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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."**

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

3 "Section 1. Subsections (d) to (g), inclusive, of section 10a-77 of the  
4 general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
5 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2016*):

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

15 subsection (a) of section 27-103, [except that for purposes of this  
16 subsection, "service in time of war" shall not include time spent in  
17 attendance at a military service academy,] who has been accepted for  
18 admission to such institution and is domiciled in this state at the time  
19 such veteran is accepted for admission to such institution, except that  
20 for purposes of this subsection, "service in time of war" shall not  
21 include time spent in attendance at a military service academy, (3) for  
22 any resident of Connecticut sixty-two years of age or older, provided,  
23 at the end of the regular registration period, there are enrolled in the  
24 course a sufficient number of students other than those persons  
25 eligible for waivers pursuant to this subdivision to offer the course in  
26 which such person intends to enroll and there is space available in  
27 such course after accommodating all such students, (4) for any student  
28 attending the Connecticut State Police Academy who is enrolled in a  
29 law enforcement program at said academy offered in coordination  
30 with a regional community-technical college which accredits courses  
31 taken in such program, (5) for any active member of the Connecticut  
32 Army or Air National Guard who (A) has been certified by the  
33 Adjutant General or such Adjutant General's designee as a member in  
34 good standing of the guard, and (B) is enrolled or accepted for  
35 admission to such institution on a full-time or part-time basis in an  
36 undergraduate degree-granting program, except that said board of  
37 trustees shall also waive for any such member the payment of any  
38 extension fees for educational extension programs and summer school  
39 sessions, as described in section 10a-26, provided (i) there are enrolled  
40 at the end of the regular registration period a sufficient number of  
41 students, other than those individuals eligible for a waiver under this  
42 section, in an educational extension program or summer session in  
43 which such member seeks to enroll to offer such educational extension  
44 program or summer session, and (ii) there is availability in such  
45 educational extension program or summer session after  
46 accommodating all such students, (6) for any dependent child of a (A)  
47 police officer, as defined in section 7-294a, or supernumerary or  
48 auxiliary police officer, (B) firefighter, as defined in section 7-323j, or  
49 member of a volunteer fire company, (C) municipal employee, or (D)

50 state employee, as defined in section 5-154, killed in the line of duty,  
51 (7) for any resident of the state who is a dependent child or surviving  
52 spouse of a specified terrorist victim who was a resident of this state,  
53 (8) for any dependent child of a resident of the state who was killed in  
54 a multivehicle crash at or near the intersection of Routes 44 and 10 and  
55 Nod Road in Avon on July 29, 2005, and (9) for any resident of the state  
56 who is a dependent child or surviving spouse of a person who was  
57 killed in action while performing active military duty with the armed  
58 forces of the United States on or after September 11, 2001, and who  
59 was a resident of this state. If any person who receives a tuition waiver  
60 in accordance with the provisions of this subsection also receives  
61 educational reimbursement from an employer, such waiver shall be  
62 reduced by the amount of such educational reimbursement. Veterans  
63 described in subdivision (2) of this subsection and members of the  
64 National Guard described in subdivision (5) of this subsection shall be  
65 given the same status as students not receiving tuition waivers in  
66 registering for courses at regional community-technical colleges.  
67 Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10a-30, as used in this  
68 subsection, "domiciled in this state" includes domicile for less than one  
69 year.

70 (e) (1) If any veteran described in subsection (d) of this section has  
71 applied for federal educational assistance under the Post-9/11  
72 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008, the board of trustees shall  
73 waive the payment of tuition at any of the regional community-  
74 technical colleges for such veteran in accordance with subdivision (2)  
75 of this subsection. If any such veteran certifies to said board of trustees  
76 that such veteran's application for such federal educational assistance  
77 has been denied or withdrawn, said board of trustees shall waive the  
78 payment of tuition in accordance with subsection (d) of this section.

79 (2) (A) For purposes of this subdivision, "veteran tuition benefit"  
80 means the portion of federal educational assistance under the Post-  
81 9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008 to be paid to a  
82 regional community-technical college on behalf of a veteran that  
83 represents payment for tuition. Such portion shall be calculated by

84 multiplying (i) the total amount of such federal educational assistance  
85 to be paid to a regional community-technical college on behalf of such  
86 veteran by (ii) an amount obtained by dividing (I) the actual tuition  
87 charged by such college to such veteran by (II) the sum of the actual  
88 tuition and fees charged by such college to such veteran.

