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Referred to Committee on VETERANS' AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

Introduced by:
(VA)

AN ACT CONCERNING A FEE WAIVER AT PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR CERTAIN VETERANS AND MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL GUARD.

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

1 Section 1. Subsections (d) to (g), inclusive, of section 10a-77 of the
2 general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
3 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

4 (d) Said board of trustees shall waive the payment of tuition at any of
5 the regional community-technical colleges (1) for any dependent child
6 of a person whom the armed forces of the United States has declared to
7 be missing in action or to have been a prisoner of war while serving in
8 such armed forces after January 1, 1960, which child has been accepted
9 for admission to such institution and is a resident of the state at the time
10 such child is accepted for admission to such institution, (2) subject to the
11 provisions of subsection (e) of this section, for any veteran, as defined in
12 section 27-103, who performed service in time of war, as defined in
13 section 27-103, except that for purposes of this subsection, "service in
14 time of war" shall not include time spent in attendance at a military

15 service academy, which veteran has been accepted for admission to such
16 institution and is domiciled in this state at the time such veteran is
17 accepted for admission to such institution. Said board of trustees shall
18 also waive for any such veteran the payment of any extension fees under
19 section 10a-26 for educational extension programs and summer school
20 sessions, (3) for any resident of the state sixty-two years of age or older,
21 provided, at the end of the regular registration period, there are enrolled
22 in the course a sufficient number of students other than those residents
23 eligible for waivers pursuant to this subdivision to offer the course in
24 which such resident intends to enroll and there is space available in such
25 course after accommodating all such students, (4) for any student
26 attending the Connecticut State Police Academy who is enrolled in a law
27 enforcement program at said academy offered in coordination with a
28 regional community-technical college which accredits courses taken in
29 such program, (5) for any active member of the Connecticut Army or
30 Air National Guard who (A) has been certified by the Adjutant General
31 or such Adjutant General's designee as a member in good standing of
32 the guard, and (B) is enrolled or accepted for admission to such
33 institution on a full-time or part-time basis in an undergraduate degree-
34 granting program. Said board of trustees shall also waive for any such
35 member the payment of any extension fees under section 10a-26 for
36 educational extension programs and summer school sessions, (6) for any
37 dependent child of a (A) police officer, as defined in section 7-294a, or
38 supernumerary or auxiliary police officer, (B) firefighter, as defined in
39 section 7-323j, or member of a volunteer fire company, (C) municipal
40 employee, or (D) state employee, as defined in section 5-154, killed in
41 the line of duty, (7) for any resident of the state who is a dependent child
42 or surviving spouse of a specified terrorist victim who was a resident of
43 this state, (8) for any dependent child of a resident of the state who was
44 killed in a multivehicle crash at or near the intersection of Routes 44 and
45 10 and Nod Road in Avon on July 29, 2005, and (9) for any resident of
46 the state who is a dependent child or surviving spouse of a person who
47 was killed in action while performing active military duty with the
48 armed forces of the United States on or after September 11, 2001, and

49 who was a resident of this state. If any person who receives a tuition
50 waiver in accordance with the provisions of this subsection also receives
51 educational reimbursement from an employer, such waiver shall be
52 reduced by the amount of such educational reimbursement. Veterans
53 and members of the National Guard described in subdivision (5) of this
54 subsection shall be given the same status as students not receiving
55 tuition waivers in registering for courses at regional community-
56 technical colleges. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10a-30, as
57 used in this subsection, "domiciled in this state" includes domicile for
58 less than one year.

59 (e) (1) If any veteran described in subsection (d) of this section has
60 applied for federal educational assistance under the Post-9/11 Veterans
61 Educational Assistance Act of 2008, the board of trustees shall waive the
62 payment of tuition and extension fees at any of the regional community-
63 technical colleges for such veteran in accordance with subdivision (2) of
64 this subsection. If any such veteran certifies to said board of trustees that
65 such veteran's application for such federal educational assistance has
66 been denied or withdrawn, said board of trustees shall waive the
67 payment of tuition and extension fees in accordance with subsection (d)
68 of this section.

69 (2) (A) For purposes of this subdivision, "veteran tuition benefit"
70 means the portion of federal educational assistance under the Post-9/11
71 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008 to be paid to a regional
72 community-technical college on behalf of a veteran that represents
73 payment for tuition and extension fees. Such portion shall be calculated
74 by multiplying (i) the total amount of such federal educational
75 assistance to be paid to a regional community-technical college on
76 behalf of such veteran by (ii) an amount obtained by dividing (I) the sum
77 of the actual tuition and extension fees charged by such college to such
78 veteran by (II) the sum of the actual tuition, extension fees and other fees
79 charged by such college to such veteran.

