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Referred to Committee on HIGHER EDUCATION AND  
EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT

Introduced by:

Request of the Governor Pursuant  
to Joint Rule 9

***AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET  
RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING HIGHER EDUCATION.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 10a-11 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

3 [(a) The Office of Higher Education shall, in consultation with the  
4 institutions of the state system of higher education and the constituent  
5 unit boards of trustees, develop a strategic plan, consistent with the  
6 affirmative action plan submitted to the Commission on Human Rights  
7 and Opportunities in accordance with section 46a-68, to ensure that  
8 students, faculty, administrators and staff at each institution are  
9 representative of the racial and ethnic diversity of the total population  
10 of the state. For each institution, there shall be an approved plan which  
11 shall include goals, programs and timetables for achieving those goals,  
12 and a procedure to monitor annually the results of these programs and  
13 a procedure to take corrective action if necessary. The Office of Higher  
14 Education shall also develop policies to guide equal employment

15 opportunity officers and programs in all constituent units and at each  
16 institution of public higher education.

17 (b) The Office of Higher Education shall report annually to the  
18 Governor and General Assembly on the activities undertaken by the  
19 office in accordance with subsection (a) of this section. The report shall  
20 include institutional goals and plans for attaining such goals, as well as  
21 changes in enrollment and employment at the state's institutions of  
22 public higher education. If it is determined that an institution has failed  
23 to achieve the goals set out pursuant to this section, such institution shall  
24 develop a plan of corrective procedures to ensure that such goals are  
25 achieved, subject to the approval of the Office of Higher Education.] The  
26 Office of Higher Education may establish a minority advancement  
27 program to reward and support efforts by institutions of higher  
28 education within the state system of higher education [towards meeting  
29 the goals established in the strategic plan developed pursuant to  
30 subsection (a) of this section] to ensure that students, faculty,  
31 administrators and staff of each institution of higher education are  
32 representative of the racial and ethnic diversity of the total population  
33 of the state.

34 Sec. 2. Subsection (c) of section 10a-11b of the general statutes is  
35 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
36 *2023*):

37 (c) In developing the higher education strategic master plan, the  
38 commission shall review the [plans] plan developed pursuant to  
39 [sections 10a-6 and 10a-11] section 10a-6. In addition, the commission  
40 may consider the following: (1) Establishing incentives for institutional  
41 performance and productivity; (2) increasing financial aid incentive  
42 programs, especially in workforce shortage areas and for minority  
43 students; (3) implementing mandatory college preparatory curricula in  
44 high schools and aligning such curricula with curricula in institutions of  
45 higher education; (4) seeking partnerships with the business community  
46 and public institutions of higher education to serve the needs of  
47 workforce retraining that may include bridge programs in which

48 businesses work directly with higher education institutions to move  
49 students into identified workforce shortage areas; (5) establishing  
50 collaborative partnerships between public high schools and institutions  
51 of higher education; (6) implementing programs in high school to assist  
52 high school students seeking a college track or alternative pathways for  
53 post-secondary education, such as vocational and technical  
54 opportunities; (7) developing policies to promote and measure retention  
55 and graduation rates of students, including graduation rates for  
56 students who have transferred among two or more constituent units or  
57 public institutions of higher education; (8) developing policies to  
58 promote the Transfer and Articulation program and the Guaranteed  
59 Admission program state wide; (9) addressing the educational needs of  
60 minority students and nontraditional students, including, but not  
61 limited to, part-time students, incumbent workers, adult learners,  
62 former inmates and immigrants, in order to increase enrollment and  
63 retention in institutions of higher education; and (10) addressing the  
64 affordability of tuition at institutions of higher education and the issue  
65 of increased student indebtedness.

66 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2023*) (a) As used in this section,  
67 "surplus property" means any land, improvement to land or interest in  
68 land that is (1) in the custody and control of an institution of higher  
69 education within the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities, and  
70 (2) determined by the Board of Regents for Higher Education to not be  
71 required for the discharge of any duty or function of such institution.

