



Testimony of Goodwin University in Opposition to Raised Bill H.B. 5114 – An Act Requiring Training for the Members of the Governing Boards of the Institutions of Higher Education in the State.

Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee Public Hearing – Thursday, February 27, 2020.

Goodwin University, a private, non-profit institution of higher education located in East Hartford with some 3,500 students (97% Connecticut Residents) coming from 136 Connecticut cities and towns opposes Raised Bill H.B. 5114. The bill, as drafted, it is unnecessary and redundant to approved policies, procedures and practices Goodwin already has in place for both orientation and subsequent education of its board of trustee members.

The members of the Goodwin University Board of Trustees, upon confirmation as a board member are required, per Goodwin by-laws, to participate in a formal orientation process regarding university policies, practices and procedures that include, but not limited to, university operations, administration, budgeting and finance, construction and campus economic development, student and community affairs.

Additionally, Goodwin trustees are required to complete an annual self-assessment of her or his continued understanding of such areas of expertise so that, if necessary, subsequent and/or remedial training can be offered.

In summary, while the bill is well intentioned, it is redundant to approved policies and practices Goodwin University, and no doubt other Connecticut State institutions of higher education, have in place, and accordingly unnecessary.

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