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The Committee on Higher Education and Employment Advancement reported through REP. HADDAD of the 54th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT REQUIRING REPORTING OF PROJECTED AND ACTUAL REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES AT PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

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

1 Section 1. Section 10a-77 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

3 (a) Subject to the provisions of section 10a-26, the Board of [Trustees
4 of the Community-Technical Colleges] Regents for Higher Education
5 shall fix fees for tuition at the regional community-technical colleges and
6 shall fix fees for such other purposes as the board deems necessary at
7 the regional community-technical colleges, and may make refunds to
8 the same.

9 (b) The Board of Regents for Higher Education shall establish and
10 administer a fund to be known as the Regional Community-Technical
11 Colleges Operating Fund. Appropriations from general revenues of the
12 state and, upon request by the board and with an annual review and

13 approval by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, the
14 amount of the appropriations for fringe benefits and workers'
15 compensation applicable to the regional community-technical colleges
16 pursuant to subsection (a) of section 4-73, shall be transferred from the
17 Comptroller, and all tuition revenue received by the regional
18 community-technical colleges in accordance with the provisions of
19 subsection (a) of this section shall be deposited in said fund. Income
20 from student fees or related charges; the proceeds of auxiliary activities
21 and business enterprises, gifts and donations; federal funds and grants
22 for purposes other than research, and all receipts derived from the
23 conduct by the colleges of their education extension programs and
24 summer school sessions shall be credited to said fund but shall be
25 allocated to the central office and institutional operating accounts which
26 shall be established and maintained for the central office and each
27 community-technical college. If the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
28 Management disapproves such transfer, the secretary may require the
29 amount of the appropriation for operating expenses to be used for
30 personal services and fringe benefits to be excluded from said fund. The
31 State Treasurer shall review and approve the transfer prior to such
32 request by the board. The board shall establish an equitable policy, in
33 accordance with section 10a-8, for allocation of appropriations from
34 general revenues of the state, fringe benefits transferred from the
35 Comptroller and tuition revenue deposited in the Regional Community-
36 Technical Colleges Operating Fund. At the beginning of each quarter of
37 the fiscal year, the board shall allocate and transfer, in accordance with
38 said policy, moneys for expenditure in such institutional operating
39 accounts, exclusive of amounts retained for central office operations and
40 reasonable reserves for future distribution. All costs of waiving or
41 remitting tuition pursuant to subsection (f) of this section shall be
42 charged to the Regional Community-Technical Colleges Operating
43 Fund. Repairs, alterations or additions to facilities supported by
44 operating funds and costing one million dollars or more shall require
45 the approval of the General Assembly, or when the General Assembly
46 is not in session, of the Finance Advisory Committee. Any balance of
47 receipts above expenditures shall remain in said fund, except such sums

48 as may be required for deposit into a debt service fund or the General
49 Fund for further payment by the Treasurer of debt service on general
50 obligation bonds of the state issued for purposes of the regional
51 community-technical colleges.

52 (c) [Commencing December 1, 1984, and thereafter not] (1) Not later
53 than sixty days after the close of each quarter, the [board of trustees]
54 Board of Regents for Higher Education shall submit, in accordance with
55 the provisions of section 11-4a, to the joint standing committee of the
56 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
57 appropriations and the budgets of state agencies, the Office of Higher
58 Education and the Office of Policy and Management a report on the
59 actual expenditures of the Regional Community-Technical Colleges
60 Operating Fund.

61 (2) Not later than August 1, 2024, and annually thereafter, the Board
62 of Regents for Higher Education shall submit, in accordance with the
63 provisions of section 11-4a, to the joint standing committees of the
64 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
65 appropriations and the budgets of state agencies and higher education
66 and employment advancement the actual revenue and expenditures of
67 the Regional Community-Technical Colleges Operating Fund during
68 the prior fiscal year, itemized by the categories specified in subdivision
69 (4) of this subsection.

70 (3) Not later than January 1, 2025, and annually thereafter, the Board
71 of Regents for Higher Education shall submit, in accordance with the
72 provisions of section 11-4a, to the joint standing committees of the
73 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
74 appropriations and the budgets of state agencies and higher education
75 and employment advancement the projected revenue and expenditures
76 of the Regional Community-Technical Colleges Operating Fund for the
77 current fiscal year, itemized by the categories specified in subdivision
78 (4) of this subsection.

79 (4) (A) The Board of Regents for Higher Education shall categorize
80 the actual and projected revenue of the Regional Community-Technical

81 Colleges Operating Fund by state support and other sources of revenue.
82 Under the state support category, the board shall itemize revenue by (i)
83 ongoing state support, (ii) funds allocated for said fund from the federal
84 funds designated for the state pursuant to the American Rescue Plan
85 Act of 2021, P.L. 117-2, if any, (iii) deficiency funding, (iv) state-paid
86 fringe benefits, and (v) any other category of funding from the state.
87 Under the other sources of revenue category, the board shall itemize
88 revenue by (I) tuition, (II) fees, (III) federal funds, grants and contracts,
89 (IV) foundation and endowment funds, (V) sales and services, (VI)
90 auxiliary enterprises, and (VII) any other category of revenue from other
91 sources.

92 (B) The Board of Regents for Higher Education shall itemize the
93 actual and projected expenditures of the Regional Community-
94 Technical Colleges Operating Fund by (i) personal services, (ii) fringe
95 benefits, (iii) energy, (iv) equipment, (v) student financial aid, (vi) debt
96 service and other projects or transfers, and (vii) any other category of
97 expenditure.

