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"AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION."

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

3 "Section 1. Section 10a-17 of the general statutes is repealed and the
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

5 The [Board of Regents for] Office of Higher Education shall (a) be
6 responsible for obtaining information on new programs and methods
7 of education that are being developed in the public schools and
8 colleges of the state and nation, keeping such records current and
9 publicizing information concerning these programs; and (b) encourage
10 and aid in the development of new and improved programs and
11 methods of education in order to recruit, prepare and train or retrain
12 personnel needed in such programs.

13 Sec. 2. Section 10a-19e of the general statutes is repealed and the
14 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

15 (a) There is established an "Engineering Connecticut" loan
16 reimbursement grant program, administered by the [Board of Regents
17 for] Office of Higher Education, for persons who have graduated from
18 institutions of higher education with undergraduate or graduate
19 degrees in engineering.

20 (b) Within available appropriations, the program shall provide
21 student loan reimbursement grants for persons who (1) attended any
22 institution of higher education, (2) have been awarded an
23 undergraduate or graduate degree in engineering, and (3) are newly
24 employed in Connecticut on or after January 1, 2006, as engineers.

25 (c) Persons who qualify under subsection (b) of this section shall be
26 reimbursed on an annual basis for qualifying student loan payments in
27 amounts as determined by the [president of the Connecticut State
28 Colleges and Universities] executive director of the Office of Higher
29 Education. A person qualifying under subsection (b) of this section
30 shall only be reimbursed for loan payments made while such person is
31 employed in the state as an engineer. The [Board of Regents for] Office
32 of Higher Education shall develop eligibility requirements for
33 recipients of such reimbursements. Such requirements may include
34 income guidelines. Persons may apply for grants to the [Board of
35 Regents for] Office of Higher Education at such time and in such
36 manner as the [president of the Connecticut State Colleges and
37 Universities] executive director of the Office of Higher Education
38 prescribes.

39 (d) Any unexpended funds appropriated for purposes of this
40 section shall not lapse at the end of the fiscal year but shall be available
41 for expenditure during the next fiscal year.

42 (e) The [Board of Regents for] Office of Higher Education may use
43 up to two per cent of the funds appropriated for purposes of this
44 section for program administration, promotion and recruitment

45 activities.

46 Sec. 3. Section 10a-19f of the general statutes is repealed and the
47 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

48 (a) There is established a "You Belong" loan reimbursement grant
49 program, administered by the [Board of Regents for] Office of Higher
50 Education, for graduates of doctoral programs who are employed in
51 Connecticut in economically valuable fields.

52 (b) Within available appropriations, the program shall provide
53 student loan reimbursement grants for persons who (1) have been
54 awarded a doctoral degree from any institution of higher education,
55 and (2) are newly employed in Connecticut in an economically
56 valuable field, as determined by the Department of Economic and
57 Community Development, on or after January 1, 2006, by a company
58 or an institution of higher education that has registered with or
59 otherwise been qualified under the program by the Department of
60 Economic and Community Development.

61 (c) Persons who qualify under subsection (b) of this section shall
62 receive reimbursement grants on an annual basis for qualifying
63 student loan payments in amounts as determined by the [president of
64 the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities] executive director of
65 the Office of Higher Education. A person qualifying under subsection
66 (b) of this section shall only be reimbursed for loan payments made
67 while such person is employed in Connecticut by a qualifying
68 company or in research at an institution of higher education in an
69 economically valuable field. The [Board of Regents for] Office of
70 Higher Education shall develop eligibility requirements for recipients
71 of such reimbursement grants in consultation with the Department of
72 Economic and Community Development. Such requirements may
73 include income guidelines. Persons may apply for grants to the [Board
74 of Regents for] Office of Higher Education at such time and in such
75 manner as the [president of the Connecticut State Colleges and
76 Universities] executive director of the Office of Higher Education

77 prescribes.

78 (d) Any unexpended funds appropriated for purposes of this
79 section shall not lapse at the end of the fiscal year but shall be available
80 for expenditure during the next fiscal year.