89 (B) Said board of trustees shall waive the payment of tuition in  
90 excess of the veteran tuition benefit at any of the regional community-  
91 technical colleges for such veteran.

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

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

117 fee rates in effect for the fiscal year in which such appropriation will  
118 apply.

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

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

151 member in good standing of the guard, and (B) is enrolled or accepted  
152 for admission to such institution on a full-time or part-time basis in an  
153 undergraduate or graduate degree-granting program, except that said  
154 board of trustees shall also waive for any such member the payment of  
155 any extension fees for educational extension programs and summer  
156 school sessions, as described in section 10a-26, provided (i) there are  
157 enrolled at the end of the regular registration period a sufficient  
158 number of students, other than those individuals eligible for a waiver  
159 under this section, in an educational extension program or summer  
160 session in which such member seeks to enroll to offer such educational  
161 extension program or summer session, and (ii) there is availability in  
162 such educational extension program or summer session after  
163 accommodating all such students, (6) for any dependent child of a (A)  
164 police officer, as defined in section 7-294a, or supernumerary or  
165 auxiliary police officer, (B) firefighter, as defined in section 7-323j, or  
166 member of a volunteer fire company, (C) municipal employee, or (D)  
167 state employee, as defined in section 5-154, killed in the line of duty,  
168 (7) for any resident of this state who is a dependent child or surviving  
169 spouse of a specified terrorist victim who was a resident of the state,  
170 (8) for any dependent child of a resident of the state who was killed in  
171 a multivehicle crash at or near the intersection of Routes 44 and 10 and  
172 Nod Road in Avon on July 29, 2005, and (9) for any resident of the state  
173 who is a dependent child or surviving spouse of a person who was  
174 killed in action while performing active military duty with the armed  
175 forces of the United States on or after September 11, 2001, and who  
176 was a resident of this state. If any person who receives a tuition waiver  
177 in accordance with the provisions of this subsection also receives  
178 educational reimbursement from an employer, such waiver shall be  
179 reduced by the amount of such educational reimbursement. Veterans  
180 described in subdivision (2) of this subsection and members of the  
181 National Guard described in subdivision (5) of this subsection shall be  
182 given the same status as students not receiving tuition waivers in  
183 registering for courses at Connecticut state universities.  
184 Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10a-30, as used in this  
185 subsection, "domiciled in this state" includes domicile for less than one

186 year.

187 (e) (1) If any veteran described in subsection (d) of this section has  
188 applied for federal educational assistance under the Post-9/11  
189 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008, the board of trustees shall  
190 waive the payment of tuition at the Connecticut State University  
191 System for such veteran in accordance with subdivision (2) of this  
192 subsection. If any such veteran certifies to said board of trustees that  
193 such veteran's application for such federal educational assistance has  
194 been denied or withdrawn, said board of trustees shall waive the  
195 payment of tuition in accordance with subsection (d) of this section.

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

207 (B) Said board of trustees shall waive the payment of tuition in  
208 excess of the veteran tuition benefit at the Connecticut State University  
209 System for such veteran.

210 (f) Said board of trustees shall set aside from its anticipated tuition  
211 revenue, an amount not less than that required by the board of  
212 governors' tuition policy established under subdivision (3) of  
213 subsection (a) of section 10a-6. Such funds shall be used to provide  
214 tuition waivers, tuition remissions, grants for educational expenses  
215 and student employment for any undergraduate or graduate student  
216 who is enrolled as a full or part-time matriculated student in a degree-  
217 granting program, or enrolled in a precollege remedial program, and

218 who demonstrates substantial financial need. Said board may also set  
219 aside from its anticipated tuition revenue an additional amount equal  
220 to one per cent of said tuition revenue for financial assistance for  
221 students who would not otherwise be eligible for financial assistance  
222 but who do have a financial need as determined by the university in  
223 accordance with this subsection. In determining such financial need,  
224 the university shall exclude the value of equity in the principal  
225 residence of the student's parents or legal guardians, or in the student's  
226 principal residence if the student is not considered to be a dependent  
227 of his parents or legal guardians and shall assess the earnings of a  
228 dependent student at the rate of thirty per cent.

