

Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee

MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, February 4, 2021

10:00 AM IN ZOOM AND [YOUTUBE LIVE](#)

- I. CONVENE MEETING.
- II. REMARKS BY THE CHAIRS AND RANKING MEMBERS.
- III. CONCEPTS TO RAISE:
 1. An Act Concerning Higher Education.
 2. An Act Concerning Workforce Development.
 3. An Act Concerning Post-Secondary Education.
 4. An Act Concerning Revisions to the Higher Education Statutes.
 5. An Act Requiring Legislative Approval for the Merger or Closing of Institutions Within the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities.
 6. An Act Concerning the Impact of COVID-19 on Higher Education.
- IV. PROPOSED BILLS TO VOTE TO DRAFT AS COMMITTEE BILLS:
 1. [Proposed H.B. No. 5545](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE BUDGET OF THE CONNECTICUT STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES. (HED)
 2. [Proposed H.B. No. 5895](#) AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE ON THE REDUCTION OF STUDENT LOAN DEBT. (HED)
 3. [Proposed H.B. No. 5902](#) AN ACT CONCERNING FUNDING FOR ADVANCED MANUFACTURING CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS. (HED)
 4. [Proposed H.B. No. 6227](#) AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY WORK-BASED LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES IN INDUSTRIES WITH A HIRING NEED IN THE STATE. (HED)

5. [Proposed H.B. No. 6228](#) AN ACT PROHIBITING INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION FROM INQUIRING ABOUT A PROSPECTIVE STUDENT'S CRIMINAL HISTORY DURING THE ADMISSIONS PROCESS. (HED)
6. [Proposed H.B. No. 6229](#) AN ACT ADDRESSING THE NEEDS OF FOOD-INSECURE STUDENTS AT PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION. (HED)
 - [Proposed H.B. No. 5463](#) AN ACT CONCERNING ACCESS TO THE SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM BY ELIGIBLE COLLEGE STUDENTS (HED) is being combined with HB 6229.

V. PROPOSED BILLS TO VOTE TO RESERVE FOR A SUBJECT MATTER PUBLIC HEARING:

1. [Proposed S.B. No. 193](#) AN ACT CONCERNING WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT ISSUES AT PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION RELATED TO THE INSURANCE INDUSTRY. (HED)
2. [Proposed S.B. No. 357](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE PRIORITIZATION OF IN-STATE STUDENTS AT PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION. (HED)
3. [Proposed S.B. No. 652](#) AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TAX CREDIT FOR DONATIONS TO THE ROBERTA B. WILLIS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM. (HED)
4. [Proposed S.B. No. 655](#) AN ACT REQUIRING THE OFFICE OF HIGHER EDUCATION TO ESTABLISH A CORPORATE LIAISON PROGRAM. (HED)
5. [Proposed S.B. No. 716](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE FEDERAL STUDENT LOAN BORROWERS' BILL OF RIGHTS ACT OF 2019. (HED)
6. [Proposed H.B. No. 5108](#) AN ACT REQUIRING INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION TO ESTABLISH A POLICY REGARDING FREE SPEECH ON CAMPUS. (HED)
7. [Proposed H.B. No. 5467](#) AN ACT ESTABLISHING A "FEE-FREE DAY" AT PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WHO COMPLETE THE FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID. (HED)
8. [Proposed H.B. No. 5468](#) AN ACT CONCERNING COLLEGE CREDITS AWARDED FOR MILITARY TRAINING. (HED)
9. [Proposed H.B. No. 5666](#) AN ACT CONCERNING TUITION COSTS AT FIRE SCHOOLS FOR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS FROM CERTAIN MUNICIPALITIES. (HED)
10. [Proposed H.B. No. 6231](#) AN ACT REQUIRING HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFITS FOR PART-TIME FACULTY EMPLOYED BY THE CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM. (HED)
11. [Proposed H.B. No. 6235](#) AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE "LEARN HERE, HEAL HERE" PROGRAM. (HED)

12. [Proposed H.B. No. 6236](#) AN ACT EXEMPTING CERTAIN INFORMATION CONCERNING CONCRETE FOUNDATIONS FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT. (HED)

VI. PROPOSED BILL TO VOTE CHANGE OF REFERENCE:

1. [Proposed S.B. No. 651](#) AN ACT ALLOWING MUNICIPALITIES TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE CONNECTICUT HIGHER EDUCATION TRUST AND 529 PLANS. (HED) (Change of reference to KID)

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The Meeting may be recorded and broadcast live on [CT-N.com](#).