81 (e) The [Board of Regents for] Office of Higher Education may use
82 up to two per cent of the funds appropriated for purposes of this
83 section for program administration, promotion and recruitment
84 activities.

85 Sec. 4. Section 10a-19i of the general statutes is repealed and the
86 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

87 (a) As used in subsections (a) to (e), inclusive, of this section:

88 (1) "Green technology" means technology that (A) promotes clean
89 energy, renewable energy or energy efficiency, (B) reduces greenhouse
90 gases or carbon emissions, or (C) involves the invention, design and
91 application of chemical products and processes to eliminate the use
92 and generation of hazardous substances;

93 (2) "Life science" means the study of genes, cells, tissues and
94 chemical and physical structures of living organisms and biomedical
95 engineering and the manufacture of medical devices; and

96 (3) "Health information technology" means the creation, execution
97 or implementation of electronic data systems that record or transmit
98 medical or health information.

99 (b) There is established a Connecticut green technology, life science
100 and health information technology loan reimbursement program to be
101 administered by the [Board of Regents for] Office of Higher Education.

102 (c) A Connecticut resident who graduated on or after May 1, 2010,
103 from an institution of higher education in this state with a bachelor's
104 degree in a field relating to green technology, life science or health
105 information technology and who has been employed in this state for at

106 least two years after graduation by a business in the field of green
107 technology, life science or health information technology and whose
108 federal adjusted gross income for the year prior to the initial
109 reimbursement year does not exceed one hundred fifty thousand
110 dollars shall be eligible for reimbursement of federal or state
111 educational loans up to a maximum of two thousand five hundred
112 dollars per year or five per cent of the amount of such loans per year,
113 whichever is less, for up to four years.

114 (d) A Connecticut resident who graduated on or after May 1, 2010,
115 from an institution of higher education in this state with an associate
116 degree relating to green technology, life science or health information
117 technology and who has been employed in this state for at least two
118 years after graduation by a business in the field of green technology,
119 life science or health information technology and whose federal
120 adjusted gross income for the year prior to the initial reimbursement
121 year does not exceed one hundred fifty thousand dollars shall be
122 eligible for reimbursement of federal or state educational loans up to a
123 maximum of two thousand five hundred dollars per year or five per
124 cent of the amount of such loans per year, whichever is less, for up to
125 two years.

126 (e) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (c) and (d) of this
127 section, the total combined dollar value of loan reimbursements
128 available under this and any other provision of the general statutes
129 shall not exceed five thousand dollars per recipient of an associate
130 degree and ten thousand dollars per recipient of a bachelor's degree.

131 (f) The [Board of Regents for] Office of Higher Education may adopt
132 regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to carry
133 out the provisions of subsections (a) to (e), inclusive, of this section.

134 Sec. 5. Section 10a-55g of the general statutes is repealed and the
135 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

136 The [Board of Regents for] Office of Higher Education, in
137 consultation with the Department of Education, shall annually prepare

138 and publish on the [Board of Regents for] Office of Higher Education's
139 web site a list of every green jobs course and green jobs certificate and
140 degree program offered by technical high schools and public
141 institutions of higher education and an inventory of green jobs related
142 equipment used by such schools and institutions of higher education.

143 Sec. 6. Section 10a-144 of the general statutes is repealed and the
144 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

145 [(a)] There is established a higher education center for the central
146 Naugatuck Valley region. The regional community-technical college
147 established for the greater Waterbury area pursuant to subsection (g)
148 of section 10a-78, shall be located at such center. The University of
149 Connecticut shall have access to classrooms, faculty office space and
150 concurrent and cooperative use of common student facilities including,
151 but not limited to, library and athletic fields, at such center. The Board
152 of Trustees for the Regional Community-Technical Colleges and the
153 Board of Trustees for The University of Connecticut shall jointly
154 develop, in conjunction with the president of the Connecticut State
155 Colleges and Universities, or his designee, an annual joint use plan for
156 such center. On or before September 1, 1993, and annually thereafter,
157 the president of the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities shall
158 call and convene an initial meeting for the development of such plan.

