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To: Subst. Senate Bill No. 4

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"AN ACT ASSISTING STUDENTS WITHOUT LEGAL IMMIGRATION STATUS WITH THE COST OF COLLEGE."

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

3 "Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) As used in this section:

4 (1) "Eligible student without legal immigration status" means any
5 person who (A) is entitled to classification as an in-state student for
6 tuition purposes pursuant to subdivision (9) of section 10a-29 of the
7 general statutes, (B) was thirty years of age or younger on June 15,
8 2012, (C) was fifteen years of age or younger when he or she arrived in
9 the United States and has continuously resided in the United States
10 since such arrival, (D) has not been convicted of a felony in this state or
11 in another state, and (E) is in compliance with the United States
12 Citizenship and Immigration Services policies and protocols for
13 approval to the federal Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals

14 program;

15 (2) "Eligible veteran without legal immigration status" means any
16 person who (A) is an honorably discharged veteran of the armed
17 forces of the United States without legal immigration status, (B) was
18 thirty years of age or younger on June 15, 2012, (C) was fifteen years of
19 age or younger when he or she arrived in the United States and has
20 continuously resided in the United States since such arrival, (D) has
21 not been convicted of a felony in this state or in another state, and (E)
22 is in compliance with the United States Citizenship and Immigration
23 Services policies and protocols for approval to the federal Deferred
24 Action for Childhood Arrivals program;

25 (3) "Institutional financial aid" means funds set aside from the
26 anticipated tuition revenue of an institution of higher education for the
27 purposes of providing tuition waivers, tuition remissions, grants for
28 educational expenses and student employment for full-time or part-
29 time students who are enrolled in a degree-granting program or a
30 precollege remedial program and who demonstrate substantial
31 financial need; and

32 (4) "Public institution of higher education" means those institutions
33 of higher education identified in subdivisions (1) and (2) of section 10a-
34 1 of the general statutes.

35 (b) Each public institution of higher education shall establish a
36 separate account to hold funds set aside from the anticipated tuition
37 revenue of eligible students without legal immigration status for use as
38 institutional financial aid for such students.

39 (c) On January 1, 2020, or the effective date of an Act of Congress
40 that provides a pathway to United States citizenship for an eligible
41 student without legal immigration status, whichever is earlier, and for
42 each semester thereafter, in accordance with 8 USC 1621(d), any
43 eligible student without legal immigration status who files an affidavit
44 with an institution of higher education pursuant to subdivision (9) of
45 section 10a-29 of the general statutes, stating that such eligible student

46 has filed an application to legalize his or her immigration status, or
47 will file such application as soon as he or she is eligible, shall be
48 eligible to apply for and receive, to the extent permitted by federal law,
49 institutional financial aid from the funds set aside for such students
50 pursuant to subsection (b) of this section to attend a public institution
51 of higher education in the state.

52 (d) On and after the effective date of this section, in accordance with
53 8 USC 1621(d), any eligible veteran without legal immigration status
54 who files an affidavit with an institution of higher education pursuant
55 to subdivision (9) of section 10a-29 of the general statutes, stating that
56 such eligible veteran has filed an application to legalize his or her
57 immigration status, or will file such application as soon as he or she is
58 eligible, shall be eligible to apply for and receive, to the extent
59 permitted by federal law, institutional financial aid from the funds set
60 aside for such students pursuant to subsection (b) of this section or any
61 funds set aside for students who are citizens or lawful residents of the
62 United States to attend a public institution of higher education in the
63 state.

64 (e) Not later than July 1, 2018, the Board of Regents for Higher
65 Education and the Board of Trustees for The University of Connecticut
66 shall establish procedures and develop forms to enable persons who
67 are eligible for institutional financial aid under subsections (b) and (c)
68 of this section to apply for and receive, to the extent permitted by
69 federal law, such institutional financial aid.

70 (f) Nothing in this section is intended to require or compel a public
71 institution of higher education to match the amount of federal student
72 financial aid a person who is eligible for institutional financial aid
73 under subsection (a) of this section would receive if such person was
74 eligible for such federal student financial aid.

75 (g) The Board of Regents for Higher Education and the Board of
76 Trustees for The University of Connecticut may adopt policies as are
77 necessary to carry out the purposes of this section."

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