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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 July 1, 2018*) (a) For the fiscal year
4 ending June 30, 2019, the Board of Trustees of the Community-
5 Technical Colleges shall reduce the amount of tuition charged to
6 students in an amount equal to the per student amount that said board
7 set aside from its anticipated tuition revenue during the fiscal year
8 ending June 30, 2018, pursuant to said board's tuition policy.

9 (b) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, the Board of Trustees of
10 the Connecticut State University System shall reduce the amount of
11 tuition charged to students in an amount equal to the per student
12 amount that said board set aside from its anticipated tuition revenue
13 during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, pursuant to the Board of
14 Regents for Higher Education's tuition policy established under
15 subdivision (3) of subsection (a) of section 10a-6 of the general statutes.

16 (c) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, the Board of Trustees of
17 The University of Connecticut shall reduce the amount of tuition
18 charged to students in an amount equal to the per student amount that
19 said board set aside from its anticipated tuition revenue during the
20 fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, pursuant to the Board of Regents for
21 Higher Education's tuition policy established under subdivision (3) of
22 subsection (a) of section 10a-6 of the general statutes.

23 Sec. 2. Section 10a-77 of the general statutes is repealed and the
24 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2018*):

25 (a) Subject to the provisions of section 10a-26, the Board of Trustees
26 of the Community-Technical Colleges shall fix fees for tuition at the
27 regional community-technical colleges and shall fix fees for such other
28 purposes as the board deems necessary at the regional community-
29 technical colleges, and may make refunds to the same.

30 (b) The Board of Trustees of the Community-Technical Colleges
31 shall establish and administer a fund to be known as the Regional
32 Community-Technical Colleges Operating Fund. Appropriations from
33 general revenues of the state and, upon request by the board and with
34 an annual review and approval by the Secretary of the Office of Policy
35 and Management, the amount of the appropriations for fringe benefits
36 and workers' compensation applicable to the community-technical
37 colleges pursuant to subsection (a) of section 4-73, shall be transferred
38 from the Comptroller, and all tuition revenue received by the regional
39 community-technical colleges in accordance with the provisions of
40 subsection (a) of this section shall be deposited in said fund. Income
41 from student fees or related charges; the proceeds of auxiliary activities
42 and business enterprises, gifts and donations; federal funds and grants
43 for purposes other than research, and all receipts derived from the
44 conduct by the colleges of their education extension programs and
45 summer school sessions shall be credited to said fund but shall be
46 allocated to the central office and institutional operating accounts
47 which shall be established and maintained for the central office and
48 each community-technical college. If the Secretary of the Office of

49 Policy and Management disapproves such transfer, the secretary may
50 require the amount of the appropriation for operating expenses to be
51 used for personal services and fringe benefits to be excluded from said
52 fund. The State Treasurer shall review and approve the transfer prior
53 to such request by the board of trustees. The board shall establish an
54 equitable policy for allocation of appropriations from general revenues
55 of the state, fringe benefits transferred from the Comptroller and
56 tuition revenue deposited in the Regional Community-Technical
57 Colleges Operating Fund. At the beginning of each quarter of the fiscal
58 year, the board shall allocate and transfer, in accordance with said
59 policy, moneys for expenditure in such institutional operating
60 accounts, exclusive of amounts retained for central office operations
61 and reasonable reserves for future distribution. All costs of waiving or
62 remitting tuition pursuant to subsection (f) of this section shall be
63 charged to the Regional Community-Technical Colleges Operating
64 Fund. Repairs, alterations or additions to facilities supported by
65 operating funds and costing one million dollars or more shall require
66 the approval of the General Assembly, or when the General Assembly
67 is not in session, of the Finance Advisory Committee. Any balance of
68 receipts above expenditures shall remain in said fund, except such
69 sums as may be required for deposit into a debt service fund or the
70 General Fund for further payment by the Treasurer of debt service on
71 general obligation bonds of the state issued for purposes of
72 community-technical colleges.