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

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

241 (e) Said board of trustees shall waive the payment of tuition fees at  
242 The University of Connecticut (1) for any dependent child of a person  
243 whom the armed forces of the United States has declared to be missing  
244 in action or to have been a prisoner of war while serving in such armed  
245 forces after January 1, 1960, which child has been accepted for  
246 admission to The University of Connecticut and is a resident of  
247 Connecticut at the time such child is accepted for admission to said  
248 institution, (2) subject to the provisions of subsection (f) of this section,  
249 for any veteran who performed service in time of war, as defined in  
250 subsection (a) of section 27-103, [except that for purposes of this

251 subsection, "service in time of war" shall not include time spent in  
252 attendance at a military service academy,] who has been accepted for  
253 admission to said institution and is domiciled in this state at the time  
254 such veteran is accepted for admission to said institution, except that  
255 for purposes of this subsection, "service in time of war" shall not  
256 include time spent in attendance at a military service academy, (3) for  
257 any resident of Connecticut sixty-two years of age or older who has  
258 been accepted for admission to said institution, provided (A) such  
259 person is enrolled in a degree-granting program, or (B) at the end of  
260 the regular registration period, there are enrolled in the course a  
261 sufficient number of students other than those persons eligible for  
262 waivers pursuant to this subdivision to offer the course in which such  
263 person intends to enroll and there is space available in such course  
264 after accommodating all such students, (4) for any active member of  
265 the Connecticut Army or Air National Guard who (A) has been  
266 certified by the Adjutant General or such Adjutant General's designee  
267 as a member in good standing of the guard, and (B) is enrolled or  
268 accepted for admission to said institution on a full-time or part-time  
269 basis in an undergraduate or graduate degree-granting program,  
270 except that said board of trustees shall also waive for any such member  
271 the payment of any extension fees for educational extension programs  
272 and summer school sessions, as described in section 10a-26, provided  
273 (i) there are enrolled at the end of the regular registration period a  
274 sufficient number of students, other than those individuals eligible for  
275 a waiver under this section, in an educational extension program or  
276 summer session in which such member seeks to enroll to offer such  
277 educational extension program or summer session, and (ii) there is  
278 availability in such educational extension program or summer session  
279 after accommodating all such students, (5) for any dependent child of a  
280 (A) police officer, as defined in section 7-294a, or supernumerary or  
281 auxiliary police officer, (B) firefighter, as defined in section 7-323j, or  
282 member of a volunteer fire company, (C) municipal employee, or (D)  
283 state employee, as defined in section 5-154, killed in the line of duty,  
284 (6) for any resident of the state who is the dependent child or surviving  
285 spouse of a specified terrorist victim who was a resident of the state,

286 (7) for any dependent child of a resident of the state who was killed in  
287 a multivehicle crash at or near the intersection of Routes 44 and 10 and  
288 Nod Road in Avon on July 29, 2005, and (8) for any resident of the state  
289 who is a dependent child or surviving spouse of a person who was  
290 killed in action while performing active military duty with the armed  
291 forces of the United States on or after September 11, 2001, and who  
292 was a resident of this state. If any person who receives a tuition waiver  
293 in accordance with the provisions of this subsection also receives  
294 educational reimbursement from an employer, such waiver shall be  
295 reduced by the amount of such educational reimbursement. Veterans  
296 described in subdivision (2) of this subsection and members of the  
297 National Guard described in subdivision (4) of this subsection shall be  
298 given the same status as students not receiving tuition waivers in  
299 registering for courses at The University of Connecticut.  
300 Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10a-30, as used in this  
301 subsection, "domiciled in this state" includes domicile for less than one  
302 year.

303 (f) (1) If any veteran described in subsection (e) of this section has  
304 applied for federal educational assistance under the Post-9/11  
305 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008, the board of trustees shall  
306 waive the payment of tuition at The University of Connecticut for such  
307 veteran in accordance with subdivision (2) of this subsection. If any  
308 such veteran certifies to said board of trustees that such veteran's  
309 application for such federal educational assistance has been denied or  
310 withdrawn, said board of trustees shall waive the payment of tuition  
311 in accordance with subsection (d) of this section.

312 (2) (A) For purposes of this subdivision, "veteran tuition benefit"  
313 means the portion of federal educational assistance under the Post-  
314 9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008 to be paid to The  
315 University of Connecticut on behalf of a veteran that represents  
316 payment for tuition. Such portion shall be calculated by multiplying (i)  
317 the total amount of such federal educational assistance to be paid to  
318 The University of Connecticut on behalf of such veteran by (ii) an  
319 amount obtained by dividing (I) the actual tuition charged by The

320 University of Connecticut to such veteran by (II) the sum of the actual  
321 tuition, and fees charged by The University of Connecticut to such  
322 veteran.

