunteer fire company, (C) municipal
159 employee, or (D) state employee, as defined in section 5-154, killed in
160 the line of duty, (7) for any resident of this state who is a dependent
161 child or surviving spouse of a specified terrorist victim who was a
162 resident of the state, (8) for any dependent child of a resident of the
163 state who was killed in a multivehicle crash at or near the intersection
164 of Routes 44 and 10 and Nod Road in Avon on July 29, 2005, and (9)
165 for any resident of the state who is a dependent child or surviving
166 spouse of a person who was killed in action while performing active
167 military duty with the armed forces of the United States on or after
168 September 11, 2001, and who was a resident of this state. If any person
169 who receives a tuition waiver in accordance with the provisions of this
170 subsection also receives educational reimbursement from an employer,
171 such waiver shall be reduced by the amount of such educational
172 reimbursement. Veterans described in subdivision (2) of this
173 subsection and members of the National Guard described in
174 subdivision (5) of this subsection shall be given the same status as
175 students not receiving tuition waivers in registering for courses at
176 Connecticut state universities. Notwithstanding the provisions of
177 section 10a-30, as used in this subsection, "domiciled in this state"
178 includes domicile for less than one year.

179 (e) (1) If any veteran described in subsection (d) of this section has
180 applied for federal educational assistance under the Post-9/11
181 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008, the board of trustees shall
182 waive the payment of tuition and extension fees at the Connecticut
183 State University System for such veteran in accordance with
184 subdivision (2) of this subsection. If any such veteran certifies to said
185 board of trustees that such veteran's application for such federal
186 educational assistance has been denied or withdrawn, said board of
187 trustees shall waive the payment of tuition and extension fees in

188 accordance with subsection (d) of this section.

189 (2) (A) For purposes of this subdivision, "veteran tuition benefit"
190 means the portion of federal educational assistance under the Post-
191 9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008 to be paid to the
192 Connecticut State University System on behalf of a veteran that
193 represents payment for tuition and extension fees. Such portion shall
194 be calculated by multiplying (i) the total amount of such federal
195 educational assistance to be paid to the Connecticut State University
196 System on behalf of such veteran by (ii) an amount obtained by
197 dividing (I) the actual tuition and extension fees charged by the
198 Connecticut State University System to such veteran by (II) the sum of
199 the actual tuition, extension fees and other fees charged by the
200 Connecticut State University System to such veteran.

201 (B) Said board of trustees shall waive the payment of tuition and
202 extension fees in excess of the veteran tuition benefit at the Connecticut
203 State University System for such veteran.

204 (f) Said board of trustees shall set aside from its anticipated tuition
205 revenue, an amount not less than that required by the board of
206 governors' tuition policy established under subdivision (3) of
207 subsection (a) of section 10a-6. Such funds shall be used to provide
208 tuition waivers, tuition remissions, grants for educational expenses
209 and student employment for any undergraduate or graduate student
210 who is enrolled as a full or part-time matriculated student in a degree-
211 granting program, or enrolled in a precollege remedial program, and
212 who demonstrates substantial financial need. Said board may also set
213 aside from its anticipated tuition revenue an additional amount equal
214 to one per cent of said tuition revenue for financial assistance for
215 students who would not otherwise be eligible for financial assistance
216 but who do have a financial need as determined by the university in
217 accordance with this subsection. In determining such financial need,
218 the university shall exclude the value of equity in the principal
219 residence of the student's parents or legal guardians, or in the student's
220 principal residence if the student is not considered to be a dependent

221 of his parents or legal guardians and shall assess the earnings of a
222 dependent student at the rate of thirty per cent.

223 (g) The Connecticut State University System Operating Fund shall
224 be reimbursed for the amount by which the tuition and extension fee
225 waivers granted under subsection (d) of this section exceed two and
226 one-half per cent of tuition and extension fee revenue through an
227 annual state appropriation. The board of trustees shall request such an
228 appropriation and said appropriation shall be based upon an estimate
229 of tuition and extension fee revenue loss using tuition and extension
230 fee rates in effect for the fiscal year in which such appropriation will
231 apply.