73 (c) Commencing December 1, 1984, and thereafter not later than
74 sixty days after the close of each quarter, the board of trustees shall
75 submit to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly
76 having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and the
77 budgets of state agencies, the Office of Higher Education and the
78 Office of Policy and Management a report on the actual expenditures
79 of the Regional Community-Technical Colleges Operating Fund.

80 (d) Said board of trustees shall waive the payment of tuition at any
81 of the regional community-technical colleges (1) for any dependent
82 child of a person whom the armed forces of the United States has

83 declared to be missing in action or to have been a prisoner of war
84 while serving in such armed forces after January 1, 1960, which child
85 has been accepted for admission to such institution and is a resident of
86 Connecticut at the time such child is accepted for admission to such
87 institution, (2) subject to the provisions of subsection (e) of this section,
88 for any veteran who performed service in time of war, as defined in
89 subsection (a) of section 27-103, except that for purposes of this
90 subsection, "service in time of war" shall not include time spent in
91 attendance at a military service academy, who has been accepted for
92 admission to such institution and is domiciled in this state at the time
93 such veteran is accepted for admission to such institution, (3) for any
94 resident of Connecticut sixty-two years of age or older, provided, at
95 the end of the regular registration period, there are enrolled in the
96 course a sufficient number of students other than those persons
97 eligible for waivers pursuant to this subdivision to offer the course in
98 which such person intends to enroll and there is space available in
99 such course after accommodating all such students, (4) for any student
100 attending the Connecticut State Police Academy who is enrolled in a
101 law enforcement program at said academy offered in coordination
102 with a regional community-technical college which accredits courses
103 taken in such program, (5) for any active member of the Connecticut
104 Army or Air National Guard who (A) has been certified by the
105 Adjutant General or such Adjutant General's designee as a member in
106 good standing of the guard, and (B) is enrolled or accepted for
107 admission to such institution on a full-time or part-time basis in an
108 undergraduate degree-granting program, (6) for any dependent child
109 of a (A) police officer, as defined in section 7-294a, or supernumerary
110 or auxiliary police officer, (B) firefighter, as defined in section 7-323j, or
111 member of a volunteer fire company, (C) municipal employee, or (D)
112 state employee, as defined in section 5-154, killed in the line of duty,
113 (7) for any resident of the state who is a dependent child or surviving
114 spouse of a specified terrorist victim who was a resident of this state,
115 (8) for any dependent child of a resident of the state who was killed in
116 a multivehicle crash at or near the intersection of Routes 44 and 10 and
117 Nod Road in Avon on July 29, 2005, and (9) for any resident of the state

118 who is a dependent child or surviving spouse of a person who was
119 killed in action while performing active military duty with the armed
120 forces of the United States on or after September 11, 2001, and who
121 was a resident of this state. If any person who receives a tuition waiver
122 in accordance with the provisions of this subsection also receives
123 educational reimbursement from an employer, such waiver shall be
124 reduced by the amount of such educational reimbursement. Veterans
125 described in subdivision (2) of this subsection and members of the
126 National Guard described in subdivision (5) of this subsection shall be
127 given the same status as students not receiving tuition waivers in
128 registering for courses at regional community-technical colleges.
129 Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10a-30, as used in this
130 subsection, "domiciled in this state" includes domicile for less than one
131 year.

132 (e) (1) If any veteran described in subsection (d) of this section has
133 applied for federal educational assistance under the Post-9/11
134 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008, the board of trustees shall
135 waive the payment of tuition at any of the regional community-
136 technical colleges for such veteran in accordance with subdivision (2)
137 of this subsection. If any such veteran certifies to said board that such
138 veteran's application for such federal educational assistance has been
139 denied or withdrawn, said board of trustees shall waive the payment
140 of tuition in accordance with subsection (d) of this section.