98 (d) [Said board of trustees] The Board of Regents for Higher
99 Education shall waive the payment of tuition at any of the regional
100 community-technical colleges (1) for any dependent child of a person
101 whom the armed forces of the United States has declared to be missing
102 in action or to have been a prisoner of war while serving in such armed
103 forces after January 1, 1960, which child has been accepted for admission
104 to such institution and is a resident of the state at the time such child is
105 accepted for admission to such institution, (2) subject to the provisions
106 of subsection (e) of this section, for any veteran, as defined in section 27-
107 103, who performed service in time of war, as defined in section 27-103,
108 except that for purposes of this subsection, "service in time of war" shall
109 not include time spent in attendance at a military service academy,
110 which veteran has been accepted for admission to such institution and
111 is domiciled in this state at the time such veteran is accepted for
112 admission to such institution, (3) for any resident of the state sixty-two
113 years of age or older, provided, at the end of the regular registration
114 period, there are enrolled in the course a sufficient number of students

115 other than those residents eligible for waivers pursuant to this
116 subdivision to offer the course in which such resident intends to enroll
117 and there is space available in such course after accommodating all such
118 students, (4) for any student attending the Connecticut State Police
119 Academy who is enrolled in a law enforcement program at said
120 academy offered in coordination with a regional community-technical
121 college which accredits courses taken in such program, (5) for any active
122 member of the Connecticut Army or Air National Guard who (A) has
123 been certified by the Adjutant General or such Adjutant General's
124 designee as a member in good standing of the guard, and (B) is enrolled
125 or accepted for admission to such institution on a full-time or part-time
126 basis in an undergraduate degree-granting program, (6) for any
127 dependent child of a (A) police officer, as defined in section 7-294a, or
128 supernumerary or auxiliary police officer, (B) firefighter, as defined in
129 section 7-323j, or member of a volunteer fire company, (C) municipal
130 employee, or (D) state employee, as defined in section 5-154, killed in
131 the line of duty, (7) for any resident of the state who is a dependent child
132 or surviving spouse of a specified terrorist victim who was a resident of
133 this state, (8) for any dependent child of a resident of the state who was
134 killed in a multivehicle crash at or near the intersection of Routes 44 and
135 10 and Nod Road in Avon on July 29, 2005, and (9) for any resident of
136 the state who is a dependent child or surviving spouse of a person who
137 was killed in action while performing active military duty with the
138 armed forces of the United States on or after September 11, 2001, and
139 who was a resident of this state. If any person who receives a tuition
140 waiver in accordance with the provisions of this subsection also receives
141 educational reimbursement from an employer, such waiver shall be
142 reduced by the amount of such educational reimbursement. Veterans
143 and members of the National Guard described in subdivision (5) of this
144 subsection shall be given the same status as students not receiving
145 tuition waivers in registering for courses at regional community-
146 technical colleges. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10a-30, as
147 used in this subsection, "domiciled in this state" includes domicile for
148 less than one year.

149 (e) (1) If any veteran described in subsection (d) of this section has

150 applied for federal educational assistance under the Post-9/11 Veterans
151 Educational Assistance Act of 2008, the [board of trustees] Board of
152 Regents for Higher Education shall waive the payment of tuition at any
153 of the regional community-technical colleges for such veteran in
154 accordance with subdivision (2) of this subsection. If any such veteran
155 certifies to said board that such veteran's application for such federal
156 educational assistance has been denied or withdrawn, said board [of
157 trustees] shall waive the payment of tuition in accordance with
158 subsection (d) of this section.

159 (2) (A) For purposes of this subdivision, "veteran tuition benefit"
160 means the portion of federal educational assistance under the Post-9/11
161 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008 to be paid to a regional
162 community-technical college on behalf of a veteran that represents
163 payment for tuition. Such portion shall be calculated by multiplying (i)
164 the total amount of such federal educational assistance to be paid to a
165 regional community-technical college on behalf of such veteran by (ii)
166 an amount obtained by dividing (I) the actual tuition charged by such
167 college to such veteran by (II) the sum of the actual tuition and fees
168 charged by such college to such veteran.

169 (B) Said board [of trustees] shall waive the payment of tuition in
170 excess of the veteran tuition benefit at any of the regional community-
171 technical colleges for such veteran.

172 (f) Said board shall set aside from its anticipated regional community-
173 technical college tuition revenue, an amount not less than that required
174 by said board's tuition policy. Such funds shall be used to provide
175 tuition waivers, tuition remissions, grants for educational expenses and
176 student employment for residents enrolled in regional community-
177 technical colleges as full or part-time matriculated students in a degree-
178 granting program, or enrolled in a precollege remedial program, who
179 demonstrate substantial financial need. Said board may also set aside
180 from its anticipated tuition revenue an additional amount equal to one
181 per cent of said tuition revenue for financial assistance for students who
182 would not otherwise be eligible for financial assistance but who do have

183 a financial need as determined by the college in accordance with this
184 subsection. In determining such financial need, the college shall exclude
185 the value of equity in the principal residence of the student's parents or
186 legal guardians, or in the student's principal residence if the student is
187 not considered to be a dependent of [his] such student's parents or legal
188 guardians and shall assess the earnings of a dependent student at the
189 rate of thirty per cent.

190 (g) The Regional Community-Technical Colleges Operating Fund
191 shall be reimbursed for the amount by which the tuition waivers
192 granted under subsection (d) of this section exceed five per cent of
193 tuition revenue through an annual state appropriation. The [board of
194 trustees] Board of Regents for Higher Education shall request such an
195 appropriation and said appropriation shall be based upon an estimate
196 of tuition revenue loss using tuition rates in effect for the fiscal year in
197 which such appropriation will apply.

