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Public Act No. 24-47

AN ACT MODIFYING THE CONNECTICUT AUTOMATIC ADMISSIONS PROGRAM.

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

Section 1. Subsection (e) of section 10a-11h of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

(e) (1) The Board of Regents for Higher Education shall establish [(A)] a minimum [class rank percentile] unweighted grade point average for applicants to qualify for admission through the Connecticut Automatic Admissions Program to each participating institution. [, and (B) a standardized method for calculating grade point average that shall be used to determine class rank percentile.]

(2) Each participating institution shall establish the minimum unweighted grade point average, established pursuant to subdivision (1) of this section, as an academic threshold for admission to such institution through the Connecticut Automatic Admissions Program [. Any other institution of higher education shall establish one or more of the following academic thresholds: (A) The minimum class rank percentile established by the Board of Regents for Higher Education pursuant to subparagraph (A) of subdivision (1) of this subsection, (B) a

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minimum grade point average calculated in accordance with the standardized method established by the board pursuant to subparagraph (B) of subdivision (1) of this subsection, or (C) a combination of a minimum grade point average calculated in accordance with the standardized method established by the board pursuant to subparagraph (B) of subdivision (1) of this subsection] and may establish an additional academic threshold of performance on a nationally recognized college readiness assessment administered to students enrolled in grade eleven pursuant to subdivision (3) of subsection (c) of section 10-14n. [Each state university within the Connecticut State University System shall establish the academic threshold set forth in subparagraph (A) of this subdivision and may establish the additional academic thresholds set forth in subparagraphs (B) and (C) of this subdivision. An applicant shall be deemed to have satisfied the academic threshold for admission to a participating institution through the Connecticut Automatic Admissions Program if such applicant satisfies any one of the academic thresholds established by such institution.]

(3) No governing board of a participating institution shall establish policies or procedures that require any academic qualifications in addition to the qualifications specified in subsection (b) of this section and the academic threshold established pursuant to this subsection for the purposes of the Connecticut Automatic Admissions Program.

Sec. 2. Section 10-220q of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

(a) For the school year commencing July 1, 2022, and each school year thereafter, for the purpose of qualifying a student for the Connecticut Automatic Admissions Program, established pursuant to section 10a-11h, as amended by this act, each local and regional board of education shall (1) calculate [a] the unweighted grade point average [using the standardized method established by the Board of Regents for Higher

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Education pursuant to subsection (e) of section 10a-11h,] for each student who completes eleventh grade, and (2) determine whether such student's [class rank percentile] unweighted grade point average is above or below the minimum established by the Board of Regents for Higher Education pursuant to subsection (e) of section 10a-11h, as amended by this act. Each local and regional board of education shall share a student's unweighted grade point average and whether such [student] grade point average is above or below the minimum [class rank percentile] established by the Board of Regents for Higher Education with (A) the student, (B) the student's parent or guardian, (C) the Department of Education, in the form and manner prescribed by the department, and (D) upon the student's request, a participating institution for the purposes of applying to such participating institution under the Connecticut Automatic Admissions Program.

(b) Nothing in this section shall be construed to require a local or regional board of education to publish [or provide a class ranking for any student or to publish] on a student's transcript the unweighted grade point average calculated pursuant to subsection (a) of this section or whether such [student] grade point average is above or below the minimum [class rank percentile] established by the Board of Regents for Higher Education pursuant to subsection (e) of section 10a-11h, as amended by this act.

(c) For the school year commencing July 1, 2022, and each school year thereafter, each local and regional board education shall notify each student enrolled in his or her final year of high school, and the parent or guardian of such student, whether such student may be admitted to at least one participating institution under the Connecticut Automatic Admissions Program based on the academic threshold established by such institution pursuant to subsection (e) of section 10a-11h, as amended by this act.

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