141 (2) (A) For purposes of this subdivision, "veteran tuition benefit"
142 means the portion of federal educational assistance under the Post-
143 9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008 to be paid to a
144 regional community-technical college on behalf of a veteran that
145 represents payment for tuition. Such portion shall be calculated by
146 multiplying (i) the total amount of such federal educational assistance
147 to be paid to a regional community-technical college on behalf of such
148 veteran by (ii) an amount obtained by dividing (I) the actual tuition
149 charged by such college to such veteran by (II) the sum of the actual
150 tuition and fees charged by such college to such veteran.

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

154 [(f) Said board shall set aside from its anticipated regional
155 community-technical college tuition revenue, an amount not less than
156 that required by said board's tuition policy. Such funds shall be used to
157 provide tuition waivers, tuition remissions, grants for educational
158 expenses and student employment for residents enrolled in regional
159 community-technical colleges as full or part-time matriculated
160 students in a degree-granting program, or enrolled in a precollege
161 remedial program, who demonstrate substantial financial need. Said
162 board may also set aside from its anticipated tuition revenue an
163 additional amount equal to one per cent of said tuition revenue for
164 financial assistance for students who would not otherwise be eligible
165 for financial assistance but who do have a financial need as determined
166 by the college in accordance with this subsection. In determining such
167 financial need, the college shall exclude the value of equity in the
168 principal residence of the student's parents or legal guardians, or in the
169 student's principal residence if the student is not considered to be a
170 dependent of his parents or legal guardians and shall assess the
171 earnings of a dependent student at the rate of thirty per cent.]

172 [(g)] (f) The Regional Community-Technical Colleges Operating
173 Fund shall be reimbursed for the amount by which the tuition waivers
174 granted under subsection (d) of this section exceed five per cent of
175 tuition revenue through an annual state appropriation. The board of
176 trustees shall request such an appropriation and said appropriation
177 shall be based upon an estimate of tuition revenue loss using tuition
178 rates in effect for the fiscal year in which such appropriation will
179 apply.

180 [(h)] (g) Said board of trustees shall allow any student who is a
181 member of the armed forces called to active duty during any semester
182 to enroll in any course for which such student had remitted tuition but
183 which was not completed due to active duty status. Such course

184 reenrollment shall be offered to any qualifying student for a period not
185 exceeding four years after the date of release from active duty without
186 additional tuition, student fee or related charge, except if such student
187 has been fully reimbursed for the tuition, fees and charges for the
188 course that was not completed.

189 Sec. 3. Section 10a-99 of the general statutes is repealed and the
190 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2018*):

191 (a) Subject to the provisions of section 10a-26, the Board of Trustees
192 of the Connecticut State University System shall fix fees for tuition and
193 shall fix fees for such other purposes as the board deems necessary at
194 the university, and may make refunds of the same.

195 (b) The Board of Trustees of the Connecticut State University
196 System shall establish and administer a fund to be known as the
197 Connecticut State University System Operating Fund. Appropriations
198 from general revenues of the state and upon request by the
199 Connecticut State University System and with the annual review and
200 approval by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, the
201 amount of the appropriations for fringe benefits pursuant to
202 subsection (a) of section 4-73, shall be transferred from the State
203 Comptroller and all tuition revenue received by the Connecticut State
204 University System in accordance with the provisions of subsection (a)
205 of this section shall be deposited in said fund. Income from student
206 fees or related charges, the proceeds of auxiliary activities and business
207 enterprises, gifts and donations, federal funds and grants, subject to
208 the provisions of sections 10a-98 to 10a-98g, inclusive, and all receipts
209 derived from the conduct by a state university of its education
210 extension program and its summer school session shall be credited to
211 said fund but shall be allocated to the central office and institutional
212 operating accounts which shall be established and maintained for the
213 central office and each state university. Any such gifts and donations,
214 federal funds and grants for purposes of research shall be allocated to
215 separate accounts within such central office and institutional operating
216 accounts. If the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management