198 (h) Said board [of trustees] shall allow any student who is a member
199 of the armed forces called to active duty during any semester to enroll
200 in any course for which such student had remitted tuition but which
201 was not completed due to active duty status. Such course reenrollment
202 shall be offered to any qualifying student for a period not exceeding four
203 years after the date of release from active duty without additional
204 tuition, student fee or related charge, except if such student has been
205 fully reimbursed for the tuition, fees and charges for the course that was
206 not completed.

207 (i) [The Board of Regents for Higher Education] Said board shall not
208 assess or charge a graduation fee to any student enrolled in a regional
209 community-technical college for the purpose of graduating from such
210 regional community-technical college.

211 Sec. 2. Section 10a-99 of the 2024 supplement to the general statutes
212 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
213 *1, 2024*):

214 (a) Subject to the provisions of section 10a-26, the Board of [Trustees

215 of the Connecticut State University System] Regents for Higher
216 Education shall fix fees for tuition and [shall fix fees] for such other
217 purposes as the board deems necessary at the [university] Connecticut
218 State University System, and may make refunds of the same.

219 (b) The Board of Regents for Higher Education shall establish and
220 administer a fund to be known as the Connecticut State University
221 System Operating Fund. Appropriations from general revenues of the
222 state and upon request by the Connecticut State University System and
223 with the annual review and approval by the Secretary of the Office of
224 Policy and Management, the amount of the appropriations for fringe
225 benefits pursuant to subsection (a) of section 4-73, shall be transferred
226 from the State Comptroller and all tuition revenue received by the
227 Connecticut State University System in accordance with the provisions
228 of subsection (a) of this section shall be deposited in said fund. Income
229 from student fees or related charges, the proceeds of auxiliary activities
230 and business enterprises, gifts and donations, federal funds and grants,
231 subject to the provisions of sections 10a-98 to 10a-98g, inclusive, and all
232 receipts derived from the conduct by a state university of its education
233 extension program and its summer school session shall be credited to
234 said fund but shall be allocated to the central office and institutional
235 operating accounts which shall be established and maintained for the
236 central office and each state university. Any such gifts and donations,
237 federal funds and grants for purposes of research shall be allocated to
238 separate accounts within such central office and institutional operating
239 accounts. If the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management
240 disapproves such transfer, the secretary may require the amount of the
241 appropriation for operating expenses to be used for personal services
242 and fringe benefits to be excluded from said fund. The State Treasurer
243 shall review and approve the transfer prior to such request by the
244 university. The board shall establish an equitable policy, in accordance
245 with section 10a-8, for allocation of appropriations from general
246 revenues of the state, fringe benefits transferred from the State
247 Comptroller and tuition revenue deposited in the Connecticut State
248 University System Operating Fund. At the beginning of each quarter of
249 the fiscal year, the board shall allocate and transfer, in accordance with

250 said policy, moneys for expenditure in such institutional operating
251 accounts, exclusive of amounts retained for central office operations and
252 reasonable reserves for future distribution. All costs of waiving or
253 remitting tuition pursuant to subsection (f) of this section shall be
254 charged to the Connecticut State University System Operating Fund.
255 Repairs, alterations or additions to facilities supported by the
256 Connecticut State University System Operating Fund and costing one
257 million dollars or more shall require the approval of the General
258 Assembly, or when the General Assembly is not in session, of the
259 Finance Advisory Committee. Any balance of receipts above
260 expenditures shall remain in said fund, except such sums as may be
261 required for deposit into a debt service fund or the General Fund for
262 further payment by the Treasurer of debt service on general obligation
263 bonds of the state issued for purposes of the Connecticut State
264 University System.

265 (c) [Commencing December 1, 1984, and thereafter not] (1) Not later
266 than sixty days after the close of each quarter, the [board of trustees]
267 Board of Regents for Higher Education shall submit, in accordance with
268 the provisions of section 11-4a, to the joint standing committee of the
269 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
270 appropriations and the budgets of state agencies, the Office of Higher
271 Education and the Office of Policy and Management a report on the
272 actual expenditures of the Connecticut State University System
273 Operating Fund.

274 (2) Not later than August 1, 2024, and annually thereafter, the Board
275 of Regents for Higher Education shall submit, in accordance with the
276 provisions of section 11-4a, to the joint standing committees of the
277 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
278 appropriations and the budgets of state agencies and higher education
279 and employment advancement the actual revenue and expenditures of
280 the Connecticut State University System Operating Fund during the
281 prior fiscal year, itemized by the categories specified in subdivision (4)
282 of this subsection.

283 (3) Not later than January 1, 2025, and annually thereafter, the Board
284 of Regents for Higher Education shall submit, in accordance with the
285 provisions of section 11-4a, to the joint standing committees of the
286 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
287 appropriations and the budgets of state agencies and higher education
288 and employment advancement the projected revenue and expenditures
289 of the Connecticut State University System Operating Fund for the
290 current fiscal year, itemized by the categories specified in subdivision
291 (4) of this subsection.

