

Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee

JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No.: HB-5373

AN ACT CONCERNING STUDENTS IN CRISIS AT INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER
Title: EDUCATION.

Vote Date: 3/15/2018

Vote Action: Joint Favorable Substitute

PH Date: 3/8/2018

File No.:

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

State Representative Gregory Haddad, 54th Assembly District

REASONS FOR BILL:

There are some students who are not able to complete their college education due to severe financial difficulties.

Substitute language:

- Lines 2-3: removes requirement that grant be limited one time
- Lines 4-5: specifies that financial hardship must “impede student’s ability to complete degree”
- Line 7: removes explicit prohibition against student using grant for educational expenses
- Lines 8-12: allows institution employees to nominate recipient students
- Lines 20-21: removes \$1,000 cap on grant
- Line 21-23: removes language prohibiting giving grant to a student more than once for the same financial hardship

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

[Eleanor JB Daugherty, EdD, Associate Vice President of Student Affairs and Dean of Students, University of Connecticut](#)

Dr. Daugherty testified in support of the bill and submitted some minor amendments to the bill. She stated that UConn has a Students First Fund and that this bill will further assist students with the addition of matching state funds.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

See response from Administration/Agency.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

None submitted.

Reported by: Jeanie Phillips, Clerk

Date: March 19, 2018