217 disapproves such transfer, he may require the amount of the
218 appropriation for operating expenses to be used for personal services
219 and fringe benefits to be excluded from said fund. The State Treasurer
220 shall review and approve the transfer prior to such request by the
221 university. The board of trustees shall establish an equitable policy for
222 allocation of appropriations from general revenues of the state, fringe
223 benefits transferred from the State Comptroller and tuition revenue
224 deposited in the Connecticut State University System Operating Fund.
225 At the beginning of each quarter of the fiscal year, the board shall
226 allocate and transfer, in accordance with said policy, moneys for
227 expenditure in such institutional operating accounts, exclusive of
228 amounts retained for central office operations and reasonable reserves
229 for future distribution. All costs of waiving or remitting tuition
230 pursuant to subsection (f) of this section shall be charged to the
231 Connecticut State University System Operating Fund. Repairs,
232 alterations or additions to facilities supported by the Connecticut State
233 University System Operating Fund and costing one million dollars or
234 more shall require the approval of the General Assembly, or when the
235 General Assembly is not in session, of the Finance Advisory
236 Committee. Any balance of receipts above expenditures shall remain
237 in said fund, except such sums as may be required for deposit into a
238 debt service fund or the General Fund for further payment by the
239 Treasurer of debt service on general obligation bonds of the state
240 issued for purposes of the Connecticut State University System.

241 (c) Commencing December 1, 1984, and thereafter not later than
242 sixty days after the close of each quarter, the board of trustees shall
243 submit to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly
244 having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and the
245 budgets of state agencies, the Office of Higher Education and the
246 Office of Policy and Management a report on the actual expenditures
247 of the Connecticut State University System Operating Fund.

248 (d) Said board shall waive the payment of tuition fees at the
249 Connecticut State University System (1) for any dependent child of a
250 person whom the armed forces of the United States has declared to be

251 missing in action or to have been a prisoner of war while serving in
252 such armed forces after January 1, 1960, which child has been accepted
253 for admission to such institution and is a resident of Connecticut at the
254 time such child is accepted for admission to such institution, (2) subject
255 to the provisions of subsection (e) of this section, for any veteran who
256 performed service in time of war, as defined in subsection (a) of section
257 27-103, except that for purposes of this subsection, "service in time of
258 war" shall not include time spent in attendance at a military service
259 academy, who has been accepted for admission to such institution and
260 is domiciled in this state at the time such veteran is accepted for
261 admission to such institution, (3) for any resident of Connecticut sixty-
262 two years of age or older who has been accepted for admission to such
263 institution, provided (A) such person is enrolled in a degree-granting
264 program, or (B) at the end of the regular registration period, there are
265 enrolled in the course a sufficient number of students other than those
266 persons eligible for waivers pursuant to this subdivision to offer the
267 course in which such person intends to enroll and there is space
268 available in such course after accommodating all such students, (4) for
269 any student attending the Connecticut Police Academy who is enrolled
270 in a law enforcement program at said academy offered in coordination
271 with the university which accredits courses taken in such program, (5)
272 for any active member of the Connecticut Army or Air National Guard
273 who (A) has been certified by the Adjutant General or such Adjutant
274 General's designee as a member in good standing of the guard, and (B)
275 is enrolled or accepted for admission to such institution on a full-time
276 or part-time basis in an undergraduate or graduate degree-granting
277 program, (6) for any dependent child of a (A) police officer, as defined
278 in section 7-294a, or supernumerary or auxiliary police officer, (B)
279 firefighter, as defined in section 7-323j, or member of a volunteer fire
280 company, (C) municipal employee, or (D) state employee, as defined in
281 section 5-154, killed in the line of duty, (7) for any resident of this state
282 who is a dependent child or surviving spouse of a specified terrorist
283 victim who was a resident of the state, (8) for any dependent child of a
284 resident of the state who was killed in a multivehicle crash at or near
285 the intersection of Routes 44 and 10 and Nod Road in Avon on July 29,