232 Sec. 3. Subsections (e) to (h), inclusive, of section 10a-105 of the 2016
233 supplement to the general statutes are repealed and the following is
234 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2016*):

235 (e) Said board of trustees shall waive the payment of tuition fees at
236 The University of Connecticut (1) for any dependent child of a person
237 whom the armed forces of the United States has declared to be missing
238 in action or to have been a prisoner of war while serving in such armed
239 forces after January 1, 1960, which child has been accepted for
240 admission to The University of Connecticut and is a resident of
241 Connecticut at the time such child is accepted for admission to said
242 institution, (2) subject to the provisions of subsection (f) of this section,
243 for any veteran who performed service in time of war, as defined in
244 subsection (a) of section 27-103, [except that for purposes of this
245 subsection, "service in time of war" shall not include time spent in
246 attendance at a military service academy,] who has been accepted for
247 admission to said institution and is domiciled in this state at the time
248 such veteran is accepted for admission to said institution, except that
249 for purposes of this subsection, "service in time of war" shall not
250 include time spent in attendance at a military service academy, and
251 except that said board of trustees shall also waive for any such veteran
252 the payment of any extension fees for educational extension programs
253 and summer school sessions, as described in section 10a-26, (3) for any

254 resident of Connecticut sixty-two years of age or older who has been
255 accepted for admission to said institution, provided (A) such person is
256 enrolled in a degree-granting program, or (B) at the end of the regular
257 registration period, there are enrolled in the course a sufficient number
258 of students other than those persons eligible for waivers pursuant to
259 this subdivision to offer the course in which such person intends to
260 enroll and there is space available in such course after accommodating
261 all such students, (4) for any active member of the Connecticut Army
262 or Air National Guard who (A) has been certified by the Adjutant
263 General or such Adjutant General's designee as a member in good
264 standing of the guard, and (B) is enrolled or accepted for admission to
265 said institution on a full-time or part-time basis in an undergraduate or
266 graduate degree-granting program, except that said board of trustees
267 shall also waive for any such member the payment of any extension
268 fees for educational extension programs and summer school sessions,
269 as described in section 10a-26, (5) for any dependent child of a (A)
270 police officer, as defined in section 7-294a, or supernumerary or
271 auxiliary police officer, (B) firefighter, as defined in section 7-323j, or
272 member of a volunteer fire company, (C) municipal employee, or (D)
273 state employee, as defined in section 5-154, killed in the line of duty,
274 (6) for any resident of the state who is the dependent child or surviving
275 spouse of a specified terrorist victim who was a resident of the state,
276 (7) for any dependent child of a resident of the state who was killed in
277 a multivehicle crash at or near the intersection of Routes 44 and 10 and
278 Nod Road in Avon on July 29, 2005, and (8) for any resident of the state
279 who is a dependent child or surviving spouse of a person who was
280 killed in action while performing active military duty with the armed
281 forces of the United States on or after September 11, 2001, and who
282 was a resident of this state. If any person who receives a tuition waiver
283 in accordance with the provisions of this subsection also receives
284 educational reimbursement from an employer, such waiver shall be
285 reduced by the amount of such educational reimbursement. Veterans
286 described in subdivision (2) of this subsection and members of the
287 National Guard described in subdivision (4) of this subsection shall be
288 given the same status as students not receiving tuition waivers in

289 registering for courses at The University of Connecticut.
290 Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10a-30, as used in this
291 subsection, "domiciled in this state" includes domicile for less than one
292 year.

293 (f) (1) If any veteran described in subsection (e) of this section has
294 applied for federal educational assistance under the Post-9/11
295 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008, the board of trustees shall
296 waive the payment of tuition and extension fees at The University of
297 Connecticut for such veteran in accordance with subdivision (2) of this
298 subsection. If any such veteran certifies to said board of trustees that
299 such veteran's application for such federal educational assistance has
300 been denied or withdrawn, said board of trustees shall waive the
301 payment of tuition and extension fees in accordance with subsection
302 (d) of this section.

303 (2) (A) For purposes of this subdivision, "veteran tuition benefit"
304 means the portion of federal educational assistance under the Post-
305 9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008 to be paid to The
306 University of Connecticut on behalf of a veteran that represents
307 payment for tuition and extension fees. Such portion shall be
308 calculated by multiplying (i) the total amount of such federal
309 educational assistance to be paid to The University of Connecticut on
310 behalf of such veteran by (ii) an amount obtained by dividing (I) the
311 actual tuition and extension fees charged by The University of
312 Connecticut to such veteran by (II) the sum of the actual tuition,
313 extension fees and other fees charged by The University of Connecticut
314 to such veteran.

315 (B) Said board of trustees shall waive the payment of tuition and
316 extension fees in excess of the veteran tuition benefit at The University
317 of Connecticut for such veteran.

