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PUBLIC ACT SUMMARY



**PA 22-97**—sHB 5264

*Commerce Committee*

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL AID APPLICATIONS FILED WITH CONNECTICUT INNOVATIONS, INCORPORATED AND ESTABLISHING AN ATTENDANCE POLICY FOR CONNECTICUT INNOVATIONS, INCORPORATED'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**SUMMARY:** This act increases, from \$150,000 to \$500,000, the (1) maximum amount of financial assistance that Connecticut Innovations, Inc. (CI) staff may approve in an individual application if delegated this authority by CI's board of directors and (2) aggregate 12-month cap on staff-awarded assistance to an applicant. Under the aggregate cap, CI staff cannot approve an application if the amount requested plus the amount of CI assistance received by the applicant in the previous 12 months exceeds this cap (i.e., \$500,000 under the act).

As under existing law, (1) assistance exceeding either cap must be approved by CI's board of directors or a committee of the board and (2) CI staff exercising delegated approval authority must process the application according to CI-adopted procedures. Financial assistance includes grants, loans, loan guarantees, equity investments, and other economic development assistance.

Additionally, the act deems an appointed member of CI's board of directors to have resigned if he or she misses three consecutive board meetings or fails to attend 50% of the meetings in a calendar year. It requires CI's chief executive officer, in consultation with the board chairperson, to recommend a replacement candidate to the appropriate appointing authority within 30 days after a vacancy occurs.

By law, the board has nine gubernatorial appointees, four legislative appointees, and four ex-officio members. Members appointed by the governor or a legislator serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority but no longer than the appointing authority's term of office or until a successor is appointed and qualified, whichever is longer.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** October 1, 2022