286 2005, and (9) for any resident of the state who is a dependent child or
287 surviving spouse of a person who was killed in action while
288 performing active military duty with the armed forces of the United
289 States on or after September 11, 2001, and who was a resident of this
290 state. If any person who receives a tuition waiver in accordance with
291 the provisions of this subsection also receives educational
292 reimbursement from an employer, such waiver shall be reduced by the
293 amount of such educational reimbursement. Veterans described in
294 subdivision (2) of this subsection and members of the National Guard
295 described in subdivision (5) of this subsection shall be given the same
296 status as students not receiving tuition waivers in registering for
297 courses at Connecticut state universities. Notwithstanding the
298 provisions of section 10a-30, as used in this subsection, "domiciled in
299 this state" includes domicile for less than one year.

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

309 (2) (A) For purposes of this subdivision, "veteran tuition benefit"
310 means the portion of federal educational assistance under the Post-
311 9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008 to be paid to the
312 Connecticut State University System on behalf of a veteran that
313 represents payment for tuition. Such portion shall be calculated by
314 multiplying (i) the total amount of such federal educational assistance
315 to be paid to the Connecticut State University System on behalf of such
316 veteran by (ii) an amount obtained by dividing (I) the actual tuition
317 charged by the Connecticut State University System to such veteran by
318 (II) the sum of the actual tuition and fees charged by the Connecticut
319 State University System to such veteran.

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

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

342 [(g)] (f) The Connecticut State University System Operating Fund
343 shall be reimbursed for the amount by which the tuition waivers
344 granted under subsection (d) of this section exceed two and one-half
345 per cent of tuition revenue through an annual state appropriation. The
346 board of trustees shall request such an appropriation and said
347 appropriation shall be based upon an estimate of tuition revenue loss
348 using tuition rates in effect for the fiscal year in which such
349 appropriation will apply.

350 [(h)] (g) Said board of trustees shall allow any student who is a
351 member of the armed forces called to active duty during any semester
352 to enroll in any course for which such student had remitted tuition but

353 which was not completed due to active duty status. Such course
354 reenrollment shall be offered to any qualifying student for a period not
355 exceeding four years after the date of release from active duty without
356 additional tuition, student fee or related charge, except if such student
357 has been fully reimbursed for the tuition, fees and charges for the
358 course that was not completed.

359 Sec. 4. Section 10a-105 of the general statutes is repealed and the
360 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2018*):

361 (a) Subject to the provisions of sections 10a-8 and 10a-26, the Board
362 of Trustees of The University of Connecticut shall fix fees for tuition
363 and shall fix fees for such other purposes as the board deems necessary
364 at The University of Connecticut, and may make refunds of the same.

365 (b) The Board of Trustees of The University of Connecticut shall
366 establish and administer a fund to be known as The University of
367 Connecticut Operating Fund, and in addition, may establish a Special
368 External Gift Fund, and an endowment fund, as defined in section 10a-
369 109c, and such other funds as may be established pursuant to
370 subdivision (13) of subsection (a) of section 10a-109d. Appropriations
371 from general revenues of the state and, upon request by the university
372 and with an annual review and approval by the Secretary of the Office
373 of Policy and Management, the amount of the appropriations for fringe
374 benefits and workers' compensation applicable to the university
375 pursuant to subsection (a) of section 4-73, shall be transferred from the
376 Comptroller, and all tuition revenue received by the university in
377 accordance with the provisions of subsection (a) of this section, income
378 from student fees or related charges, the proceeds of auxiliary activities
379 and business enterprises, gifts and donations, federal funds and grants
380 for purposes other than research and all receipts derived from the
381 conduct by The University of Connecticut of its education extension
382 program and its summer school session, except funds received by The
383 University of Connecticut Health Center, shall be deposited in said
384 operating fund. If the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
385 Management disapproves such transfer, he may require the amount of

