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**Amendment**

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To: Subst. Senate Bill No. 4

File No. 206

Cal. No. 144

**"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 sixteen 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, and (D) has not been convicted of a felony in this  
11 state or in another state;

12 (2) "Eligible veteran without legal immigration status" means any

13 person who (A) is an honorably discharged veteran of the armed  
14 forces of the United States without legal immigration status, (B) was  
15 thirty years of age or younger on June 15, 2012, (C) was fifteen years of  
16 age or younger when he or she arrived in the United States and has  
17 continuously resided in the United States since such arrival, and (D)  
18 has not been convicted of a felony in this state or in another state;

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

26 (4) "Public institution of higher education" means those institutions  
27 of higher education identified in subdivisions (1) and (2) of section 10a-  
28 1 of the general statutes.

29 (b) On and after the effective date of this section, in accordance with  
30 8 USC 1621(d), any eligible veteran without legal immigration status  
31 who files an affidavit with an institution of higher education pursuant  
32 to subdivision (9) of section 10a-29 of the general statutes, stating that  
33 such eligible veteran has filed an application to legalize his or her  
34 immigration status, or will file such application as soon as he or she is  
35 eligible, shall be eligible to apply for and receive, to the extent  
36 permitted by federal law, institutional financial aid to attend a public  
37 institution of higher education in the state.

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

45 has filed an application to legalize his or her immigration status, or  
 46 will file such application as soon as he or she is eligible, shall be  
 47 eligible to apply for and receive, to the extent permitted by federal law,  
 48 institutional financial aid to attend a public institution of higher  
 49 education in the state.

50 (d) Not later than July 1, 2018, the Board of Regents for Higher  
 51 Education and the Board of Trustees for The University of Connecticut  
 52 shall establish procedures and develop forms to enable persons who  
 53 are eligible for institutional financial aid under subsections (b) and (c)  
 54 of this section to apply for and receive, to the extent permitted by  
 55 federal law, such institutional financial aid.

56 (e) Nothing in this section is intended to require or compel a public  
 57 institution of higher education to match the amount of federal student  
 58 financial aid a person who is eligible for institutional financial aid  
 59 under subsection (a) of this section would receive if such person was  
 60 eligible for such federal student financial aid.

61 (f) The Board of Regents for Higher Education and the Board of  
 62 Trustees for The University of Connecticut may adopt policies as are  
 63 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