318 (g) Said board of trustees shall set aside from its anticipated tuition
319 revenue, an amount not less than that required by the board of
320 governors' tuition policy established under subdivision (3) of

321 subsection (a) of section 10a-6. Such funds shall be used to provide
322 tuition waivers, tuition remissions, grants for educational expenses
323 and student employment for any undergraduate, graduate or
324 professional student who is enrolled as a full or part-time matriculated
325 student in a degree-granting program, or enrolled in a precollege
326 remedial program, and who demonstrates substantial financial need.
327 Said board may also set aside from its anticipated tuition revenue an
328 additional amount equal to one per cent of said tuition revenue for
329 financial assistance for students who would not otherwise be eligible
330 for financial assistance but who do have a financial need as determined
331 by the university in accordance with this subsection. In determining
332 such financial need, the university shall exclude the value of equity in
333 the principal residence of the student's parents or legal guardians, or in
334 the student's principal residence if the student is not considered to be a
335 dependent of his parents or legal guardians and shall assess the
336 earnings of a dependent student at the rate of thirty per cent.

337 (h) The University of Connecticut Operating Fund shall be
338 reimbursed for the amount by which tuition and extension fee waivers
339 granted under subsection (e) of this section exceed two and one-half
340 per cent of tuition and extension fee revenue through an annual state
341 appropriation. The board of trustees shall request such an
342 appropriation and said appropriation shall be based upon an estimate
343 of tuition and extension fee revenue loss using tuition and extension
344 fee rates in effect for the fiscal year in which such appropriation will
345 apply.

346 Sec. 4. Section 10a-143 of the general statutes is amended by adding
347 subsections (h) and (i) as follows (*Effective July 1, 2016*):

348 (NEW) (h) The Board of Regents for Higher Education shall waive
349 the payment of course enrollment fees at Charter Oak State College (1)
350 subject to the provisions of subsection (i) of this section, for any
351 veteran who performed service in time of war, as defined in subsection
352 (a) of section 27-103, who has been accepted for admission to Charter
353 Oak State College and is domiciled in this state at the time such

354 veteran is accepted for admission to said institution, except that for
355 purposes of this subsection, "service in time of war" shall not include
356 time spent in attendance at a military service academy, and (2) for any
357 active member of the Connecticut Army or Air National Guard who
358 (A) has been certified by the Adjutant General or the Adjutant
359 General's designee as a member in good standing of the guard, and (B)
360 is enrolled or accepted for admission to Charter Oak State College on a
361 full-time or part-time basis in a degree-granting program. If any
362 person who receives a course enrollment fee waiver in accordance with
363 the provisions of this subsection also receives educational
364 reimbursement from an employer, such waiver shall be reduced by the
365 amount of such educational reimbursement. Veterans and members of
366 the Connecticut National Guard described in this subsection shall be
367 given the same status as students not receiving course enrollment fee
368 waivers in registering for courses at Charter Oak State College.
369 Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10a-30, as used in this
370 subsection, "domiciled in this state" includes domiciled for less than
371 one year.

372 (NEW) (i) (1) If any veteran described in subsection (h) of this
373 section has applied for federal educational assistance under the Post-
374 9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008, the Board of
375 Regents for Higher Education shall waive the payment of course
376 enrollment fees at Charter Oak State College for such veteran in
377 accordance with subdivision (2) of this subsection. If any such veteran
378 certifies to said board that such veteran's application for such federal
379 educational assistance has been denied or withdrawn, said board shall
380 waive the payment of course enrollment fees in accordance with
381 subsection (h) of this section.

382 (2) (A) For purposes of this subdivision, "veteran tuition benefit"
383 means the portion of federal educational assistance under the Post-
384 9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008 to be paid to Charter
385 Oak State College on behalf of a veteran that represents payment for
386 course enrollment fees. Such portion shall be calculated by multiplying

387 (i) the total amount of federal educational assistance to be paid to
 388 Charter Oak State College on behalf of such veteran by (ii) an amount
 389 obtained by dividing (I) the actual course enrollment fees charged by
 390 Charter Oak State College to such veteran by (II) the sum of the actual
 391 course enrollment fees and other fees charged by Charter Oak State
 392 College to such veteran.

393 (B) The Board of Regents for Higher Education shall waive the
 394 payment of course enrollment fees in excess of the veteran tuition
 395 benefit at Charter Oak State College for such veteran.

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

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In Section 1(g), "and extension fee" was inserted after "five per cent of tuition" for consistency; and in Section 2(g), "and extension fee" was inserted after "one-half per cent of tuition" for consistency, "and extension fee" was deleted before "through an annual" for clarity and "and extension fee revenue loss" was substituted for "and extension fees revenue loss" for accuracy and consistency.

VA *Joint Favorable Subst. -LCO*