



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 6566

LCO No. 3333



Referred to Committee on HIGHER EDUCATION AND
EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT

Introduced by:
(HED)

***AN ACT CONCERNING REPORTING FOR THE DEBT-FREE
COMMUNITY COLLEGE PROGRAM.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (e) of section 10a-174 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
3 *2023*):

4 (e) Not later than [March 1, 2021, and October 1, 2021] November 1,
5 2023, and March 1, 2024, and each semester thereafter, the Board of
6 Regents for Higher Education shall report, in accordance with the
7 provisions of section 11-4a, to the joint standing committees of the
8 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to higher
9 education and employment advancement and appropriations and the
10 budgets of the state agencies regarding the debt-free community college
11 program, including, but not limited to, (1) the number of qualifying
12 students enrolled at the regional community-technical colleges during
13 each semester, (2) the number of qualifying students receiving
14 minimum awards and the number of qualifying students receiving

15 awards for the unpaid portion of eligible institutional costs, (3) the
16 average number of credit hours the qualifying students enrolled in each
17 semester and the average number of credit hours the qualifying
18 students completed each semester, (4) the average amount of the award
19 made to qualifying students under this section for the unpaid portion of
20 eligible institutional costs, and (5) the completion rates of qualifying
21 students receiving awards under this section by degree or certificate
22 program.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	10a-174(e)

Statement of Purpose:

To postpone the fall semester reporting deadline required under the debt-free community college program from October first to November first annually.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]