292 (4) (A) The Board of Regents for Higher Education shall categorize
293 the actual and projected revenue of the Connecticut State University
294 System Operating Fund by state support and other sources of revenue.
295 Under the state support category, the board shall itemize revenue by (i)
296 ongoing state support, (ii) funds allocated for said fund from the federal
297 funds designated for the state pursuant to the American Rescue Plan
298 Act of 2021, P.L. 117-2 if any, (iii) deficiency funding, (iv) state-paid
299 fringe benefits, and (v) any other category of funding from the state.
300 Under the other sources of revenue category, the board shall itemize
301 revenue by (I) tuition, (II) fees, (III) federal funds, grants and contracts,
302 (IV) foundation and endowment funds, (V) sales and services, (VI)
303 auxiliary enterprises, and (VII) any other category of revenue from other
304 sources.

305 (B) The Board of Regents for Higher Education shall itemize the
306 actual and projected expenditures of the Connecticut State University
307 System Operating Fund by (i) personal services, (ii) fringe benefits, (iii)
308 energy, (iv) equipment, (v) student financial aid, (vi) debt service and
309 other projects or transfers, and (vii) any other category of expenditure.

310 (d) Said board shall waive the payment of tuition fees for
311 undergraduate and graduate degree programs at the Connecticut State
312 University System (1) for any dependent child of a person whom the
313 armed forces of the United States has declared to be missing in action or
314 to have been a prisoner of war while serving in such armed forces after
315 January 1, 1960, which child has been accepted for admission to such

316 institution and is a resident of the state at the time such child is accepted
317 for admission to such institution, (2) subject to the provisions of
318 subsection (e) of this section, for any veteran, as defined in section 27-
319 103, who performed service in time of war, as defined in section 27-103,
320 except that for purposes of this subsection, "service in time of war" shall
321 not include time spent in attendance at a military service academy,
322 which veteran has been accepted for admission to such institution and
323 is domiciled in this state at the time such veteran is accepted for
324 admission to such institution, (3) for any resident of the state sixty-two
325 years of age or older who has been accepted for admission to such
326 institution, provided (A) such resident is enrolled in a degree-granting
327 program, or (B) at the end of the regular registration period, there are
328 enrolled in the course a sufficient number of students other than those
329 residents eligible for waivers pursuant to this subdivision to offer the
330 course in which such resident intends to enroll and there is space
331 available in such course after accommodating all such students, (4) for
332 any student attending the Connecticut Police Academy who is enrolled
333 in a law enforcement program at said academy offered in coordination
334 with the university which accredits courses taken in such program, (5)
335 for any active member of the Connecticut Army or Air National Guard
336 who (A) has been certified by the Adjutant General or such Adjutant
337 General's designee as a member in good standing of the guard, and (B)
338 is enrolled or accepted for admission to such institution on a full-time
339 or part-time basis in an undergraduate or graduate degree-granting
340 program, (6) for any dependent child of a (A) police officer, as defined
341 in section 7-294a, or supernumerary or auxiliary police officer, (B)
342 firefighter, as defined in section 7-323j, or member of a volunteer fire
343 company, (C) municipal employee, or (D) state employee, as defined in
344 section 5-154, killed in the line of duty, (7) for any resident of this state
345 who is a dependent child or surviving spouse of a specified terrorist
346 victim who was a resident of the state, (8) for any dependent child of a
347 resident of the state who was killed in a multivehicle crash at or near the
348 intersection of Routes 44 and 10 and Nod Road in Avon on July 29, 2005,
349 and (9) for any resident of the state who is a dependent child or
350 surviving spouse of a person who was killed in action while performing

351 active military duty with the armed forces of the United States on or
352 after September 11, 2001, and who was a resident of this state. If any
353 person who receives a tuition waiver in accordance with the provisions
354 of this subsection also receives educational reimbursement from an
355 employer, such waiver shall be reduced by the amount of such
356 educational reimbursement. Veterans and members of the National
357 Guard described in subdivision (5) of this subsection shall be given the
358 same status as students not receiving tuition waivers in registering for
359 courses at Connecticut state universities. Notwithstanding the
360 provisions of section 10a-30, as used in this subsection, "domiciled in
361 this state" includes domicile for less than one year.

362 (e) (1) If any veteran described in subsection (d) of this section has
363 applied for federal educational assistance under the Post-9/11 Veterans
364 Educational Assistance Act of 2008, the [board of trustees] Board of
365 Regents for Higher Education shall waive the payment of tuition at the
366 Connecticut State University System for such veteran in accordance
367 with subdivision (2) of this subsection. If any such veteran certifies to
368 said board that such veteran's application for such federal educational
369 assistance has been denied or withdrawn, said board [of trustees] shall
370 waive the payment of tuition in accordance with subsection (d) of this
371 section.

372 (2) (A) For purposes of this subdivision, "veteran tuition benefit"
373 means the portion of federal educational assistance under the Post-9/11
374 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008 to be paid to the
375 Connecticut State University System on behalf of a veteran that
376 represents payment for tuition. Such portion shall be calculated by
377 multiplying (i) the total amount of such federal educational assistance
378 to be paid to the Connecticut State University System on behalf of such
379 veteran by (ii) an amount obtained by dividing (I) the actual tuition
380 charged by the Connecticut State University System to such veteran by
381 (II) the sum of the actual tuition and fees charged by the Connecticut
382 State University System to such veteran.

383 (B) Said board [of trustees] shall waive the payment of tuition in

384 excess of the veteran tuition benefit at the Connecticut State University
385 System for such veteran.

