



General  
Assembly

**Raised Bill No. 6566**

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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2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
3 *1, 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  
11 college program, including, but not limited to, (1) the number of  
12 qualifying students enrolled at the regional community-technical  
13 colleges during each semester, (2) the number of qualifying students  
14 receiving minimum awards and the number of qualifying students

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

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

**HED**      *Joint Favorable*