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Substitute House Bill No. 5195

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The Committee on Higher Education and Employment Advancement reported through REP. HADDAD of the 54th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING STUDENT AND ALUMNI 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 Section 10a-103 of the general statutes is repealed and the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 October 1, 2018*):

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, 2019, 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 one year commencing July 1, 2019.
63 On or before July 1, 2019, the Governor shall appoint one additional
64 trustee who shall be enrolled as a full-time student in the School of
65 Law, the School of Medicine, the School of Dentistry, the School of
66 Social Work or as a graduate student of a school or college of the
67 university and serve a term of two years commencing July 1, 2019.
68 Thereafter, on or before July first in odd-numbered years, the students
69 shall, in accordance with this section and in such manner as the board
70 shall determine, elect [one member] two trustees of said board, [who]
71 and on or before July first in even-numbered years, the students shall,
72 in accordance with this section and in such manner as the board shall
73 determine, elect one trustee of said board, which trustees shall be so
74 enrolled at said university at the time of [his or her] their election and
75 who shall serve for a term of two years from July first in the year of
76 [his or her] their election. The student member elected to fill the [term]
77 terms expiring on June 30, 2003, and June 30, 2020, and such [elected
78 member's] trustees' successors, shall be enrolled as [a] full-time
79 undergraduate [student] students at a school or college of the
80 university and shall be elected by the undergraduate students of the
81 schools and colleges of the university. The student [member] trustee
82 elected to fill the term expiring on June 30, 2004, and such [elected

83 member's] trustee's successors, shall be enrolled as a full-time student
84 in the School of Law, the School of Medicine, the School of Dentistry,
85 the School of Social Work, or as a graduate student of a school or
86 college of the university, and shall be elected by the students of the
87 School of Law, the School of Medicine, the School of Dentistry, the
88 School of Social Work and the graduate students of the schools and
89 colleges of the university. The student trustee appointed by the
90 Governor to fill the term expiring on June 30, 2021, and such trustee's
91 successor, shall be enrolled as a full-time student in the School of Law,
92 the School of Medicine, the School of Dentistry, the School of Social
93 Work or as a graduate student of a school or college of the university
94 and serve a term of two years beginning on July first of the year of
95 their appointment. Any student [member] trustee elected after July 1,
96 2013, or appointed after July 1, 2018, shall be enrolled as a full-time
97 student at the time of [his or her] their election or appointment and for
98 the duration of [his or her] their term of service. Any vacancies in the
99 elected membership of said board shall, except as otherwise provided
100 in this section, be filled by special election for the balance of the
101 unexpired term.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2018	10a-103

HED *Joint Favorable Subst. -LCO*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 19 \$	FY 20 \$
UConn	Various - Savings	68,245	None
UConn	Various - Cost	5,000	None

Note: Various=Various

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill results in a fiscal impact of approximately \$63,245 in net savings in FY 19 and no fiscal impact in FY 20 by allowing UConn to offer an electronic voting option for the election of alumni trustees. Alumni trustee elections are held in odd-numbered years.

The net savings in FY 19 is due to: (1) a savings of approximately \$68,245 in mailing costs, which are incurred biennially, and (2) a cost of approximately \$5,000 to carry out electronic voting. The mailing savings estimate is the difference between: (1) the FY 17 trustee mail election costs of \$71,926, and (2) anticipated FY 19 mail election costs of \$3,681, based on the FY 17 cost of \$0.283 per mailing plus a \$1,000 mailing design fee, applied to 9,489 alumni. This estimate assumes none of the 9,489 alumni for whom UConn currently lacks an email address but has a print address will choose to provide an email address for electronic voting. If any of these alumni give an email address for this purpose, the savings will rise but are not anticipated to increase more than \$1,340 (the additional savings if half of the print address-only alumni provide email addresses).

The cost of an electronic election for alumni trustees is anticipated to be approximately \$5,000 per election. This cost estimate was provided by a voting services firm, which contracts with entities including large universities to carry out various elections. The cost is incurred only in alumni trustee election years.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above, with a net savings experienced in odd-numbered years and no savings or costs in even-numbered years, would continue into the future subject to inflation.

OLR Bill Analysis
sHB 5195***AN ACT CONCERNING STUDENT AND ALUMNI MEMBERSHIP ON THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT.*****SUMMARY**

This bill increases the number of UConn Board of Trustee members from 21 to 23 by adding two more student trustees: one undergraduate student elected by the undergraduate student body and one graduate student appointed by the governor. Thus, under the bill, the board will have a total of four student trustees: two elected undergraduates, one elected graduate student, and one appointed graduate student.

By July 1, 2019, the bill requires (1) UConn undergraduate students to elect an additional undergraduate student trustee to serve a one-year term and (2) the governor to appoint an additional graduate student trustee to serve a two-year term. This graduate student must be enrolled in the School of Law, School of Medicine, School of Dentistry, or School of Social Work or be a graduate student in a UConn school or college. Both of these student trustee positions (1) carry two-year terms after their initial terms and (2) must be filled by students enrolled as full-time students for the duration of their terms.

Additionally, the bill allows elections for alumni trustees to be conducted using electronic ballots. Current law requires such elections to be conducted by mail using paper ballots.

The bill also makes various technical changes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2018

COMMITTEE ACTION

Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 17 Nay 2 (03/06/2018)