



General Assembly

**Amendment**

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To: House Bill No. 5070

File No. 224

Cal. No. 167

**"AN ACT CONCERNING HIGHER EDUCATION."**

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the  
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2016*) (a) Not later than January 1,  
4 2017, the Office of Higher Education shall enter into a multistate or  
5 regional reciprocity agreement for purposes of enabling the state and  
6 Connecticut institutions of higher education to participate in a nation-  
7 wide state authorization reciprocity agreement (1) establishing  
8 uniform standards for distance learning programs across states, and (2)  
9 eliminating the need for a state participating in the state authorization  
10 reciprocity agreement to assess the quality of a distance learning  
11 program offered by an out-of-state institution of higher education  
12 through the participating state's authorization, licensing and  
13 accreditation process. Notwithstanding the provisions of part III of  
14 chapter 185 of the general statutes and upon the Office of Higher

15 Education entering into the multistate or regional reciprocity  
16 agreement, an out-of-state institution of higher education that  
17 participates in the state authorization reciprocity agreement may  
18 operate a distance learning program in the state in accordance with the  
19 uniform standards.

20 (b) Nothing in subsection (a) of this section shall be construed to  
21 affect the authority of the Attorney General to enforce the provisions of  
22 chapter 735a of the general statutes or Title X of the Dodd-Frank Wall  
23 Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, P.L. 111-203, as amended  
24 from time to time."

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