386 (f) Said board shall set aside from its anticipated tuition revenue, an
387 amount not less than that required by the [board of governors'] tuition
388 policy established under subdivision (3) of subsection (a) of section 10a-
389 6. Such funds shall be used to provide tuition waivers, tuition
390 remissions, grants for educational expenses and student employment
391 for any undergraduate or graduate student who is enrolled as a full or
392 part-time matriculated student in a degree-granting program, or
393 enrolled in a precollege remedial program, and who demonstrates
394 substantial financial need. Said board may also set aside from its
395 anticipated tuition revenue an additional amount equal to one per cent
396 of said tuition revenue for financial assistance for students who would
397 not otherwise be eligible for financial assistance but who do have a
398 financial need as determined by the state university within the
399 Connecticut State University System in accordance with this subsection.
400 In determining such financial need, the university shall exclude the
401 value of equity in the principal residence of the student's parents or legal
402 guardians, or in the student's principal residence if the student is not
403 considered to be a dependent of [his] such student's parents or legal
404 guardians and shall assess the earnings of a dependent student at the
405 rate of thirty per cent.

406 (g) The Connecticut State University System Operating Fund shall be
407 reimbursed for the amount by which the tuition waivers granted under
408 subsection (d) of this section exceed two and one-half per cent of tuition
409 revenue through an annual state appropriation. The [board of trustees]
410 Board of Regents for Higher Education shall request such an
411 appropriation and said appropriation shall be based upon an estimate
412 of tuition revenue loss using tuition rates in effect for the fiscal year in
413 which such appropriation will apply.

414 (h) Said board [of trustees] shall allow any student who is a member
415 of the armed forces called to active duty during any semester to enroll
416 in any course for which such student had remitted tuition but which

417 was not completed due to active duty status. Such course reenrollment
418 shall be offered to any qualifying student for a period not exceeding four
419 years after the date of release from active duty without additional
420 tuition, student fee or related charge, except if such student has been
421 fully reimbursed for the tuition, fees and charges for the course that was
422 not completed.

423 (i) [The Board of Regents for Higher Education] Said board shall not
424 assess or charge a graduation fee to any student enrolled in the
425 Connecticut State University System for the purpose of graduating from
426 a state university within such system.

427 Sec. 3. Subsection (f) of section 10a-143 of the general statutes is
428 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
429 *2024*):

430 (f) (1) The Board of Regents for Higher Education shall establish and
431 administer a fund to be known as the Board of Regents for Higher
432 Education for Charter Oak State College Operating Fund, which shall
433 be a separate account within the General Fund. The operating fund shall
434 be used for the expenses of Charter Oak State College, including
435 personnel expenses and equipment, and for the support of college
436 activities pursuant to this section, including validation and evaluation
437 of learning, guidance and public information services, projects of
438 research and development for the improvement of learning materials
439 and the technology of delivery systems, and for the purchase of such
440 services, materials and equipment as are required for use in connection
441 with said activities. Appropriations from general revenues of the state,
442 all fees and proceeds of the board's activities on behalf of Charter Oak
443 State College, including grants and donations, not required by statute
444 or regulation to be deposited to the credit of the General Fund, shall be
445 credited to and become a part of the resources of said operating fund.
446 Any balance of receipts above expenditures shall remain in said
447 operating fund. Not later than sixty days after the close of each quarter,
448 the Board of Regents for Higher Education shall submit, in accordance
449 with the provisions of section 11-4a, to the joint standing committee of

450 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
451 appropriations and the budgets of state agencies, the Office of Higher
452 Education and the Office of Policy and Management a report on the
453 actual expenditures of the Board of Regents for Higher Education for
454 Charter Oak State College Operating Fund.

455 (2) Not later than August 1, 2024, and annually thereafter, the Board
456 of Regents for Higher Education shall submit, in accordance with the
457 provisions of section 11-4a, to the joint standing committees of the
458 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
459 appropriations and the budgets of state agencies and higher education
460 and employment advancement the actual revenue and expenditures of
461 the Board of Regents for Higher Education for Charter Oak State College
462 Operating Fund during the prior fiscal year, itemized by the categories
463 specified in subdivision (4) of this subsection.

464 (3) Not later than January 1, 2025, and annually thereafter, the Board
465 of Regents for Higher Education shall submit, in accordance with the
466 provisions of section 11-4a, to the joint standing committees of the
467 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
468 appropriations and the budgets of state agencies and higher education
469 and employment advancement the projected revenue and expenditures
470 of the Board of Regents for Higher Education for Charter Oak State
471 College Operating Fund for the current fiscal year, itemized by the
472 categories specified in subdivision (4) of this subsection.

473 (4) (A) The Board of Regents for Higher Education shall categorize
474 the actual and projected revenue of the Board of Regents for Higher
475 Education for Charter Oak State College Operating Fund by state
476 support and other sources of revenue. Under the state support category,
477 the board shall itemize revenue by (i) ongoing state support, (ii) funds
478 allocated for said fund from the federal funds designated for the state
479 pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, P.L. 117-2, if any, (iii)
480 deficiency funding, (iv) state-paid fringe benefits, and (v) any other
481 category of funding from the state. Under the other sources of revenue
482 category, the board shall itemize revenue by (I) tuition, (II) fees, (III)

483 federal funds, grants and contracts, (IV) foundation and endowment
484 funds, (V) sales and services, (VI) auxiliary enterprises, and (VII) any
485 other category of revenue from other sources.

486 (B) The Board of Regents for Higher Education shall itemize the
487 actual and projected expenditures of the Board of Regents for Higher
488 Education for Charter Oak State College Operating Fund by (i) personal
489 services, (ii) fringe benefits, (iii) energy, (iv) equipment, (v) student
490 financial aid, (vi) debt service and other projects or transfers, and (vii)
491 any other category of expenditure.