72 (b) Notwithstanding section 4b-21 of the general statutes, the Board  
73 of Regents for Higher Education may, upon the review and approval of  
74 the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, sell, exchange,  
75 lease or otherwise transfer and convey any surplus property to a bona  
76 fide purchaser for a price and on terms that said board determines are  
77 (1) reflective of the fair market value of the surplus property based on  
78 at least two appraisals conducted not earlier than three months prior to  
79 such sale, exchange, lease or other transfer and conveyance, (2) in the  
80 best interests of the state and the institution of higher education that has  
81 custody and control over the surplus property, and (3) consistent with

82 the objectives and purposes of such institution.

83 (c) The Board of Regents for Higher Education shall use the proceeds  
84 from any sale, exchange, lease or other transfer and conveyance of  
85 surplus property in the following order of priority: (1) To pay any  
86 outstanding bonds or other debt associated with the surplus property  
87 or any improvements to such property, (2) for any costs associated with  
88 such sale, exchange, lease or other transfer and conveyance, and (3) for  
89 any capital expenditure that is consistent with said board's plan for  
90 campus development.

91 Sec. 4. Section 10a-44d of the general statutes is repealed and the  
92 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

93 (a) For the purposes of this section:

94 (1) "Open educational resource" means a college level resource made  
95 available on an Internet web site to be used by students, faculty and  
96 members of the public on an unlimited basis at a cost lower than the  
97 market value of the printed textbook or other educational resource,  
98 including full courses, course materials, modules, textbooks, streaming  
99 videos, tests, software and other similar teaching, learning and research  
100 resources that reside in the public domain or have been released under  
101 a creative commons attribution license that permits the free use and  
102 repurposing of such resources;

103 (2) "Creative commons attribution license" means a copyright  
104 crediting the author of a digital work product that allows for the free  
105 use and distribution of such work product; [and]

106 (3) "High-impact course" means a course of instruction for which  
107 open educational resources would make a significant positive financial  
108 impact on the students taking the course due to the number of students  
109 taking the course or the market value of the printed textbook or other  
110 educational resources required for such course; and

111 (4) "President" means the president of the Connecticut State Colleges

112 and Universities.

113 (b) There is established the Connecticut Open Educational Resource  
114 Coordinating Council, which shall be part of the [Executive  
115 Department] Connecticut State Colleges and Universities. The  
116 [executive director of the Office of Higher Education] president shall  
117 appoint the members of the council which shall consist of the following:  
118 (1) A state-wide coordinator, who shall collaborate with all institutions  
119 of higher education to promote open educational resources and  
120 administer grants; (2) one faculty member, one administrator and one  
121 staff member from The University of Connecticut; (3) one faculty  
122 member, one administrator and one staff member from the regional  
123 community-technical college system; (4) one faculty member, one  
124 administrator and one staff member from Charter Oak State College; (5)  
125 one faculty member, one administrator and one staff member from the  
126 Connecticut State University System; (6) one faculty member, one  
127 administrator and one staff member from the independent institutions  
128 of higher education; and (7) one student from any public or independent  
129 institution of higher education in the state. All initial appointments to  
130 the council shall be made not later than September 1, 2019, and shall  
131 expire on August 30, 2022, regardless of when the initial appointment  
132 was made. Any member of the council may serve more than one term.

133 (c) The state-wide coordinator appointed by the [executive director  
134 of the Office of Higher Education] president shall serve as the  
135 chairperson of the council. The chairperson shall schedule the first  
136 meeting of the council, which shall be held not later than October 1,  
137 2019. The administrative staff of the [Office of Higher Education]  
138 Connecticut State Colleges and Universities shall serve as  
139 administrative staff of the council.