80 (B) Said board of trustees shall waive the payment of tuition and

81 extension fees in excess of the veteran tuition benefit at any of the
82 regional community-technical colleges for such veteran.

83 (f) Said board of trustees shall set aside from its anticipated regional
84 community-technical college tuition revenue, an amount not less than
85 that required by said board's tuition policy. Such funds shall be used to
86 provide tuition waivers, tuition remissions, grants for educational
87 expenses and student employment for residents enrolled in regional
88 community-technical colleges as full or part-time matriculated students
89 in a degree-granting program, or enrolled in a precollege remedial
90 program, who demonstrate substantial financial need. Said board may
91 also set aside from its anticipated tuition revenue an additional amount
92 equal to one per cent of [said] such tuition revenue for financial
93 assistance for students who would not otherwise be eligible for financial
94 assistance but who do have a financial need as determined by the college
95 in accordance with this subsection. In determining such financial need,
96 the college shall exclude the value of equity in the principal residence of
97 the student's parents or legal guardians, or in the student's principal
98 residence if the student is not considered to be a dependent of his
99 parents or legal guardians and shall assess the earnings of a dependent
100 student at the rate of thirty per cent.

101 (g) The Regional Community-Technical Colleges Operating Fund
102 shall be reimbursed for the amount by which the tuition and extension
103 fee waivers granted under subsection (d) of this section exceed five per
104 cent of tuition and extension fee revenue through an annual state
105 appropriation. The board of trustees shall request such an appropriation
106 and [said] such appropriation shall be based upon an estimate of tuition
107 and extension fee revenue loss using tuition and extension fee rates in
108 effect for the fiscal year in which such appropriation will apply.

109 Sec. 2. Subsections (d) to (g), inclusive, of section 10a-99 of the general
110 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
111 (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

112 (d) Said board of trustees shall waive the payment of tuition fees at

113 the Connecticut State University System (1) for any dependent child of
114 a person whom the armed forces of the United States has declared to be
115 missing in action or to have been a prisoner of war while serving in such
116 armed forces after January 1, 1960, which child has been accepted for
117 admission to such institution and is a resident of the state at the time
118 such child is accepted for admission to such institution, (2) subject to the
119 provisions of subsection (e) of this section, for any veteran, as defined in
120 section 27-103, who performed service in time of war, as defined in
121 section 27-103, except that for purposes of this subsection, "service in
122 time of war" shall not include time spent in attendance at a military
123 service academy, which veteran has been accepted for admission to such
124 institution and is domiciled in this state at the time such veteran is
125 accepted for admission to such institution. Said board of trustees shall
126 also waive for any such veteran the payment of any extension fees under
127 section 10a-26 for educational extension programs and summer school
128 sessions, (3) for any resident of the state sixty-two years of age or older
129 who has been accepted for admission to such institution, provided (A)
130 such resident is enrolled in a degree-granting program, or (B) at the end
131 of the regular registration period, there are enrolled in the course a
132 sufficient number of students other than those residents eligible for
133 waivers pursuant to this subdivision to offer the course in which such
134 resident intends to enroll and there is space available in such course
135 after accommodating all such students, (4) for any student attending the
136 Connecticut Police Academy who is enrolled in a law enforcement
137 program at said academy offered in coordination with the university
138 which accredits courses taken in such program, (5) for any active
139 member of the Connecticut Army or Air National Guard who (A) has
140 been certified by the Adjutant General or such Adjutant General's
141 designee as a member in good standing of the guard, and (B) is enrolled
142 or accepted for admission to such institution on a full-time or part-time
143 basis in an undergraduate or graduate degree-granting program. Said
144 board of trustees shall also waive for any such member the payment of
145 any extension fees under section 10a-26 for educational extension
146 programs and summer school sessions, (6) for any dependent child of a

147 (A) police officer, as defined in section 7-294a, or supernumerary or
148 auxiliary police officer, (B) firefighter, as defined in section 7-323j, or
149 member of a volunteer fire company, (C) municipal employee, or (D)
150 state employee, as defined in section 5-154, killed in the line of duty, (7)
151 for any resident of this state who is a dependent child or surviving
152 spouse of a specified terrorist victim who was a resident of the state, (8)
153 for any dependent child of a resident of the state who was killed in a
154 multivehicle crash at or near the intersection of Routes 44 and 10 and
155 Nod Road in Avon on July 29, 2005, and (9) for any resident of the state
156 who is a dependent child or surviving spouse of a person who was
157 killed in action while performing active military duty with the armed
158 forces of the United States on or after September 11, 2001, and who was
159 a resident of this state. If any person who receives a tuition waiver in
160 accordance with the provisions of this subsection also receives
161 educational reimbursement from an employer, such waiver shall be
162 reduced by the amount of such educational reimbursement. Veterans
163 and members of the National Guard described in subdivision (5) of this
164 subsection shall be given the same status as students not receiving
165 tuition waivers in registering for courses at Connecticut state
166 universities. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10a-30, as used
167 in this subsection, "domiciled in this state" includes domicile for less
168 than one year.

