



PA 23-3—sSB 1106

Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE FOUNDATIONS OF THE REGIONAL
COMMUNITY-TECHNICAL COLLEGES**

SUMMARY: This act allows the individual campuses of the community-technical colleges to establish or maintain respective foundations following their merger into a single institution, Connecticut State Community College (“CT State”). It does so by expanding the types of public higher education institutions that may establish or maintain state agency foundations to include any campus of an accredited state community-technical college. It also specifies that each campus chief executive officer (CEO) is its “executive authority” for purposes of the foundation law, rather than the institution’s CEO. By law, a foundation’s “executive authority” serves on the foundation’s board and has specific duties related to the foundation (e.g., ensuring that the foundation has a full audit completed).

By law, a “foundation” is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that uses private funds for charitable, scientific, cultural, or educational purposes to support a state agency (e.g., the UConn Foundation) or for coordinated emergency recovery purposes. Community-technical college foundations may only fund (1) scholarships or other direct student financial aid or (2) programs, services, or activities at the institution that the foundation supports (CGS § 4-37f(3)).

Additionally, the act extends existing contracting requirements for state agencies to the community-technical college campuses. They (1) must notify the state auditors at least 15 days before contracting for auditing services and (2) cannot enter into these contracts until the auditors advise whether they can perform the work instead (CGS § 2-90d).

The act also makes the campus CEOs, rather than CT State’s CEO, the executive authority for purposes of (1) deciding whether to conduct audits in addition to the state single audit when necessary, based on evidence of fiscal irregularities or noncompliance (CGS § 4-234) and (2) specified notices to municipalities of plans to build or enlarge a building or underground utility facility (CGS § 4b-28).

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2023