140 (d) Appointed members of the council shall serve for three-year terms  
141 which shall commence on the date of appointment, except as provided  
142 in subsection (b) of this section. Members shall continue to serve until  
143 their successors are appointed. Any vacancy shall be filled by the  
144 [executive director of the Office of Higher Education] president. Any

145 vacancy occurring other than by expiration of term shall be filled for the  
146 balance of the unexpired term. A majority of the council shall constitute  
147 a quorum for the transaction of any business. The members of the  
148 council shall serve without compensation, but shall, within the limits of  
149 available funds, be reimbursed for expenses necessarily incurred in the  
150 performance of their duties.

151 (e) The council shall perform the following functions:

152 (1) Identify high-impact courses for which open educational  
153 resources will be developed, converted or adopted;

154 (2) Establish a program of competitive grants for faculty members of  
155 institutions of higher education in the state for the development,  
156 conversion or adoption of open educational resources for high-impact  
157 courses with any funds identified by the council and within available  
158 appropriations;

159 (3) Accept, review and approve competitive grant applications,  
160 provided any faculty member who is approved for a competitive grant  
161 shall license such open educational resources through a creative  
162 commons attribution license;

163 (4) Administer a standardized review and approval process for the  
164 development, conversion or adoption of open educational resources;  
165 and

166 (5) Promote strategies for the production, use and access of open  
167 educational resources.

168 (f) The council shall meet quarterly, or as often as deemed necessary  
169 by a majority of the council.

170 (g) Not later than February 1, 2022, and annually thereafter, the  
171 council shall submit a report, in accordance with the provisions of  
172 section 11-4a, to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly  
173 having cognizance of matters relating to higher education regarding (1)  
174 the number and percentage of high-impact courses for which open

175 educational resources have been developed, (2) the degree to which  
176 institutions of higher education promote the use and access to open  
177 educational resources, (3) the amount of grants awarded by the council  
178 and the number of open educational resources developed by grant  
179 recipients, and (4) its recommendations for any amendments to the  
180 general statutes necessary to develop open educational resources.

181       Sec. 5. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2023*) Notwithstanding any provision  
182 of the general statutes, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, and each  
183 fiscal year thereafter, the fringe benefit costs for all employees of the  
184 constituent units of the state system of higher education shall be funded  
185 as follows: (1) The Comptroller shall fund, from resources appropriated  
186 for the State Comptroller-Fringe Benefits, retirement of such employees,  
187 including, but not limited to, hazardous duty employees, in the state  
188 employees retirement system, an alternative retirement program, as  
189 defined in section 5-154 of the general statutes, or the teachers'  
190 retirement system, and (2) the constituent unit of the state system of  
191 higher education shall fund (A) coverage of employees under a group  
192 life insurance policy and the group hospitalization and medical and  
193 surgical insurance plans procured by the Comptroller pursuant to  
194 section 5-259 of the general statutes, (B) unemployment compensation,  
195 and (C) employers' Social Security Tax.

196       Sec. 6. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2023*) For the fiscal year ending June 30,  
197 2024, and each fiscal year thereafter, upon request by the Board of  
198 Trustees of The University of Connecticut, the Comptroller shall  
199 transfer to The University of Connecticut Health Center Operating Fund  
200 any amount of the General Fund appropriation for operating expenses  
201 deposited in The University of Connecticut Operating Fund during such  
202 fiscal year.

203       Sec. 7. Section 12-801 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
204 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

205       As used in section 12-563a and sections 12-800 to 12-818, inclusive,  
206 [and section 12-853a,] the following terms have the following meanings

207 unless the context clearly indicates another meaning:

208 (1) "Board" or "board of directors" means the board of directors of the  
209 corporation;

210 (2) "Corporation" means the Connecticut Lottery Corporation as  
211 created under section 12-802;

212 (3) "Department" means the Department of Consumer Protection;

213 (4) "Division" means the former Division of Special Revenue in the  
214 Department of Revenue Services;

215 (5) "Fantasy contest" has the same meaning as provided in section 12-  
216 850;

