



General Assembly

January Session, 2023

**Substitute Bill No. 638**



**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2 general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  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  
5 of the regional community-technical colleges (1) for any dependent  
6 child of a person whom the armed forces of the United States has  
7 declared to be missing in action or to have been a prisoner of war  
8 while serving in such armed forces after January 1, 1960, which child  
9 has been accepted for admission to such institution and is a resident of  
10 the state at the time such child is accepted for admission to such  
11 institution, (2) subject to the provisions of subsection (e) of this section,  
12 for any veteran, as defined in section 27-103, who performed service in  
13 time of war, as defined in section 27-103, except that for purposes of  
14 this subsection, "service in time of war" shall not include time spent in  
15 attendance at a military service academy, which veteran has been  
16 accepted for admission to such institution and is domiciled in this state  
17 at the time such veteran is accepted for admission to such institution.  
18 Said board of trustees shall also waive for any such veteran the  
19 payment of any extension fees under section 10a-26 for educational

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

55 the National Guard described in subdivision (5) of this subsection shall  
56 be given the same status as students not receiving tuition waivers in  
57 registering for courses at regional community-technical colleges.  
58 Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10a-30, as used in this  
59 subsection, "domiciled in this state" includes domicile for less than one  
60 year.

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

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

82 (B) Said board of trustees shall waive the payment of tuition and  
83 extension fees in excess of the veteran tuition benefit at any of the  
84 regional community-technical colleges for such veteran.

85 (f) Said board of trustees shall set aside from its anticipated regional  
86 community-technical college tuition revenue, an amount not less than

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

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

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

116 (d) Said board of trustees shall waive the payment of tuition fees at  
117 the Connecticut State University System (1) for any dependent child of  
118 a person whom the armed forces of the United States has declared to  
119 be missing in action or to have been a prisoner of war while serving in

120 such armed forces after January 1, 1960, which child has been accepted  
121 for admission to such institution and is a resident of the state at the  
122 time such child is accepted for admission to such institution, (2) subject  
123 to the provisions of subsection (e) of this section, for any veteran, as  
124 defined in section 27-103, who performed service in time of war, as  
125 defined in section 27-103, except that for purposes of this subsection,  
126 "service in time of war" shall not include time spent in attendance at a  
127 military service academy, which veteran has been accepted for  
128 admission to such institution and is domiciled in this state at the time  
129 such veteran is accepted for admission to such institution. Said board  
130 of trustees shall also waive for any such veteran the payment of any  
131 extension fees under section 10a-26 for educational extension  
132 programs and summer school sessions, (3) for any resident of the state  
133 sixty-two years of age or older who has been accepted for admission to  
134 such institution, provided (A) such resident is enrolled in a degree-  
135 granting program, or (B) at the end of the regular registration period,  
136 there are enrolled in the course a sufficient number of students other  
137 than those residents eligible for waivers pursuant to this subdivision to  
138 offer the course in which such resident intends to enroll and there is  
139 space available in such course after accommodating all such students,  
140 (4) for any student attending the Connecticut Police Academy who is  
141 enrolled in a law enforcement program at said academy offered in  
142 coordination with the university which accredits courses taken in such  
143 program, (5) for any active member of the Connecticut Army or Air  
144 National Guard who (A) has been certified by the Adjutant General or  
145 such Adjutant General's designee as a member in good standing of the  
146 guard, and (B) is enrolled or accepted for admission to such institution  
147 on a full-time or part-time basis in an undergraduate or graduate  
148 degree-granting program. Said board of trustees shall also waive for  
149 any such member the payment of any extension fees under section 10a-  
150 26 for educational extension programs and summer school sessions, (6)  
151 for any dependent child of a (A) police officer, as defined in section 7-  
152 294a, or supernumerary or auxiliary police officer, (B) firefighter, as  
153 defined in section 7-323j, or member of a volunteer fire company, (C)  
154 municipal employee, or (D) state employee, as defined in section 5-154,

155 killed in the line of duty, (7) for any resident of this state who is a  
156 dependent child or surviving spouse of a specified terrorist victim who  
157 was a resident of the state, (8) for any dependent child of a resident of  
158 the state who was killed in a multivehicle crash at or near the  
159 intersection of Routes 44 and 10 and Nod Road in Avon on July 29,  
160 2005, and (9) for any resident of the state who is a dependent child or  
161 surviving spouse of a person who was killed in action while  
162 performing active military duty with the armed forces of the United  
163 States on or after September 11, 2001, and who was a resident of this  
164 state. If any person who receives a tuition waiver in accordance with  
165 the provisions of this subsection also receives educational  
166 reimbursement from an employer, such waiver shall be reduced by the  
167 amount of such educational reimbursement. Veterans and members of  
168 the National Guard described in subdivision (5) of this subsection shall  
169 be given the same status as students not receiving tuition waivers in  
170 registering for courses at Connecticut state universities.  
171 Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10a-30, as used in this  
172 subsection, "domiciled in this state" includes domicile for less than one  
173 year.