492 Sec. 4. Section 10a-105 of the 2024 supplement to the general statutes
493 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
494 *1, 2024*):

495 (a) Subject to the provisions of sections 10a-8 and 10a-26, the Board of
496 Trustees of The University of Connecticut shall fix fees for tuition and
497 [shall fix fees] for such other purposes as the board deems necessary at
498 The University of Connecticut, and may make refunds of the same.

499 (b) The Board of Trustees of The University of Connecticut shall
500 establish and administer a fund to be known as The University of
501 Connecticut Operating Fund, and in addition, may establish a Special
502 External Gift Fund, and an endowment fund, as defined in section 10a-
503 109c, and such other funds as may be established pursuant to
504 subdivision (13) of subsection (a) of section 10a-109d. Appropriations
505 from general revenues of the state and, upon request by the university
506 and with an annual review and approval by the Secretary of the Office
507 of Policy and Management, the amount of the appropriations for fringe
508 benefits and workers' compensation applicable to the university
509 pursuant to subsection (a) of section 4-73, shall be transferred from the
510 Comptroller, and all tuition revenue received by the university in
511 accordance with the provisions of subsection (a) of this section, income
512 from student fees or related charges, the proceeds of auxiliary activities
513 and business enterprises, gifts and donations, federal funds and grants
514 for purposes other than research and all receipts derived from the
515 conduct by The University of Connecticut of its education extension

516 program and its summer school session, except funds received by The
517 University of Connecticut Health Center, shall be deposited in said
518 operating fund. If the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management
519 disapproves such transfer, he may require the amount of the
520 appropriation for operating expenses to be used for personal services
521 and fringe benefits to be excluded from said fund. The State Treasurer
522 shall review and approve the transfer prior to such request by the
523 university. All costs of waiving or remitting tuition pursuant to
524 subsection (g) of this section, except the cost of waiving or remitting
525 tuition for students enrolled in the schools of medicine or dental
526 medicine, shall be charged to said fund. Repairs, alterations or additions
527 to facilities supported by said fund costing one million dollars or more
528 shall require the approval of the General Assembly, or when the General
529 Assembly is not in session, of the Finance Advisory Committee. Any
530 balance of receipts above expenditures shall remain in said fund, except
531 such sums as may be required for deposit into a debt service fund or the
532 General Fund for further payment by the Treasurer of debt service on
533 general obligation bonds of the state issued for purposes of The
534 University of Connecticut.

535 (c) The Board of Trustees of The University of Connecticut shall
536 establish and administer a fund to be known as The University of
537 Connecticut Health Center Operating Fund. Appropriations from
538 general revenues of the state except the amount of the appropriation for
539 operating expenses to be used for personal services and the
540 appropriations for fringe benefits pursuant to subsection (a) of section
541 4-73, all tuition revenue received by the health center in accordance with
542 the provisions of subsection (a) of this section, income from student fees
543 or related charges, proceeds from auxiliary and business enterprises,
544 gifts and donations, federal funds and grants for purposes other than
545 research and other income relative to these activities shall be deposited
546 in said fund. All costs of waiving or remitting tuition pursuant to
547 subsection (g) of this section for students enrolled in the schools of
548 medicine or dental medicine shall be charged to said fund. Repairs,
549 alterations or additions to facilities supported by said fund costing one
550 million dollars or more shall require the approval of the General

551 Assembly, or when the General Assembly is not in session, of the
552 Finance Advisory Committee. Any balance of receipts above
553 expenditures shall remain in said fund, except such sums as may be
554 required for deposit into a debt service fund or the General Fund for
555 further payment by the Treasurer of debt service on general obligation
556 bonds of the state issued for purposes of The University of Connecticut
557 Health Center.

558 (d) [Commencing December 1, 1981, and thereafter not] (1) Not later
559 than sixty days after the close of each quarter, the board of trustees shall
560 submit, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a, to the joint
561 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
562 matters relating to appropriations and the budgets of state agencies, the
563 Office of Higher Education and the Office of Policy and Management a
564 report on the actual expenditures of The University of Connecticut
565 Operating Fund and The University of Connecticut Health Center
566 Operating Fund containing such relevant information as the Office of
567 Policy and Management may require. [in the form prescribed by the
568 board of regents in accordance with subsection (a) of section 10a-8.]

569 (2) Not later than August 1, 2024, and annually thereafter, the Board
570 of Trustees of The University of Connecticut shall submit, in accordance
571 with the provisions of section 11-4a, to the joint standing committees of
572 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
573 appropriations and the budgets of state agencies and higher education
574 and employment advancement the actual revenue and expenditures of
575 The University of Connecticut Operating Fund and The University of
576 Connecticut Health Center Operating Fund during the prior fiscal year,
577 itemized by the categories specified in subdivision (4) of this subsection.

578 (3) Not later than January 1, 2025, and annually thereafter, the Board
579 of Trustees of The University of Connecticut shall submit, in accordance
580 with the provisions of section 11-4a, to the joint standing committees of
581 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
582 appropriations and the budgets of state agencies and higher education
583 and employment advancement the projected revenue and expenditures

584 of The University of Connecticut Operating Fund and The University of
585 Connecticut Health Center Operating Fund for the current fiscal year,
586 itemized by the categories specified in subdivision (4) of this subsection.