169 (e) (1) If any veteran described in subsection (d) of this section has
170 applied for federal educational assistance under the Post-9/11 Veterans
171 Educational Assistance Act of 2008, the board of trustees shall waive the
172 payment of tuition and extension fees at the Connecticut State
173 University System for such veteran in accordance with subdivision (2)
174 of this subsection. If any such veteran certifies to said board of trustees
175 that such veteran's application for such federal educational assistance
176 has been denied or withdrawn, said board of trustees shall waive the
177 payment of tuition and extension fees in accordance with subsection (d)
178 of this section.

179 (2) (A) For purposes of this subdivision, "veteran tuition benefit"

180 means the portion of federal educational assistance under the Post-9/11
181 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008 to be paid to the
182 Connecticut State University System on behalf of a veteran that
183 represents payment for tuition and extension fees. Such portion shall be
184 calculated by multiplying (i) the total amount of such federal
185 educational assistance to be paid to the Connecticut State University
186 System on behalf of such veteran by (ii) an amount obtained by dividing
187 (I) the actual tuition and extension fees charged by the Connecticut State
188 University System to such veteran by (II) the sum of the actual tuition,
189 extension fees and other fees charged by the Connecticut State
190 University System to such veteran.

191 (B) Said board of trustees shall waive the payment of tuition and
192 extension fees in excess of the veteran tuition benefit at the Connecticut
193 State University System for such veteran.

194 (f) Said board of trustees shall set aside from its anticipated tuition
195 revenue, an amount not less than that required by the board of
196 governors' tuition policy established under subdivision (3) of subsection
197 (a) of section 10a-6. Such funds shall be used to provide tuition waivers,
198 tuition remissions, grants for educational expenses and student
199 employment for any undergraduate or graduate student who is enrolled
200 as a full or part-time matriculated student in a degree-granting
201 program, or enrolled in a precollege remedial program, and who
202 demonstrates substantial financial need. Said board may also set aside
203 from its anticipated tuition revenue an additional amount equal to one
204 per cent of [said] such tuition revenue for financial assistance for
205 students who would not otherwise be eligible for financial assistance
206 but who do have a financial need as determined by the university in
207 accordance with this subsection. In determining such financial need, the
208 university shall exclude the value of equity in the principal residence of
209 the student's parents or legal guardians, or in the student's principal
210 residence if the student is not considered to be a dependent of his
211 parents or legal guardians and shall assess the earnings of a dependent
212 student at the rate of thirty per cent.

213 (g) The Connecticut State University System Operating Fund shall be
214 reimbursed for the amount by which the tuition and extension fee
215 waivers granted under subsection (d) of this section exceed two and
216 one-half per cent of tuition and extension fee revenue through an annual
217 state appropriation. The board of trustees shall request such an
218 appropriation and [said] such appropriation shall be based upon an
219 estimate of tuition and extension fee revenue loss using tuition and
220 extension fee rates in effect for the fiscal year in which such
221 appropriation will apply.

222 Sec. 3. Subsections (e) to (h), inclusive, of section 10a-105 of the
223 general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
224 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

225 (e) Said board of trustees shall waive the payment of tuition fees at
226 The University of Connecticut (1) for any dependent child of a person
227 whom the armed forces of the United States has declared to be missing
228 in action or to have been a prisoner of war while serving in such armed
229 forces after January 1, 1960, which child has been accepted for admission
230 to The University of Connecticut and is a resident of the state at the time
231 such child is accepted for admission to said institution, (2) subject to the
232 provisions of subsection (f) of this section, for any veteran, as defined in
233 section 27-103, who performed service in time of war, as defined in
234 section 27-103, except that for purposes of this subsection, "service in
235 time of war" shall not include time spent in attendance at a military
236 service academy, which veteran has been accepted for admission to said
237 institution and is domiciled in this state at the time such veteran is
238 accepted for admission to said institution. Said board of trustees shall
239 also waive for any such veteran the payment of any extension fees under
240 section 10a-26 for educational extension programs and summer school
241 sessions, (3) for any resident of the state sixty-two years of age or older
242 who has been accepted for admission to said institution, provided (A)
243 such resident is enrolled in a degree-granting program, or (B) at the end
244 of the regular registration period, there are enrolled in the course a
245 sufficient number of students other than those residents eligible for