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

184 (2) (A) For purposes of this subdivision, "veteran tuition benefit"  
185 means the portion of federal educational assistance under the Post-  
186 9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008 to be paid to the  
187 Connecticut State University System on behalf of a veteran that

188 represents payment for tuition and extension fees. Such portion shall  
189 be calculated by multiplying (i) the total amount of such federal  
190 educational assistance to be paid to the Connecticut State University  
191 System on behalf of such veteran by (ii) an amount obtained by  
192 dividing (I) the sum of the actual tuition and extension fees charged by  
193 the Connecticut State University System to such veteran by (II) the  
194 sum of the actual tuition, extension fees and other fees charged by the  
195 Connecticut State University System to such veteran.

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

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

218 (g) The Connecticut State University System Operating Fund shall  
219 be reimbursed for the amount by which the tuition and extension fee  
220 waivers granted under subsection (d) of this section exceed two and

221 one-half per cent of tuition and extension fee revenue through an  
222 annual state appropriation. The board of trustees shall request such an  
223 appropriation and [said] such appropriation shall be based upon an  
224 estimate of tuition and extension fee revenue loss using tuition and  
225 extension fee rates in effect for the fiscal year in which such  
226 appropriation will apply.

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

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



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

285 (f) (1) If any veteran described in subsection (e) of this section has  
286 applied for federal educational assistance under the Post-9/11  
287 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008, the board of trustees shall

288 waive the payment of tuition and extension fees at The University of  
289 Connecticut for such veteran in accordance with subdivision (2) of this  
290 subsection. If any such veteran certifies to said board of trustees that  
291 such veteran's application for such federal educational assistance has  
292 been denied or withdrawn, said board of trustees shall waive the  
293 payment of tuition and extension fees in accordance with subsection  
294 (d) of this section.

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

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

310 (g) Said board of trustees shall set aside from its anticipated tuition  
311 revenue, an amount not less than that required by the board of  
312 governors' tuition policy established under subdivision (3) of  
313 subsection (a) of section 10a-6. Such funds shall be used to provide  
314 tuition waivers, tuition remissions, grants for educational expenses  
315 and student employment for any undergraduate, graduate or  
316 professional student who is enrolled as a full or part-time matriculated  
317 student in a degree-granting program, or enrolled in a precollege  
318 remedial program, and who demonstrates substantial financial need.  
319 Said board of trustees may also set aside from its anticipated tuition  
320 revenue an additional amount equal to one per cent of [said] such

321 tuition revenue for financial assistance for students who would not  
 322 otherwise be eligible for financial assistance but who do have a  
 323 financial need as determined by the university in accordance with this  
 324 subsection. In determining such financial need, the university shall  
 325 exclude the value of equity in the principal residence of the student's  
 326 parents or legal guardians, or in the student's principal residence if the  
 327 student is not considered to be a dependent of his parents or legal  
 328 guardians and shall assess the earnings of a dependent student at the  
 329 rate of thirty per cent.

330 (h) The University of Connecticut Operating Fund shall be  
 331 reimbursed for the amount by which tuition and extension fee waivers  
 332 granted under subsection (e) of this section exceed two and one-half  
 333 per cent of tuition and extension fee revenue through an annual state  
 334 appropriation. The board of trustees shall request such an  
 335 appropriation and [said] such appropriation shall be based upon an  
 336 estimate of tuition and extension fee revenue loss using tuition and  
 337 extension fee rates in effect for the fiscal year in which such  
 338 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 Legislative Commissioners:**

In Sections 1(f) and 2(f), "of trustees" was added before "may also set aside", for clarity; and in Sections 2(e)(2)(A)(ii)(I) and 3(f)(2)(A)(ii)(I), "sum of the" was added before "actual tuition", for clarity.

**VA**            *Joint Favorable Subst. -LCO*