587 (4) (A) The Board of Trustees of The University of Connecticut shall
588 categorize the actual and projected revenue of The University of
589 Connecticut Operating Fund and The University of Connecticut Health
590 Center Operating Fund by state support and other sources of revenue.
591 Under the state support category, the board shall itemize revenue by (i)
592 ongoing state support, (ii) funds allocated for said fund from the federal
593 funds designated for the state pursuant to the American Rescue Plan
594 Act of 2021, P.L. 117-2, if any, (iii) deficiency funding, (iv) state-paid
595 fringe benefits, and (v) any other category of funding from the state.
596 Under the other sources of revenue category, the board shall itemize
597 revenue by (I) tuition, (II) fees, (III) federal funds, grants and contracts,
598 (IV) foundation and endowment funds, (V) sales and services, (VI)
599 auxiliary enterprises, and (VII) any other category of revenue from other
600 sources.

601 (B) The Board of Trustees of The University of Connecticut shall
602 itemize the actual and projected expenditures of The University of
603 Connecticut Operating Fund and The University of Connecticut Health
604 Center Operating Fund by (i) personal services, (ii) fringe benefits, (iii)
605 energy, (iv) equipment, (v) student financial aid, (vi) debt service and
606 other projects or transfers, and (vii) any other category of expenditure.

607 (e) Said board of trustees shall waive the payment of tuition fees for
608 any undergraduate or graduate degree program at The University of
609 Connecticut (1) for any dependent child of a person whom the armed
610 forces of the United States has declared to be missing in action or to have
611 been a prisoner of war while serving in such armed forces after January
612 1, 1960, which child has been accepted for admission to The University
613 of Connecticut and is a resident of the state at the time such child is
614 accepted for admission to said institution, (2) subject to the provisions
615 of subsection (f) of this section, for any veteran, as defined in section 27-
616 103, who performed service in time of war, as defined in section 27-103,

617 except that for purposes of this subsection, "service in time of war" shall
618 not include time spent in attendance at a military service academy,
619 which veteran has been accepted for admission to said institution and is
620 domiciled in this state at the time such veteran is accepted for admission
621 to said institution, (3) for any resident of the state sixty-two years of age
622 or older who has been accepted for admission to said institution,
623 provided (A) such resident is enrolled in a degree-granting program, or
624 (B) at the end of the regular registration period, there are enrolled in the
625 course a sufficient number of students other than those residents eligible
626 for waivers pursuant to this subdivision to offer the course in which
627 such resident intends to enroll and there is space available in such
628 course after accommodating all such students, (4) for any active member
629 of the Connecticut Army or Air National Guard who (A) has been
630 certified by the Adjutant General or such Adjutant General's designee
631 as a member in good standing of the guard, and (B) is enrolled or
632 accepted for admission to said institution on a full-time or part-time
633 basis in an undergraduate or graduate degree-granting program, (5) for
634 any dependent child of a (A) police officer, as defined in section 7-294a,
635 or supernumerary or auxiliary police officer, (B) firefighter, as defined
636 in section 7-323j, or member of a volunteer fire company, (C) municipal
637 employee, or (D) state employee, as defined in section 5-154, killed in
638 the line of duty, (6) for any resident of the state who is the dependent
639 child or surviving spouse of a specified terrorist victim who was a
640 resident of the state, (7) for any dependent child of a resident of the state
641 who was killed in a multivehicle crash at or near the intersection of
642 Routes 44 and 10 and Nod Road in Avon on July 29, 2005, and (8) for
643 any resident of the state who is a dependent child or surviving spouse
644 of a person who was killed in action while performing active military
645 duty with the armed forces of the United States on or after September
646 11, 2001, and who was a resident of this state. If any person who receives
647 a tuition waiver in accordance with the provisions of this subsection also
648 receives educational reimbursement from an employer, such waiver
649 shall be reduced by the amount of such educational reimbursement.
650 Veterans and members of the National Guard described in subdivision
651 (4) of this subsection shall be given the same status as students not

652 receiving tuition waivers in registering for courses at The University of
653 Connecticut. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10a-30, as used
654 in this subsection, "domiciled in this state" includes domicile for less
655 than one year.

656 (f) (1) If any veteran described in subsection (e) of this section has
657 applied for federal educational assistance under the Post-9/11 Veterans
658 Educational Assistance Act of 2008, the board of trustees shall waive the
659 payment of tuition at The University of Connecticut for such veteran in
660 accordance with subdivision (2) of this subsection. If any such veteran
661 certifies to said board that such veteran's application for such federal
662 educational assistance has been denied or withdrawn, said board of
663 trustees shall waive the payment of tuition in accordance with
664 subsection [(d)] (e) of this section.

665 (2) (A) For purposes of this subdivision, "veteran tuition benefit"
666 means the portion of federal educational assistance under the Post-9/11
667 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008 to be paid to The
668 University of Connecticut on behalf of a veteran that represents
669 payment for tuition. Such portion shall be calculated by multiplying (i)
670 the total amount of such federal educational assistance to be paid to The
671 University of Connecticut on behalf of such veteran by (ii) an amount
672 obtained by dividing (I) the actual tuition charged by The University of
673 Connecticut to such veteran by (II) the sum of the actual tuition and fees
674 charged by The University of Connecticut to such veteran.

675 (B) Said board of trustees shall waive the payment of tuition in excess
676 of the veteran tuition benefit at The University of Connecticut for such
677 veteran.