159 [(b) On or before April 1, 1994, and annually thereafter, the Board of
160 Trustees for the Regional Community-Technical Colleges and the
161 Board of Trustees for The University of Connecticut shall jointly
162 report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a, to the joint
163 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
164 matters relating to education on the joint use plan developed pursuant
165 to subsection (a) of this section.]

166 Sec. 7. Section 10a-20a of the general statutes is repealed and the
167 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2017*):

168 (a) The Office of Higher Education may establish and administer a
169 fund to be known as the Endowed Chair Investment Fund. Within the

170 limits of funds available, the office may approve an application,
171 submitted pursuant to subsection (b) of this section, for the
172 establishment of an endowed chair and deposit state funds for [an]
173 such endowed chair [approved under subsection (c) of this section] to
174 an account within said fund in an amount not less than five hundred
175 thousand dollars.

176 (b) [State funds deposited by the office to the Endowed Chair
177 Investment Fund shall be invested by the State Treasurer.] The Board
178 of Trustees of The University of Connecticut and the Board of Trustees
179 of the Connecticut State University System may submit an application
180 for the establishment of an endowed chair to be supported by a grant
181 of not less than five hundred thousand and not more than one million
182 dollars from the Endowed Chair Investment Fund and a matching
183 nonstate contribution. Applications for endowed chairs shall be
184 accepted on October first and April first in each year in which funds
185 are available. To apply for the state grant, the board of trustees shall
186 notify the office that it has raised a matching nonstate contribution and
187 that it is eligible for a grant of state funds to establish an endowed
188 chair in a specific academic discipline. The board of trustees shall
189 submit for the office's review and approval evidence that the chair will
190 be established in a center of excellence, as defined in subsection (b) of
191 section 10a-25h.

192 [(c) The Board of Trustees of The University of Connecticut and the
193 Board of Trustees of the Connecticut State University System may
194 apply for the establishment of an endowed chair to be supported by a
195 grant of not less than five hundred thousand and not more than one
196 million dollars from the Endowed Chair Investment Fund and a
197 matching nonstate contribution. Applications for endowed chairs shall
198 be accepted on October first and April first in each year in which funds
199 are available. To apply for the state grant, the board of trustees shall
200 notify the office that it has raised a matching nonstate contribution and
201 that it is eligible for a grant of state funds to establish an endowed
202 chair in a specific academic discipline. The board of trustees shall
203 submit for the office's review and approval evidence that the chair will

204 be established in a center of excellence, as defined in subsection (b) of
205 section 10a-25h.] (c) Following approval of an application for an
206 endowed chair by the office, the board of trustees of the institution at
207 which such endowed chair is established shall select candidates to fill
208 such endowed chair and shall develop a budget for expenditures
209 associated with such endowed chair.

210 (d) [Following approval of state funding for an endowed chair by
211 the office, the board of trustees of the institution at which the chair is
212 established shall select candidates to fill the endowed chair and shall
213 develop a budget for expenditures associated with the chair.] Any state
214 funds deposited by the office to the Endowed Chair Investment Fund
215 shall be invested by the State Treasurer, except a duly established
216 foundation of The University of Connecticut or the Connecticut State
217 University System, as appropriate, may request the office to transfer
218 any state funds relating to an approved application for an endowed
219 chair to such duly established foundation for the purpose of investing
220 such state funds in accordance with the provisions of subsection (f) of
221 this section.

222 (e) [Interest income earned under subsection (b)] Any interest
223 income earned on state funds invested by the State Treasurer pursuant
224 to subsection (d) of this section shall be deposited to the Endowed
225 Chair Investment Fund and, following establishment of an endowed
226 chair under [subsection (c) of] this section shall be allocated annually,
227 upon request, to The University of Connecticut or to the Connecticut
228 State University System, as appropriate, to support the endowed chair.
229 Nonstate matching contributions shall be held by a duly established
230 foundation of The University of Connecticut or the Connecticut State
231 University System and the interest on such contributions shall be used
232 to support the endowed chair.

