

**Proposed Substitute  
Bill No. 5031**

February Session, 2018

LCO No. 2719

**AN ACT EQUALIZING ACCESS TO STUDENT-GENERATED  
FINANCIAL AID.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2018*) (a) As used in this section:

2 (1) "Eligible student without legal immigration status" means any  
3 person who (A) is entitled to classification as an in-state student for  
4 tuition purposes pursuant to subdivision (9) of section 10a-29 of the  
5 general statutes or is an honorably discharged veteran of the armed  
6 forces of the United States, (B) was thirty years of age or younger on  
7 June 15, 2012, (C) was fifteen years of age or younger when he or she  
8 arrived in the United States and has continuously resided in the  
9 United States since such arrival, and (D) has not been convicted of a  
10 felony in this state or in another state;

11 (2) "Institutional financial aid" means funds set aside from the  
12 anticipated tuition revenue of an institution of higher education for the  
13 purposes of providing tuition waivers, tuition remissions, grants for  
14 educational expenses and student employment for full-time or part-  
15 time students who are enrolled in a degree-granting program or a  
16 precollege remedial program and who demonstrate substantial  
17 financial need; and

18 (3) "Public institution of higher education" means those institutions  
19 of higher education identified in subdivisions (1) and (2) of section 10a-  
20 1 of the general statutes.

21 (b) Beginning in the fall semester of 2019, and for each semester  
22 thereafter, in accordance with 8 USC 1621(d), any eligible student  
23 without legal immigration status who files an affidavit with an  
24 institution of higher education stating that such eligible student has  
25 filed an application to legalize his or her immigration status, or will file  
26 such application as soon as he or she is eligible, pursuant to section  
27 10a-29 of the general statutes, shall be eligible to apply for and receive,  
28 to the extent permitted by federal law, institutional financial aid to  
29 attend a public institution of higher education in the state.

30 (c) Not later than January 1, 2019, the Board of Regents for Higher  
31 Education and the Board of Trustees for The University of Connecticut  
32 shall establish procedures and develop forms to enable persons who  
33 are eligible for institutional financial aid under subsection (b) of this  
34 section to apply for and receive, to the extent permitted by federal law,  
35 such institutional financial aid.

36 (d) Nothing in this section is intended to require or compel a public  
37 institution of higher education to match the amount of federal student  
38 financial aid a person eligible for institutional financial aid under  
39 subsection (a) of this section would receive if such person was eligible  
40 for such federal student financial aid.

41 (e) The Board of Regents for Higher Education and the Board of  
42 Trustees for The University of Connecticut may adopt policies as are  
43 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>July 1, 2018</i>	New section