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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 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, and upon approval
30 by a majority vote of the student body pursuant to subsection (f) of
31 section 10a-77 of the general statutes, as amended by this act,
32 subsection (f) of section 10a-99 of the general statutes, as amended by
33 this act, or subsection (g) of section 10a-105 of the general statutes, as
34 amended by this act, in accordance with 8 USC 1621(d), any eligible
35 veteran without legal immigration status who files an affidavit with an
36 institution of higher education pursuant to subdivision (9) of section
37 10a-29 of the general statutes, stating that such eligible veteran has
38 filed an application to legalize his or her immigration status, or will file
39 such application as soon as he or she is eligible, shall be eligible to
40 apply for and receive, to the extent permitted by federal law,
41 institutional financial aid to attend a public institution of higher
42 education in the state.

43 (c) On January 1, 2020, or the effective date of an Act of Congress
44 that provides a pathway to United States citizenship for an eligible
45 student without legal immigration status, whichever is earlier, and
46 upon approval by a majority vote of the student body pursuant to

47 subsection (f) of section 10a-77 of the general statutes, as amended by
48 this act, subsection (f) of section 10a-99 of the general statutes, as
49 amended by this act, or subsection (g) of section 10a-105 of the general
50 statutes, as amended by this act, in accordance with 8 USC 1621(d),
51 any eligible student without legal immigration status who files an
52 affidavit with an institution of higher education pursuant to
53 subdivision (9) of section 10a-29 of the general statutes, stating that
54 such eligible student has filed an application to legalize his or her
55 immigration status, or will file such application as soon as he or she is
56 eligible, shall be eligible to apply for and receive, to the extent
57 permitted by federal law, institutional financial aid to attend a public
58 institution of higher education in the state.

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

65 (e) Nothing in this section is intended to require or compel a public
66 institution of higher education to match the amount of federal student
67 financial aid a person who is eligible for institutional financial aid
68 under subsection (a) of this section would receive if such person was
69 eligible for such federal student financial aid.

70 (f) The Board of Regents for Higher Education and the Board of
71 Trustees for The University of Connecticut may adopt policies as are
72 necessary to carry out the purposes of this section.

73 Sec. 2. Subsection (f) of section 10a-77 of the general statutes is
74 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
75 *1, 2018*):

76 (f) Said board shall set aside from its anticipated regional
77 community-technical college tuition revenue, an amount not less than
78 that required by said board's tuition policy. Such funds shall be used to

79 provide tuition waivers, tuition remissions, grants for educational
80 expenses and student employment for residents enrolled in regional
81 community-technical colleges as full or part-time matriculated
82 students in a degree-granting program, or enrolled in a precollege
83 remedial program, who demonstrate substantial financial need. Said
84 board may also set aside from its anticipated tuition revenue an
85 additional amount equal to one per cent of said tuition revenue for
86 financial assistance for students who would not otherwise be eligible
87 for financial assistance but who do have a financial need as determined
88 by the college in accordance with this subsection. In determining such
89 financial need, the college shall exclude the value of equity in the
90 principal residence of the student's parents or legal guardians, or in the
91 student's principal residence if the student is not considered to be a
92 dependent of his parents or legal guardians and shall assess the
93 earnings of a dependent student at the rate of thirty per cent.
94 Beginning in the fall semester of 2018, and for each semester thereafter,
95 said board, upon approval by a majority vote of the student body of
96 the regional community-technical colleges, shall set aside institutional
97 financial aid, as defined in section 1 of this act, to eligible students
98 without legal immigration status and eligible veterans without legal
99 immigration status, as those terms are defined in section 1 of this act.

100 Sec. 3. Subsection (f) of section 10a-99 of the general statutes is
101 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
102 *1, 2018*):

103 (f) Said board shall set aside from its anticipated tuition revenue, an
104 amount not less than that required by the board of governors' tuition
105 policy established under subdivision (3) of subsection (a) of section
106 10a-6. Such funds shall be used to provide tuition waivers, tuition
107 remissions, grants for educational expenses and student employment
108 for any undergraduate or graduate student who is enrolled as a full or
109 part-time matriculated student in a degree-granting program, or
110 enrolled in a precollege remedial program, and who demonstrates
111 substantial financial need. Said board may also set aside from its
112 anticipated tuition revenue an additional amount equal to one per cent

113 of said tuition revenue for financial assistance for students who would
114 not otherwise be eligible for financial assistance but who do have a
115 financial need as determined by the university in accordance with this
116 subsection. In determining such financial need, the university shall
117 exclude the value of equity in the principal residence of the student's
118 parents or legal guardians, or in the student's principal residence if the
119 student is not considered to be a dependent of his parents or legal
120 guardians and shall assess the earnings of a dependent student at the
121 rate of thirty per cent. Beginning in the fall semester of 2018, and for
122 each semester thereafter, said board, upon approval by a majority vote
123 of the student body of the Connecticut State University System, shall
124 set aside institutional financial aid, as defined in section 1 of this act, to
125 eligible students without legal immigration status and eligible veterans
126 without legal immigration status, as those terms are defined in section
127 1 of this act.

128 Sec. 4. Subsection (g) of section 10a-105 of the general statutes is
129 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
130 *1, 2018*):

131 (g) Said board of trustees shall set aside from its anticipated tuition
132 revenue, an amount not less than that required by the board of
133 governors' tuition policy established under subdivision (3) of
134 subsection (a) of section 10a-6. Such funds shall be used to provide
135 tuition waivers, tuition remissions, grants for educational expenses
136 and student employment for any undergraduate, graduate or
137 professional student who is enrolled as a full or part-time matriculated
138 student in a degree-granting program, or enrolled in a precollege
139 remedial program, and who demonstrates substantial financial need.
140 Said board may also set aside from its anticipated tuition revenue an
141 additional amount equal to one per cent of said tuition revenue for
142 financial assistance for students who would not otherwise be eligible
143 for financial assistance but who do have a financial need as determined
144 by the university in accordance with this subsection. In determining
145 such financial need, the university shall exclude the value of equity in
146 the principal residence of the student's parents or legal guardians, or in

147 the student's principal residence if the student is not considered to be a
 148 dependent of his parents or legal guardians and shall assess the
 149 earnings of a dependent student at the rate of thirty per cent.
 150 Beginning in the fall semester of 2018, and for each semester thereafter,
 151 said board, upon approval by a majority vote of the student body of
 152 The University of Connecticut, shall set aside institutional financial
 153 aid, as defined in section 1 of this act, to eligible students without legal
 154 immigration status and eligible veterans without legal immigration
 155 status, as those terms are defined in section 1 of this act."

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