217 (6) "Lottery" means (A) the Connecticut state lottery conducted prior  
218 to the transfer authorized under section 12-808 by the Division of Special  
219 Revenue, (B) after such transfer, the Connecticut state lottery conducted  
220 by the corporation pursuant to sections 12-563a and 12-800 to 12-818,  
221 inclusive, and section 12-853, (C) the state lottery referred to in  
222 subsection (a) of section 53-278g, and (D) keno conducted by the  
223 corporation pursuant to section 12-806c, or sections 12-851 and 12-853;

224 (7) "Keno" means a lottery game in which a subset of numbers are  
225 drawn from a larger field of numbers by a central computer system  
226 using an approved random number generator, wheel system device or  
227 other drawing device;

228 (8) "Lottery and gaming fund" means a fund or funds established by,  
229 and under the management and control of, the corporation, into which  
230 all lottery, sports wagering and fantasy contest revenues of the  
231 corporation are deposited [, other than revenues derived from online  
232 lottery ticket sales,] from which all payments and expenses of the  
233 corporation are paid [, other than those payments and expenses related  
234 to online lottery ticket sales,] and from which transfers to the General  
235 Fund or the Connecticut Teachers' Retirement Fund Bonds Special  
236 Capital Reserve Fund, established in section 10-183vv, are made



237 pursuant to section 12-812, as amended by this act; [, but "lottery and  
238 gaming fund" does not include the online lottery ticket sales fund  
239 established under section 12-853a;]

240 (9) "Online lottery ticket sales" means the sale of lottery tickets for  
241 lottery draw games through the corporation's Internet web site, an  
242 online service or a mobile application, pursuant to a license issued to the  
243 corporation under section 12-853;

244 (10) "Online sports wagering" has the same meaning as provided in  
245 section 12-850;

246 (11) "Operating revenue" means total revenue received from lottery  
247 sales and sports wagering less all cancelled sales and amounts paid as  
248 prizes but before payment or provision for payment of any other  
249 expenses;

250 (12) "Retail sports wagering" has the same meaning as provided in  
251 section 12-850; and

252 (13) "Skin" has the same meaning as provided in section 12-850.

253 Sec. 8. Subsection (a) of section 12-806 of the general statutes is  
254 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
255 *2023*):

256 (a) The purposes of the corporation shall be to: (1) Operate and  
257 manage the lottery, and retail sports wagering, online sports wagering  
258 and fantasy contests if licensed pursuant to section 12-853, in an  
259 entrepreneurial and business-like manner free from the budgetary and  
260 other constraints that affect state agencies; (2) provide continuing and  
261 increased revenue to the people of the state through the lottery, and  
262 retail sports wagering, online sports wagering and fantasy contests if  
263 licensed pursuant to section 12-853, by being responsive to market  
264 forces and acting generally as a corporation engaged in entrepreneurial  
265 pursuits; (3) pay to the trustee of the Connecticut Teachers' Retirement  
266 Fund Bonds Special Capital Reserve Fund, established in section 10-

267 183vv, the amounts, if any, required pursuant to subsection (c) of section  
268 12-812, as amended by this act; [(4) transfer to the debt-free community  
269 college account, established pursuant to section 10-174a, the amounts  
270 required by subsection (d) of section 12-812; and (5)] and (4) ensure that  
271 the lottery, and retail sports wagering, online sports wagering and  
272 fantasy contests, if licensed pursuant to section 12-853, continue to be  
273 operated with integrity and for the public good.