246 waivers pursuant to this subdivision to offer the course in which such
247 resident intends to enroll and there is space available in such course
248 after accommodating all such students, (4) for any active member of the
249 Connecticut Army or Air National Guard who (A) has been certified by
250 the Adjutant General or such Adjutant General's designee as a member
251 in good standing of the guard, and (B) is enrolled or accepted for
252 admission to said institution on a full-time or part-time basis in an
253 undergraduate or graduate degree-granting program. Said board of
254 trustees shall also waive for any such member the payment of any
255 extension fees under section 10a-26 for educational extension programs
256 and summer school sessions, (5) for any dependent child of a (A) police
257 officer, as defined in section 7-294a, or supernumerary or auxiliary
258 police officer, (B) firefighter, as defined in section 7-323j, or member of
259 a volunteer fire company, (C) municipal employee, or (D) state
260 employee, as defined in section 5-154, killed in the line of duty, (6) for
261 any resident of the state who is the dependent child or surviving spouse
262 of a specified terrorist victim who was a resident of the state, (7) for any
263 dependent child of a resident of the state who was killed in a
264 multivehicle crash at or near the intersection of Routes 44 and 10 and
265 Nod Road in Avon on July 29, 2005, and (8) for any resident of the state
266 who is a dependent child or surviving spouse of a person who was
267 killed in action while performing active military duty with the armed
268 forces of the United States on or after September 11, 2001, and who was
269 a resident of this state. If any person who receives a tuition waiver in
270 accordance with the provisions of this subsection also receives
271 educational reimbursement from an employer, such waiver shall be
272 reduced by the amount of such educational reimbursement. Veterans
273 and members of the National Guard described in subdivision (4) of this
274 subsection shall be given the same status as students not receiving
275 tuition waivers in registering for courses at The University of
276 Connecticut. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10a-30, as used
277 in this subsection, "domiciled in this state" includes domicile for less
278 than one year.

279 (f) (1) If any veteran described in subsection (e) of this section has

280 applied for federal educational assistance under the Post-9/11 Veterans
281 Educational Assistance Act of 2008, the board of trustees shall waive the
282 payment of tuition and extension fees at The University of Connecticut
283 for such veteran in accordance with subdivision (2) of this subsection. If
284 any such veteran certifies to said board of trustees that such veteran's
285 application for such federal educational assistance has been denied or
286 withdrawn, said board of trustees shall waive the payment of tuition
287 and extension fees in accordance with subsection (d) of this section.

288 (2) (A) For purposes of this subdivision, "veteran tuition benefit"
289 means the portion of federal educational assistance under the Post-9/11
290 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008 to be paid to The
291 University of Connecticut on behalf of a veteran that represents
292 payment for tuition and extension fees. Such portion shall be calculated
293 by multiplying (i) the total amount of such federal educational
294 assistance to be paid to The University of Connecticut on behalf of such
295 veteran by (ii) an amount obtained by dividing (I) the actual tuition and
296 extension fees charged by The University of Connecticut to such veteran
297 by (II) the sum of the actual tuition, extension fees and other fees
298 charged by The University of Connecticut to such veteran.

299 (B) Said board of trustees shall waive the payment of tuition and
300 extension fees in excess of the veteran tuition benefit at The University
301 of Connecticut for such veteran.

302 (g) Said board of trustees shall set aside from its anticipated tuition
303 revenue, an amount not less than that required by the board of
304 governors' tuition policy established under subdivision (3) of subsection
305 (a) of section 10a-6. Such funds shall be used to provide tuition waivers,
306 tuition remissions, grants for educational expenses and student
307 employment for any undergraduate, graduate or professional student
308 who is enrolled as a full or part-time matriculated student in a degree-
309 granting program, or enrolled in a precollege remedial program, and
310 who demonstrates substantial financial need. Said board of trustees may
311 also set aside from its anticipated tuition revenue an additional amount

312 equal to one per cent of [said] such tuition revenue for financial
313 assistance for students who would not otherwise be eligible for financial
314 assistance but who do have a financial need as determined by the
315 university in accordance with this subsection. In determining such
316 financial need, the university shall exclude the value of equity in the
317 principal residence of the student's parents or legal guardians, or in the
318 student's principal residence if the student is not considered to be a
319 dependent of his parents or legal guardians and shall assess the earnings
320 of a dependent student at the rate of thirty per cent.

321 (h) The University of Connecticut Operating Fund shall be
322 reimbursed for the amount by which tuition and extension fee waivers
323 granted under subsection (e) of this section exceed two and one-half per
324 cent of tuition and extension fee revenue through an annual state
325 appropriation. The board of trustees shall request such an appropriation
326 and [said] such appropriation shall be based upon an estimate of tuition
327 and extension fee revenue loss using tuition and extension fee rates in
328 effect for the fiscal year in which such appropriation will apply.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	10a-77(d) to (g)
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	10a-99(d) to (g)
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	10a-105(e) to (h)

Statement of Purpose:

To waive the payment of extension fees for certain veterans and members of the National Guard enrolled at public institutions of higher education in this state.

[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.]

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