678 (g) Said board of trustees shall set aside from its anticipated tuition
679 revenue, an amount not less than that required by [the board of
680 governors'] said board's tuition policy. [established under subdivision
681 (3) of subsection (a) of section 10a-6.] Such funds shall be used to
682 provide tuition waivers, tuition remissions, grants for educational
683 expenses and student employment for any undergraduate, graduate or
684 professional student who is enrolled as a full or part-time matriculated

685 student in a degree-granting program, or enrolled in a precollege
686 remedial program, and who demonstrates substantial financial need.
687 Said board may also set aside from its anticipated tuition revenue an
688 additional amount equal to one per cent of said tuition revenue for
689 financial assistance for students who would not otherwise be eligible for
690 financial assistance but who do have a financial need as determined by
691 the university in accordance with this subsection. In determining such
692 financial need, the university shall exclude the value of equity in the
693 principal residence of the student's parents or legal guardians, or in the
694 student's principal residence if the student is not considered to be a
695 dependent of [his] such student's parents or legal guardians and shall
696 assess the earnings of a dependent student at the rate of thirty per cent.

697 (h) The University of Connecticut Operating Fund shall be
698 reimbursed for the amount by which tuition waivers granted under
699 subsection (e) of this section exceed two and one-half per cent of tuition
700 revenue through an annual state appropriation. The board of trustees
701 shall request such an appropriation and said appropriation shall be
702 based upon an estimate of tuition revenue loss using tuition rates in
703 effect for the fiscal year in which such appropriation will apply.

704 (i) Said board of trustees shall grant remission or waiver of tuition for
705 graduate assistants at the university. Assistantship payments to
706 graduate assistants shall not be considered salaries and wages under the
707 provisions of section 3-119, and shall be paid according to a schedule
708 prescribed by the university and approved by the State Comptroller.

709 (j) Said board of trustees may provide health care coverage for
710 graduate assistants, postdoctoral trainees, graduate fellows and
711 graduate student interns identified in subdivision (6) of section 3-123aaa
712 by enrolling such individuals in a partnership plan as defined in section
713 3-123aaa. All premiums and expenses resulting from the participation
714 of such individuals in the partnership plan shall be paid by the
715 university. No such premiums or expenses shall be charged to the
716 General Fund.

717 (k) Said board of trustees shall allow any student who is a member of

718 the armed forces called to active duty during any semester to enroll in
 719 any course for which such student had remitted tuition but which was
 720 not completed due to active duty status. Such course reenrollment shall
 721 be offered to any qualifying student for a period not exceeding four
 722 years after the date of release from active duty without additional
 723 tuition, student fee or related charge, except if such student has been
 724 fully reimbursed for the tuition, fees and charges for the course that was
 725 not completed.

726 (l) [The Board of Trustees of The University of Connecticut] Said
 727 board of trustees shall not assess or charge a graduation fee to any
 728 student enrolled in The University of Connecticut for the purpose of
 729 graduating from such university.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2024	10a-77
Sec. 2	July 1, 2024	10a-99
Sec. 3	July 1, 2024	10a-143(f)
Sec. 4	July 1, 2024	10a-105

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In Sections 1(i) and 2(i), "The Board of Regents for Higher Education" was bracketed and "Said board" was inserted after the closing bracket for consistency; and in Section 4(l), "The Board of Trustees of The University of Connecticut" was bracketed and "Said board of trustees" was inserted after the closing bracket for consistency.

HED *Joint Favorable Subst. -LCO*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill the Board of Regents (BOR) and Board of Trustees of the University of Connecticut (BOT) to report on actual revenue and expenditures in the prior fiscal year and projected revenue and expenditures of the current fiscal year for various funds. This will not result in a cost as both BOR and BOT have the staff necessary to complete the requirements.

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State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

OLR Bill Analysis**HB 5341*****AN ACT REQUIRING REPORTING OF PROJECTED AND ACTUAL REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES AT PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.*****SUMMARY**

This bill requires the Board of Regents (BOR) to report annually to the Appropriations and Higher Education and Employment Advancement committees on the actual revenue and expenditures in the prior fiscal year and projected revenue and expenditures of the current fiscal year for the following funds, the: Regional Community-Technical Colleges Operating Fund (§ 1), Connecticut State University System Operating Fund (§ 2), and Charter Oak State College Operating Fund (§ 3). The bill similarly requires the Board of Trustees of the University of Connecticut (BOT) to annually report to the same committees on The University of Connecticut Operating Fund and The University of Connecticut Health Center Operating Fund (§ 4). Under existing law, quarterly reports must be submitted to the same committees on the actual expenditures of these funds within 60 days of the quarter's closing.

The reports for the prior fiscal year are due by August 1 (beginning August 1, 2024), while the reports for the current fiscal year are due by January 1 (beginning January 1, 2025). All the reports must be itemized as described below.

The bill also makes several technical and conforming changes, including correcting obsolete statutes to reflect that the Regional Community-Technical Colleges Operating Fund supports the Board of Regents for Higher Education (and the recently consolidated community colleges), and not the Board of Trustees.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2024

ITEMIZATION REQUIREMENTS

Under the bill, BOR and BOT must itemize each report into actual and projected revenue categories (organized by state support and other revenue source) and actual and projected expenditures, as shown in the table below.

Table: Revenue and Expenditure Itemization Requirements

<i>Revenue</i>		<i>Expenditures</i>
<i>State Support</i>	<i>Other Revenue</i>	
Ongoing State Support	Tuition	Personal Services
Federal funds allocated from the American Rescue Plan Act	Fees	Fringe Benefits
Deficiency Funding	Federal Funds, Grants, and Contracts	Energy
State-Paid Fringe Benefits	Foundation and Endowment Funds	Equipment
Any Other Category of State Funding	Sales and Services	Student Financial Aid
	Auxiliary Enterprises	Debt Service and Other Projects
	Any Other Category of Revenue from Other Sources	Any Other Category of Expenditure

COMMITTEE ACTION

Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 22 Nay 0 (03/14/2024)