323 (B) Said board of trustees shall waive the payment of tuition in  
324 excess of the veteran tuition benefit at The University of Connecticut  
325 for such veteran.

326 (g) Said board of trustees shall set aside from its anticipated tuition  
327 revenue, an amount not less than that required by the board of  
328 governors' tuition policy established under subdivision (3) of  
329 subsection (a) of section 10a-6. Such funds shall be used to provide  
330 tuition waivers, tuition remissions, grants for educational expenses  
331 and student employment for any undergraduate, graduate or  
332 professional student who is enrolled as a full or part-time matriculated  
333 student in a degree-granting program, or enrolled in a precollege  
334 remedial program, and who demonstrates substantial financial need.  
335 Said board may also set aside from its anticipated tuition revenue an  
336 additional amount equal to one per cent of said tuition revenue for  
337 financial assistance for students who would not otherwise be eligible  
338 for financial assistance but who do have a financial need as determined  
339 by the university in accordance with this subsection. In determining  
340 such financial need, the university shall exclude the value of equity in  
341 the principal residence of the student's parents or legal guardians, or in  
342 the student's principal residence if the student is not considered to be a  
343 dependent of his parents or legal guardians and shall assess the  
344 earnings of a dependent student at the rate of thirty per cent.

345 (h) The University of Connecticut Operating Fund shall be  
346 reimbursed for the amount by which tuition and extension fee waivers  
347 granted under subsection (e) of this section exceed two and one-half  
348 per cent of tuition and extension fee revenue through an annual state  
349 appropriation. The board of trustees shall request such an  
350 appropriation and said appropriation shall be based upon an estimate  
351 of tuition and extension fee revenue loss using tuition and extension  
352 fee rates in effect for the fiscal year in which such appropriation will

353 apply.

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

356 (NEW) (h) The Board of Regents for Higher Education shall waive  
357 the payment of course enrollment fees at Charter Oak State College (1)  
358 subject to the provisions of subsection (i) of this section, for any  
359 veteran who performed service in time of war, as defined in subsection  
360 (a) of section 27-103, who has been accepted for admission to Charter  
361 Oak State College and is domiciled in this state at the time such  
362 veteran is accepted for admission to said institution, except that for  
363 purposes of this subsection, "service in time of war" shall not include  
364 time spent in attendance at a military service academy, and (2) for any  
365 active member of the Connecticut Army or Air National Guard who  
366 (A) has been certified by the Adjutant General or the Adjutant  
367 General's designee as a member in good standing of the guard, and (B)  
368 is enrolled or accepted for admission to Charter Oak State College on a  
369 full-time or part-time basis in a degree-granting program. If any  
370 person who receives a course enrollment fee waiver in accordance with  
371 the provisions of this subsection also receives educational  
372 reimbursement from an employer, such waiver shall be reduced by the  
373 amount of such educational reimbursement. Veterans and members of  
374 the Connecticut National Guard described in this subsection shall be  
375 given the same status as students not receiving course enrollment fee  
376 waivers in registering for courses at Charter Oak State College.  
377 Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10a-30, as used in this  
378 subsection, "domiciled in this state" includes domiciled for less than  
379 one year.

380 (NEW) (i) (1) If any veteran described in subsection (h) of this  
381 section has applied for federal educational assistance under the Post-  
382 9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008, the Board of  
383 Regents for Higher Education shall waive the payment of course  
384 enrollment fees at Charter Oak State College for such veteran in  
385 accordance with subdivision (2) of this subsection. If any such veteran

386 certifies to said board that such veteran's application for such federal  
 387 educational assistance has been denied or withdrawn, said board shall  
 388 waive the payment of course enrollment fees in accordance with  
 389 subsection (h) of this section.

390 (2) (A) For purposes of this subdivision, "veteran tuition benefit"  
 391 means the portion of federal educational assistance under the Post-  
 392 9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008 to be paid to Charter  
 393 Oak State College on behalf of a veteran that represents payment for  
 394 course enrollment fees. Such portion shall be calculated by multiplying  
 395 (i) the total amount of federal educational assistance to be paid to  
 396 Charter Oak State College on behalf of such veteran by (ii) an amount  
 397 obtained by dividing (I) the actual course enrollment fees charged by  
 398 Charter Oak State College to such veteran by (II) the sum of the actual  
 399 course enrollment fees and other fees charged by Charter Oak State  
 400 College to such veteran.

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

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