386 the appropriation for operating expenses to be used for personal
387 services and fringe benefits to be excluded from said fund. The State
388 Treasurer shall review and approve the transfer prior to such request
389 by the university. All costs of waiving or remitting tuition pursuant to
390 subsection (g) of this section, except the cost of waiving or remitting
391 tuition for students enrolled in the schools of medicine or dental
392 medicine, shall be charged to said fund. Repairs, alterations or
393 additions to facilities supported by said fund costing one million
394 dollars or more shall require the approval of the General Assembly, or
395 when the General Assembly is not in session, of the Finance Advisory
396 Committee. Any balance of receipts above expenditures shall remain
397 in said fund, except such sums as may be required for deposit into a
398 debt service fund or the General Fund for further payment by the
399 Treasurer of debt service on general obligation bonds of the state
400 issued for purposes of The University of Connecticut.

401 (c) The Board of Trustees of The University of Connecticut shall
402 establish and administer a fund to be known as The University of
403 Connecticut Health Center Operating Fund. Appropriations from
404 general revenues of the state except the amount of the appropriation
405 for operating expenses to be used for personal services and the
406 appropriations for fringe benefits pursuant to subsection (a) of section
407 4-73, all tuition revenue received by the health center in accordance
408 with the provisions of subsection (a) of this section, income from
409 student fees or related charges, proceeds from auxiliary and business
410 enterprises, gifts and donations, federal funds and grants for purposes
411 other than research and other income relative to these activities shall
412 be deposited in said fund. All costs of waiving or remitting tuition
413 pursuant to subsection (g) of this section for students enrolled in the
414 schools of medicine or dental medicine shall be charged to said fund.
415 Repairs, alterations or additions to facilities supported by said fund
416 costing one million dollars or more shall require the approval of the
417 General Assembly, or when the General Assembly is not in session, of
418 the Finance Advisory Committee. Any balance of receipts above
419 expenditures shall remain in said fund, except such sums as may be

420 required for deposit into a debt service fund or the General Fund for
421 further payment by the Treasurer of debt service on general obligation
422 bonds of the state issued for purposes of The University of Connecticut
423 Health Center.

424 (d) Commencing December 1, 1981, and thereafter not later than
425 sixty days after the close of each quarter, the board of trustees shall
426 submit to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly
427 having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and the
428 budgets of state agencies, the Office of Higher Education and the
429 Office of Policy and Management a report on the actual expenditures
430 of The University of Connecticut Operating Fund and The University
431 of Connecticut Health Center Operating Fund containing such relevant
432 information as the Office of Policy and Management may require in
433 the form prescribed by the board of regents in accordance with
434 subsection (a) of section 10a-8.

435 (e) Said board of trustees shall waive the payment of tuition fees at
436 The University of Connecticut (1) for any dependent child of a person
437 whom the armed forces of the United States has declared to be missing
438 in action or to have been a prisoner of war while serving in such armed
439 forces after January 1, 1960, which child has been accepted for
440 admission to The University of Connecticut and is a resident of
441 Connecticut at the time such child is accepted for admission to said
442 institution, (2) subject to the provisions of subsection (f) of this section,
443 for any veteran who performed service in time of war, as defined in
444 subsection (a) of section 27-103, except that for purposes of this
445 subsection, "service in time of war" shall not include time spent in
446 attendance at a military service academy, who has been accepted for
447 admission to said institution and is domiciled in this state at the time
448 such veteran is accepted for admission to said institution, (3) for any
449 resident of Connecticut sixty-two years of age or older who has been
450 accepted for admission to said institution, provided (A) such person is
451 enrolled in a degree-granting program, or (B) at the end of the regular
452 registration period, there are enrolled in the course a sufficient number
453 of students other than those persons eligible for waivers pursuant to