274 Sec. 9. Section 12-812 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
275 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

276 (a) (1) The president of the corporation, subject to the direction of the  
277 board, shall conduct daily, weekly, multistate, special instant or other  
278 lottery games and shall determine the number of times a lottery shall be  
279 held each year, the form and price of the tickets and the aggregate  
280 amount of prizes, which shall not be less than forty-five per cent of the  
281 sales unless required by the terms of any agreement entered into for the  
282 conduct of multistate lottery games. The proceeds of the sale of tickets  
283 [ , other than from online lottery ticket sales,] shall be deposited in the  
284 lottery and gaming fund of the corporation from which prizes shall be  
285 paid, upon vouchers signed by the president, or by either of two persons  
286 designated and authorized by him, in such numbers and amounts as the  
287 president determines. The corporation may limit its liability in games  
288 with fixed payouts and may cause a cessation of sales of tickets of certain  
289 designation when such liability limit has been reached.

290 (2) The president of the corporation, subject to the direction of the  
291 board, shall conduct retail sports wagering, online sports wagering and  
292 fantasy contests, if licensed to do so pursuant to section 12-853. The  
293 proceeds of such wagering and contest activities shall be deposited in  
294 the lottery and gaming fund of the corporation from which winnings  
295 shall be paid and from which the payments required by sections 12-867  
296 and 12-868 shall be made.

297 (b) The president, subject to the direction of the board, may enter into  
298 agreements for the sale of product advertising on lottery tickets, play

299 slips and other lottery media.

300 (c) On a weekly basis, the president shall estimate, and certify to the  
301 State Treasurer, that portion of the balance in the lottery and gaming  
302 fund which exceeds the current needs of the corporation for the  
303 payment of prizes and winnings, the payments required by sections 12-  
304 867 and 12-868, the payment of current operating expenses and funding  
305 of approved reserves of the corporation. The corporation shall transfer  
306 the amount so certified from the lottery and gaming fund of the  
307 corporation to the General Fund upon notification of receipt of such  
308 certification by the Treasurer, except that if the amount on deposit in the  
309 Connecticut Teachers' Retirement Fund Bonds Special Capital Reserve  
310 Fund, established in section 10-183vv, is less than the required  
311 minimum capital reserve, as defined in subsection (b) of said section,  
312 the corporation shall pay such amount so certified to the trustee of the  
313 fund for deposit in the fund. If the corporation transfers any moneys to  
314 the General Fund at any time when the amount on deposit in said capital  
315 reserve fund is less than the required minimum capital reserve, the  
316 amount of such transfer shall be deemed appropriated from the General  
317 Fund to the Connecticut Teachers' Retirement Fund Bonds Special  
318 Capital Reserve Fund.

319 [(d) The proceeds of online lottery ticket sales shall be deposited in  
320 the online lottery ticket sales fund of the corporation established  
321 pursuant to section 12-853a. On a weekly basis, the president shall  
322 estimate, and certify to the State Treasurer, that portion of the balance  
323 in such fund which exceeds the current needs of the corporation for the  
324 payment of prizes, the payment of current operating expenses and  
325 funding of approved reserves of the corporation related to online lottery  
326 ticket sales. For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2022, and June 30, 2023,  
327 upon notification of receipt of such certification by the State Treasurer,  
328 the corporation shall transfer the amount so certified to the General  
329 Fund. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, and each fiscal year  
330 thereafter, the corporation shall, upon notification of receipt of such  
331 certification by the State Treasurer, (1) transfer the amount so certified  
332 to the debt-free community college account established pursuant to

333 section 10a-174a, until the corporation has transferred a total of fourteen  
334 million dollars in a fiscal year to said account, and (2) transfer any  
335 amount remaining after the transfers required by subdivision (1) of this  
336 subsection to the General Fund.]

337 [(e)] (d) On a monthly basis, the president shall estimate and certify  
338 to the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, the amount  
339 that the corporation transferred to the General Fund, pursuant to  
340 subsection (c) of this section and section 12-867, that was from the  
341 proceeds of retail sports wagering at a retail sports wagering facility at  
342 the XL Center in Hartford that exceeds the payment of prizes and  
343 winnings, the payment of any federal excise taxes applicable to such  
344 sums received, the payment of current operating expenses and the  
345 funding of approved reserves of the corporation.