233 (f) [The boards of trustees shall submit annual reports to the office
234 concerning endowed chair expenditures.] For the fiscal year ending
235 June 30, 2018, and each fiscal year thereafter, The University of
236 Connecticut or the Connecticut State University System may request,

237 and the office shall transfer, any state funds deposited in the Endowed
238 Chair Investment Fund to a duly established foundation of The
239 University of Connecticut or the Connecticut State University System,
240 as appropriate, for an endowed chair established under this section.
241 Such duly established foundation shall invest such state funds, and
242 any interest income earned on such state funds shall be used to
243 support the endowed chair. Such duly established foundation shall (1)
244 account for such state funds separately from the nonstate matching
245 contributions, (2) hold such state funds as a permanently restricted
246 asset for the endowed chair, and (3) manage such state funds in
247 accordance with the Connecticut Uniform Prudent Management of
248 Institutional Funds Act (UPMIFA), pursuant to sections 45a-535 to 45a-
249 535i, inclusive, and in a manner consistent with such foundation's
250 investment and expenditure policies. No interest income earned from
251 the state funds in any fiscal year shall be used to support the endowed
252 chair when, at the close of the fiscal year, the market value of such
253 state funds is less than the principal value. At the close of the fiscal
254 year, such duly established foundation shall restore the original
255 amount of state funds deposited in the Endowed Chair Investment
256 Fund to a duly established foundation of The University of
257 Connecticut or the Connecticut State University System, as
258 appropriate, at the beginning of the next fiscal year.

259 (g) The boards of trustees shall submit annual reports, in accordance
260 with the provisions of section 11-4a, to the office and the joint standing
261 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
262 relating to higher education concerning the management of the
263 endowed chair. For a duly established foundation administering an
264 endowed chair in a manner described in subsection (e) of this section,
265 such report shall include, but not be limited to, the expenditures of the
266 endowed chair. For a duly established foundation administering an
267 endowed chair in a manner described in subsection (f) of this section,
268 such report shall include, but not be limited to, (1) expenditures, (2) the
269 balance of state funds in each of the two previous fiscal years, (3) the
270 balance of nonstate matching contributions in each of the two previous

271 fiscal years, and (4) the amount of interest income earned for the state
 272 funds and nonstate matching contributions for the previous fiscal year.

273 Sec. 8. Section 10a-132a of the general statutes is repealed and the
 274 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2017*):

275 The Board of [Regents for Higher Education] Trustees of The
 276 University of Connecticut shall establish at The University of
 277 Connecticut Health Center an endowed chair in infectious diseases in
 278 accordance with the provisions of subsections (a) [, (b), (d), (e) and (f)]
 279 and (c) to (g), inclusive, of section 10a-20a, as amended by this act. The
 280 purpose of this endowed chair will be to support a senior faculty
 281 member in the school of medicine who will direct programs in
 282 teaching, research and patient care in the area of infectious diseases.
 283 This chair will provide support for an investigator or investigators
 284 who will coordinate research activities into the microbiologic,
 285 immunologic and clinical aspects of infectious diseases, including
 286 acquired immune deficiency syndrome, at The University of
 287 Connecticut Health Center and its affiliated institutions. The
 288 investigators will provide a link between ongoing basic science
 289 research in infectious diseases and the clinical application of the new
 290 knowledge that is being generated. This position will be a focal point
 291 for infectious disease research in Connecticut.

292 Sec. 9. Section 10a-16 of the general statutes is repealed. (*Effective*
 293 *from passage*)"

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	10a-17
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	10a-19e
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	10a-19f
Sec. 4	<i>from passage</i>	10a-19i
Sec. 5	<i>from passage</i>	10a-55g
Sec. 6	<i>from passage</i>	10a-144
Sec. 7	<i>July 1, 2017</i>	10a-20a
Sec. 8	<i>July 1, 2017</i>	10a-132a

Sec. 9	<i>from passage</i>	Repealer section
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