454 this subdivision to offer the course in which such person intends to
455 enroll and there is space available in such course after accommodating
456 all such students, (4) for any active member of the Connecticut Army
457 or Air National Guard who (A) has been certified by the Adjutant
458 General or such Adjutant General's designee as a member in good
459 standing of the guard, and (B) is enrolled or accepted for admission to
460 said institution on a full-time or part-time basis in an undergraduate or
461 graduate degree-granting program, (5) for any dependent child of a
462 (A) police officer, as defined in section 7-294a, or supernumerary or
463 auxiliary police officer, (B) firefighter, as defined in section 7-323j, or
464 member of a volunteer fire company, (C) municipal employee, or (D)
465 state employee, as defined in section 5-154, killed in the line of duty,
466 (6) for any resident of the state who is the dependent child or surviving
467 spouse of a specified terrorist victim who was a resident of the state,
468 (7) for any dependent child of a resident of the state who was killed in
469 a multivehicle crash at or near the intersection of Routes 44 and 10 and
470 Nod Road in Avon on July 29, 2005, and (8) for any resident of the state
471 who is a dependent child or surviving spouse of a person who was
472 killed in action while performing active military duty with the armed
473 forces of the United States on or after September 11, 2001, and who
474 was a resident of this state. If any person who receives a tuition waiver
475 in accordance with the provisions of this subsection also receives
476 educational reimbursement from an employer, such waiver shall be
477 reduced by the amount of such educational reimbursement. Veterans
478 described in subdivision (2) of this subsection and members of the
479 National Guard described in subdivision (4) of this subsection shall be
480 given the same status as students not receiving tuition waivers in
481 registering for courses at The University of Connecticut.
482 Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10a-30, as used in this
483 subsection, "domiciled in this state" includes domicile for less than one
484 year.

485 (f) (1) If any veteran described in subsection (e) of this section has
486 applied for federal educational assistance under the Post-9/11
487 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008, the board of trustees shall

488 waive the payment of tuition at The University of Connecticut for such
489 veteran in accordance with subdivision (2) of this subsection. If any
490 such veteran certifies to said board that such veteran's application for
491 such federal educational assistance has been denied or withdrawn,
492 said board of trustees shall waive the payment of tuition in accordance
493 with subsection (d) of this section.

494 (2) (A) For purposes of this subdivision, "veteran tuition benefit"
495 means the portion of federal educational assistance under the Post-
496 9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008 to be paid to The
497 University of Connecticut on behalf of a veteran that represents
498 payment for tuition. Such portion shall be calculated by multiplying (i)
499 the total amount of such federal educational assistance to be paid to
500 The University of Connecticut on behalf of such veteran by (ii) an
501 amount obtained by dividing (I) the actual tuition charged by The
502 University of Connecticut to such veteran by (II) the sum of the actual
503 tuition and fees charged by The University of Connecticut to such
504 veteran.

505 (B) Said board of trustees shall waive the payment of tuition in
506 excess of the veteran tuition benefit at The University of Connecticut
507 for such veteran.

508 [(g) Said board of trustees shall set aside from its anticipated tuition
509 revenue, an amount not less than that required by the board of
510 governors' tuition policy established under subdivision (3) of
511 subsection (a) of section 10a-6. Such funds shall be used to provide
512 tuition waivers, tuition remissions, grants for educational expenses
513 and student employment for any undergraduate, graduate or
514 professional student who is enrolled as a full or part-time matriculated
515 student in a degree-granting program, or enrolled in a precollege
516 remedial program, and who demonstrates substantial financial need.
517 Said board may also set aside from its anticipated tuition revenue an
518 additional amount equal to one per cent of said tuition revenue for
519 financial assistance for students who would not otherwise be eligible
520 for financial assistance but who do have a financial need as determined

521 by the university in accordance with this subsection. In determining
522 such financial need, the university shall exclude the value of equity in
523 the principal residence of the student's parents or legal guardians, or in
524 the student's principal residence if the student is not considered to be a
525 dependent of his parents or legal guardians and shall assess the
526 earnings of a dependent student at the rate of thirty per cent.]