346 Sec. 10. Section 4-66k of the general statutes is repealed and the  
347 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

348 (a) There is established an account to be known as the "regional  
349 planning incentive account" which shall be a separate, nonlapsing  
350 account within the General Fund. The account shall contain any moneys  
351 required by law to be deposited in the account. [Except as provided in  
352 subsection (e) of this section, moneys] Moneys in the account shall be  
353 expended by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management for  
354 the purposes of first providing funding to regional planning  
355 organizations in accordance with the provisions of [subsections (b), (c)  
356 and (d) of] this section and then to providing grants under the regional  
357 performance incentive program established pursuant to section 4-124s.

358 (b) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014, funds from the regional  
359 planning incentive account shall be distributed to each regional  
360 planning organization, as defined in section 4-124i of the general  
361 statutes, revision of 1958, revised to January 1, 2013, in the amount of  
362 one hundred twenty-five thousand dollars. Any regional council of  
363 governments that is comprised of any two or more regional planning  
364 organizations that voluntarily consolidate on or before December 31,

365 2013, shall receive an additional payment in an amount equal to the  
366 amount the regional planning organizations would have received if  
367 such regional planning organizations had not voluntarily consolidated.

368 (c) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2015, to June 30, 2021, inclusive,  
369 funds from the regional planning incentive account shall be distributed  
370 to each regional council of governments formed pursuant to section 4-  
371 124j, in the amount of one hundred twenty-five thousand dollars plus  
372 fifty cents per capita, using population information from the most recent  
373 federal decennial census. Any regional council of governments that is  
374 comprised of any two or more regional planning organizations, as  
375 defined in section 4-124i of the general statutes, revision of 1958, revised  
376 to January 1, 2013, that voluntarily consolidated on or before December  
377 31, 2013, shall receive a payment in the amount of one hundred twenty-  
378 five thousand dollars for each such regional planning organization that  
379 voluntarily consolidated on or before said date.

380 (d) (1) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, and each fiscal year  
381 thereafter, funds from the regional planning incentive account shall be  
382 distributed to each regional council of governments formed pursuant to  
383 section 4-124j, in the amount of one hundred eighty-five thousand five  
384 hundred dollars plus sixty-eight cents per capita, using population  
385 information from the most recent federal decennial census.

386 (2) Not later than July 1, 2021, and annually thereafter, each regional  
387 council of governments shall submit to the secretary a proposal for  
388 expenditure of the funds described in subdivision (1) of this subsection.  
389 Such proposal may include, but need not be limited to, a description of  
390 (A) functions, activities or services currently performed by the state or  
391 municipalities that may be provided in a more efficient, cost-effective,  
392 responsive or higher quality manner by such council, a regional  
393 educational service center or similar regional entity; (B) anticipated cost  
394 savings relating to the sharing of government services, including, but  
395 not limited to, joint purchasing; (C) the standardization and alignment  
396 of various regions of the state; or (D) any other initiatives that may  
397 facilitate the delivery of services to the public in a more efficient, cost-

398 effective, responsive or higher quality manner.

399 [(e) There is established a regionalization subaccount within the  
400 regional planning incentive account. If the Connecticut Lottery  
401 Corporation offers online its existing lottery draw games through the  
402 corporation's Internet web site, online service or mobile application, and  
403 after any payment to the Connecticut Teachers' Retirement Fund Bonds  
404 Special Capital Reserve Fund required pursuant to section 12-812, the  
405 revenue from such online offering that exceeds an amount equivalent to  
406 the costs of the debt-free community college program under section 10a-  
407 174 shall be transferred to the subaccount, or, if such online offering is  
408 not established, the amount provided under subsection (b) of section 364  
409 of public act 19-117 for regionalization initiatives shall be deposited in  
410 the subaccount. Moneys in the subaccount shall be expended only for  
411 the purposes recommended by the task force established under section  
412 4-66s.]

