



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 343**

LCO No. 2418



Referred to Committee on HIGHER EDUCATION AND  
EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT

Introduced by:  
(HED)

***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 Section 10a-103 of the general statutes is repealed and the  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]  
5 thirteen to be appointed by the Governor, who shall reflect the state's  
6 geographic, racial and ethnic diversity; two to be elected by the  
7 university alumni; [two] three to be elected by the students enrolled at  
8 the institutions under the jurisdiction of said board; and five members  
9 ex officio. On or before July 1, 1983, the Governor shall appoint  
10 members to the board as follows: Four members for a term of two  
11 years from said date; four members for a term of four years from said  
12 date; and four members for a term of six years from said date.  
13 Thereafter, the Governor shall appoint trustees of said university to  
14 succeed those appointees whose terms expire, and each trustee so

15 appointed shall hold office for a period of six years from the first day  
16 of July in the year of his or her appointment, provided two of the  
17 trustees appointed for terms commencing July 1, 1995, and their  
18 successors shall be alumni of the university, one of the trustees  
19 appointed for a term commencing July 1, 1997, and his or her  
20 successors shall be such alumni and one of the members appointed for  
21 a term commencing July 1, 1999, and his or her successors shall be such  
22 alumni. The Commissioner of Agriculture, the Commissioner of  
23 Education, the Commissioner of Economic and Community  
24 Development and the chairperson of The University of Connecticut  
25 Health Center Board of Directors shall be, ex officio, members of the  
26 board of trustees. The Governor shall be, ex officio, president of said  
27 board. The graduates of all of the schools and colleges of said  
28 university shall, prior to September first in the odd-numbered years,  
29 elect one trustee, who shall be a graduate of the institution and who  
30 shall hold office for four years from the first day of September  
31 succeeding his or her election. Not less than two or more than four  
32 nominations for each such election shall be made by the alumni  
33 association of said university, provided no person who has served as  
34 an alumni trustee for the two full consecutive terms immediately prior  
35 to the term for which such election is to be held shall be nominated for  
36 any such election. Such election shall be conducted [by mail] prior to  
37 September first under the supervision of a canvassing board consisting  
38 of three members, one appointed by the board of trustees, one by the  
39 board of directors of the alumni association of the university and one  
40 by the president of the university. No ballot in such election, whether  
41 in paper or electronic form, shall be opened until the date by which  
42 ballots must be returned to the canvassing board. In such election, all  
43 graduates shall be entitled to vote by signed paper or electronic ballots,  
44 [which have been circulated to them by mail and which shall be  
45 returned by mail.] Vacancies occurring by death or resignation of  
46 either of such alumni trustees shall be filled for the unexpired portion  
47 of the term by special election, if such unexpired term is for more than  
48 eighteen months. When the unexpired term is eighteen months or less,

49 such vacancy shall be filled by appointment by the board of directors  
50 of said alumni association. On or before November 1, 1975, the  
51 students of The University of Connecticut shall, in such manner as the  
52 board of trustees of said university shall determine, elect two trustees,  
53 each of whom shall be enrolled as a full-time student of said university  
54 at the time of his or her election. One such [member] trustee shall be  
55 elected for a term of one year from November 1, 1975, and one for a  
56 term of two years from said date. [Prior to July first, annually, such]  
57 On or before July 1, 2017, the students of The University of Connecticut  
58 shall, in such manner as the board of trustees of said university shall  
59 determine, elect one additional trustee who shall be enrolled as a full-  
60 time undergraduate student at a school or college of the university, be  
61 elected by the undergraduate students of the schools and colleges of  
62 the university and serve a term of two years from July 1, 2017. On or  
63 before July 1, 2017, the Governor shall appoint one additional trustee  
64 who shall be enrolled as a full-time student in the School of Law, the  
65 School of Medicine, the School of Dentistry, the School of Social Work  
66 or as a graduate student of a school or college of the university and  
67 serve a term of one year from July 1, 2017. Thereafter, on or before July  
68 first, annually, the students shall, in accordance with this section and  
69 in such manner as the board shall determine, elect [one member] two  
70 trustees of said board, who shall be so enrolled at said university at the  
71 time of his or her election and who shall serve for a term of two years  
72 from July first in the year of his or her election. The student member  
73 elected to fill the [term] terms expiring on June 30, 2003, and June 30,  
74 2018, and such [elected member's] trustees' successors, shall be  
75 enrolled as [a] full-time undergraduate [student] students at a school  
76 or college of the university and shall be elected by the undergraduate  
77 students of the schools and colleges of the university. The student  
78 [member] trustee elected to fill the term expiring on June 30, 2004, and  
79 such [elected member's] trustee's successors, shall be enrolled as a full-  
80 time student in the School of Law, the School of Medicine, the School  
81 of Dentistry, the School of Social Work, or as a graduate student of a  
82 school or college of the university, and shall be elected by the students

83 of the School of Law, the School of Medicine, the School of Dentistry,  
84 the School of Social Work and the graduate students of the schools and  
85 colleges of the university. The student trustee appointed by the  
86 Governor to fill the term expiring on June 30, 2018, and such trustee's  
87 successors, shall be enrolled as a full-time student in the School of  
88 Law, the School of Medicine, the School of Dentistry, the School of  
89 Social Work or as a graduate student of a school or college of the  
90 university. Any student member elected after July 1, 2013, or  
91 appointed after July 1, 2016, shall be enrolled as a full-time student at  
92 the time of his or her election or appointment and for the duration of  
93 his or her term of service. Any vacancies in the elected membership of  
94 said board shall, except as otherwise provided in this section, be filled  
95 by special 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

**Statement of Purpose:**

To add two additional student trustees to the Board of Trustees for The University of Connecticut.

*[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.]*