527 [(h)] (g) The University of Connecticut Operating Fund shall be
528 reimbursed for the amount by which tuition waivers granted under
529 subsection (e) of this section exceed two and one-half per cent of
530 tuition revenue through an annual state appropriation. The board of
531 trustees shall request such an appropriation and said appropriation
532 shall be based upon an estimate of tuition revenue loss using tuition
533 rates in effect for the fiscal year in which such appropriation will
534 apply.

535 [(i)] (h) Said board of trustees shall grant remission or waiver of
536 tuition for graduate assistants at the university. Assistantship
537 payments to graduate assistants shall not be considered salaries and
538 wages under the provisions of section 3-119, and shall be paid
539 according to a schedule prescribed by the university and approved by
540 the State Comptroller.

541 [(j)] (i) Said board of trustees may provide health care coverage for
542 graduate assistants, postdoctoral trainees, graduate fellows and
543 graduate student interns identified in subdivision (6) of section 3-
544 123aaa by enrolling such individuals in a partnership plan as defined
545 in section 3-123aaa. All premiums and expenses resulting from the
546 participation of such individuals in the partnership plan shall be paid
547 by the university. No such premiums or expenses shall be charged to
548 the General Fund.

549 [(k)] (j) Said board of trustees shall allow any student who is a
550 member of the armed forces called to active duty during any semester
551 to enroll in any course for which such student had remitted tuition but
552 which was not completed due to active duty status. Such course

553 reenrollment shall be offered to any qualifying student for a period not
554 exceeding four years after the date of release from active duty without
555 additional tuition, student fee or related charge, except if such student
556 has been fully reimbursed for the tuition, fees and charges for the
557 course that was not completed.

558 Sec. 5. Subsection (a) of section 10a-55i of the general statutes is
559 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
560 *1, 2018*):

561 (a) There is established a Higher Education Consolidation
562 Committee which shall be convened by the chairpersons of the joint
563 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
564 matters relating to higher education or such chairpersons' designee,
565 who shall be a member of such joint standing committee. The
566 membership of the Higher Education Consolidation Committee shall
567 consist of the higher education subcommittee on appropriations and
568 the chairpersons, vice chairpersons and ranking members of the joint
569 standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of
570 matters relating to higher education and appropriations. The Higher
571 Education Consolidation Committee shall establish a meeting and
572 public hearing schedule for purposes of receiving updates from (1) the
573 Board of Regents for Higher Education on the progress of the
574 consolidation of the state system of higher education pursuant to this
575 section, section 4-9c, subsection (g) of section 5-160, section 5-199d,
576 subsection (a) of section 7-323k, subsection (a) of section 7-608,
577 subsection (a) of section 10-9, section 10-155d, subdivision (14) of
578 section 10-183b, sections 10a-1a to 10a-1d, inclusive, 10a-3 and 10a-3a,
579 subsection (a) of section 10a-6a, sections 10a-6b, 10a-8, 10a-10a to 10a-
580 11a, inclusive, 10a-17d and 10a-22a, subsections (f) and (h) of section
581 10a-22b, subsections (c) and (d) of section 10a-22d, sections 10a-22h
582 and 10a-22k, subsection (a) of section 10a-22n, sections 10a-22r, 10a-
583 22s, 10a-22u, 10a-22v, 10a-22x and 10a-34 to 10a-35a, inclusive,
584 subsection (a) of section 10a-48a, sections 10a-71 and 10a-72,
585 [subsections] subsection (c) [and (f)] of section 10a-77, section 10a-88,
586 subsection (a) of section 10a-89, subsection (c) of section 10a-99 and

587 sections 10a-102, 10a-104, 10a-105, 10a-109e, 10a-143 and 10a-168a, and
 588 (2) the Board of Regents for Higher Education and The University of
 589 Connecticut on the program approval process for the constituent units.
 590 The Higher Education Consolidation Committee shall convene its first
 591 meeting on or before September 15, 2011, and meet not less than once
 592 every two months."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2018</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2018</i>	10a-77
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2018</i>	10a-99
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2018</i>	10a-105
Sec. 5	<i>July 1, 2018</i>	10a-55i(a)