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***Raised Bill No. 236***

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Referred to Committee on VETERANS' AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

Introduced by:  
(VA)

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

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

1 Section 1. Subsections (d) to (g), inclusive, of section 10a-77 of the  
2 general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
3 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

109 Sec. 2. Subsections (d) to (g), inclusive, of section 10a-99 of the 2024  
110 supplement to the general statutes are repealed and the following is  
111 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

112 (d) Said board of trustees shall waive the payment of tuition fees for  
113 undergraduate and graduate degree programs at the Connecticut State  
114 University System (1) for any dependent child of a person whom the  
115 armed forces of the United States has declared to be missing in action or

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

223 Sec. 3. Subsections (e) to (h), inclusive, of section 10a-105 of the 2024  
224 supplement to the general statutes are repealed and the following is  
225 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

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



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

280 (f) (1) If any veteran described in subsection (e) of this section has  
281 applied for federal educational assistance under the Post-9/11 Veterans  
282 Educational Assistance Act of 2008, the board of trustees shall waive the  
283 payment of tuition and extension fees at The University of Connecticut

284 for such veteran in accordance with subdivision (2) of this subsection. If  
285 any such veteran certifies to said board of trustees that such veteran's  
286 application for such federal educational assistance has been denied or  
287 withdrawn, said board of trustees shall waive the payment of tuition  
288 and extension fees in accordance with subsection (d) of this section.

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

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

303 (g) Said board of trustees shall set aside from its anticipated tuition  
304 revenue, an amount not less than that required by the board of  
305 governors' tuition policy established under subdivision (3) of subsection  
306 (a) of section 10a-6. Such funds shall be used to provide tuition waivers,  
307 tuition remissions, grants for educational expenses and student  
308 employment for any undergraduate, graduate or professional student  
309 who is enrolled as a full or part-time matriculated student in a degree-  
310 granting program, or enrolled in a precollege remedial program, and  
311 who demonstrates substantial financial need. Said board of trustees may  
312 also set aside from its anticipated tuition revenue an additional amount  
313 equal to one per cent of [said] such tuition revenue for financial  
314 assistance for students who would not otherwise be eligible for financial  
315 assistance but who do have a financial need as determined by the  
316 university in accordance with this subsection. In determining such

317 financial need, the university shall exclude the value of equity in the  
318 principal residence of the student's parents or legal guardians, or in the  
319 student's principal residence if the student is not considered to be a  
320 dependent of his parents or legal guardians and shall assess the earnings  
321 of a dependent student at the rate of thirty per cent.

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

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	10a-77(d) to (g)
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	10a-99(d) to (g)
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	10a-105(e) to (h)

**VA**            *Joint Favorable*