413 Sec. 11. Subsection (i) of section 32-602 of the general statutes is  
414 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
415 *2023*):

416 (i) The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, on behalf  
417 of the state, shall enter into an agreement with the authority concerning  
418 the proceeds of the operation of retail sports wagering at the XL Center  
419 in Hartford. Notwithstanding any funds that may be appropriated to  
420 the authority for the operation of the XL Center in Hartford, any such  
421 agreement shall provide that the state shall distribute to the authority a  
422 sum equal to the amount certified pursuant to subsection [(e)] (d) of  
423 section 12-812, as amended by this act, for the operation of the XL Center  
424 in Hartford. The Office of Policy and Management shall distribute such  
425 sums to the authority on a quarterly basis and in such manner as  
426 specified in the agreement, and the authority shall use such sums for the  
427 operation of the XL Center in Hartford.

428 Sec. 12. Subsection (l) of section 10a-34 of the general statutes is  
429 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*

430 2023):

431 (l) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (b) to (j), inclusive,  
432 of this section and subject to the authority of the State Board of  
433 Education to regulate teacher education programs, an independent  
434 institution of higher education, as defined in section 10a-173, shall not  
435 require approval by the Office of Higher Education for any new  
436 programs of higher learning or any program modifications proposed by  
437 such institution, [until June 30, 2023, and for up to fifteen new programs  
438 of higher learning in any academic year or any program modifications  
439 proposed by such institution on and after July 1, 2023,] provided (1) the  
440 institution maintains eligibility to participate in financial aid programs  
441 governed by Title IV, Part B of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as  
442 amended from time to time, (2) the United States Department of  
443 Education has not determined that the institution has a financial  
444 responsibility score that is less than 1.5 for the most recent fiscal year for  
445 which the data necessary for determining the score is available, and (3)  
446 the institution has been located in the state and accredited as a degree-  
447 granting institution in good standing for ten years or more by a regional  
448 accrediting association recognized by the Secretary of the United States  
449 Department of Education and maintains such accreditation status.  
450 [Each] Not later than July 1, 2024, and annually thereafter, each  
451 institution that is exempt from program approval by the Office of  
452 Higher Education under this subsection shall file with the office [(A) on  
453 and after July 1, 2023, an application for approval of any new program  
454 of higher learning in excess of fifteen new programs in any academic  
455 year, (B) a program actions form, as created by the office, prior to  
456 students enrolling in any new program of higher learning or any  
457 existing program subject to a program modification, and (C) not later  
458 than July first, and annually thereafter, (i) until June 30, 2024, a list and  
459 brief description of any new programs of higher learning introduced by  
460 the institution in the preceding academic year and any existing  
461 programs of higher learning discontinued by the institution in the  
462 preceding academic year, (ii)] (A) an updated list of programs of higher  
463 learning or other credential, as defined in section 10a-35b, offered by the

464 institution, (B) the institution's current program approval process and  
 465 all actions of the governing board concerning approval of any new  
 466 program of higher learning, and [(iii)] (C) the institution's financial  
 467 responsibility composite score, as determined by the United States  
 468 Department of Education, for the most recent fiscal year for which the  
 469 data necessary for determining the score is available.

470 Sec. 13. Section 10a-19l of the general statutes is repealed. (*Effective*  
 471 *from passage*)

472 Sec. 14. Sections 3-123i, 3-123k, 4-66s, 10a-174a and 12-853a of the  
 473 general statutes are repealed. (*Effective July 1, 2023*)

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	10a-11
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	10a-11b(c)
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	New section
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	10a-44d
Sec. 5	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	New section
Sec. 6	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	New section
Sec. 7	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	12-801
Sec. 8	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	12-806(a)
Sec. 9	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	12-812
Sec. 10	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	4-66k
Sec. 11	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	32-602(i)
Sec. 12	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	10a-34(l)
Sec. 13	<i>from passage</i>	Repealer section
Sec. 14	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	Repealer section

**Statement of Purpose:**

To implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

*[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.]*