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Public Act No. 24-22

AN ACT UPDATING REQUIREMENTS FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT OVERSIGHT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT, PAUSING THE REQUIREMENT FOR A PLAN TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF FULL-TIME FACULTY AT PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND REPLACING REFERENCES TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE CONNECTICUT STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES WITH THE CHANCELLOR OF THE CONNECTICUT STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES.

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

Section 1. Section 10a-109bb of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

[(a) There is established a construction management oversight committee consisting of (1) four members appointed jointly by the Governor, the speaker of the House of Representatives, the majority leader of the House of Representatives, the minority leader of the House of Representatives, the president pro tempore of the Senate, the majority leader of the Senate and the minority leader of the Senate, and (2) three members appointed by the Board of Trustees for The University of Connecticut, who shall be members of said board. The board of trustees shall replace any such committee member appointed by said board if such committee member's term on the board expires or otherwise ends. The members appointed pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection

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shall have expertise in the fields of construction management, architectural design or construction project management. The chairperson of the committee shall be designated by the board of trustees. All appointments of the initial committee shall be made no later than July 20, 2006. Appointments shall be for four consecutive years, except that two of the initial appointments pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection shall be for three consecutive years. Upon expiration of the initial members' terms and every four years thereafter, new members shall be appointed in accordance with the procedures for appointment set forth in this section. A majority of the members of the committee shall constitute a quorum for the conduct of business. The committee shall act by a majority vote of the members. The committee shall maintain a record of its proceedings in such form as it determines, provided such record indicates attendance and all votes cast by each member.

(b) The construction management oversight committee established pursuant to subsection (a) of this section]

(a) The Board of Trustees of The University of Connecticut, or a committee of the board, shall review and approve the policies and procedures developed by The University of Connecticut to undertake any project of UConn 2000, as [defined] described in subdivision (25) of section 10a-109c, concerning the selection of design professionals and contractors, as defined in subdivision (27) of section 10a-109c, contract compliance, building and fire code compliance, deferred maintenance, as defined in subdivision (29) of section 10a-109c, and an annual budget for such maintenance prepared pursuant to section 10a-109dd, as amended by this act, project and program budgets and schedules and the authorization and review of contract changes. The [committee] university shall prepare, biennially, a summary of construction performance of UConn 2000 based on reports submitted at least quarterly by the construction assurance office established pursuant to

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section 10a-109cc, as amended by this act, and the board, or committee of the board, shall, upon the completion of each named project pursuant to section 10a-109e, conduct a review of the university's management of such project for its conformance with the applicable policies and procedures governing construction undertaken pursuant to section 10a-109n. Such review of completed projects shall incorporate information, including, but not limited to, that which is derived from reviews of the reports submitted at least quarterly by the construction assurance office, in accordance with section 10a-109cc, as amended by this act.

[(c) The construction management oversight committee established pursuant to subsection (a) of this section shall, upon]

(b) Upon completion of each assessment, summary and review conducted pursuant to this section [,] by The University of Connecticut or a committee of the board, the university or such committee, as applicable, shall submit such assessment, summary and review to the [Board of Trustees for The University of Connecticut] board. The board shall initially review each such assessment, summary and review without the presence of university staff members.

Sec. 2. Section 10a-109cc of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

Not later than August 1, 2006, the Board of Trustees [for] of The University of Connecticut shall establish the construction assurance office. Positions in the office shall be paid positions. The office shall be led by a director who shall be responsible for reviews of construction performance of UConn 2000, as defined in subdivision (25) of section 10a-109c, and shall report at least quarterly to the [construction management oversight committee in accordance with section 10a-109bb] Board of Trustees of The University of Connecticut, or a committee of the board, and to the president of The University of Connecticut.

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Sec. 3. Section 10a-109dd of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

The university, as defined in subdivision (26) of section 10a-109c, shall conduct reviews of deferred maintenance needs at the university and annually submit to the [construction management oversight committee established pursuant to section 10a-109bb] Board of Trustees of The University of Connecticut, or a committee of the board, an annual budget concerning deferred maintenance, as defined in subdivision (29) of section 10a-109c.

Sec. 4. Section 10a-154c of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

Not later than [December 31, 2005] December 31, 2028, and biennially thereafter, the [Board of Trustees of the Community-Technical Colleges, the] Board of Trustees of The University of Connecticut and the Board of [Trustees of the Connecticut State University System] Regents for Higher Education shall each develop a plan to increase the number of full-time faculty teaching at the colleges and universities under the boards' jurisdiction. Not later than [December 31, 2005] December 31, 2028, and biennially thereafter, each board [of trustees] shall report [the] regarding such plans in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to higher education and employment advancement.

Sec. 5. Subsection (a) of section 4-124z of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

(a) Not later than January 1, 2022, and as necessary thereafter, the board of the Technical Education and Career System, in consultation with the Chief Workforce Officer, the Labor Commissioner, the

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Commissioners of Economic and Community Development, Education and Social Services, the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management and the [president] chancellor of the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities and one member of industry representing each of the economic clusters identified by the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development pursuant to section 32-1m shall (1) review, evaluate and, as necessary, recommend improvements for certification and degree programs offered by the Technical Education and Career System and the community-technical college system to ensure that such programs meet the employment needs of business and industry, (2) develop strategies to strengthen the linkage between skill standards for education and training and the employment needs of business and industry, (3) assess the unmet demand from employers in the state to hire graduates of trade programs from technical education and career schools and the unmet demand from students in the state to enroll in a trade program at a technical education and career school, and (4) assess opportunities to increase utilization of technical education and career schools during after school hours and on weekends.

Sec. 6. Subsection (b) of section 4-124ff of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

(b) There is established a Council of Advisors on Strategies for the Knowledge Economy to promote the formation of university-industry partnerships, identify benchmarks for technology-based workforce innovation and competitiveness and advise the award process (1) for innovation challenge grants to public postsecondary schools and their business partners, and (2) grants under section 4-124hh. The council shall be chaired by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management and shall include the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development, the [president] chancellor of the Connecticut State

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Colleges and Universities, the Labor Commissioner, the Chief Workforce Officer, the chief executive officer of Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated and four representatives from the technology industry, one of whom shall be appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, one of whom shall be appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives, one of whom shall be appointed by the minority leader of the Senate and one of whom shall be appointed by the minority leader of the House of Representatives.

Sec. 7. Subsections (a) to (d), inclusive, of section 4a-82 of the general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

(a) For the purposes of this section:

(1) "Person with a disability" means any individual with a disability, excluding blindness, as such term is applied by the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, the Department of Developmental Services, the Department of Aging and Disability Services or the United States Department of Veterans Affairs and who is certified by the Department of Aging and Disability Services as qualified to participate in a qualified partnership, as described in subsections (e) to (l), inclusive, of this section;

(2) "Vocational rehabilitation service" means any goods and services necessary to render a person with a disability employable, in accordance with Title I of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29 USC 701 et seq., as amended from time to time;

(3) "Community rehabilitation program" means any entity or individual that provides directly for or facilitates the provision of vocational rehabilitation services to, or provides services in connection with, the recruiting, hiring or managing of the employment of persons with disabilities based on an individualized plan and budget for each

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worker with a disability;

(4) "Commercial contractor" means any for-profit proprietorship, partnership, joint venture, corporation, limited liability company, trust, association or other privately owned entity that employs persons to perform janitorial work or contractual services, and that enters into contracts to provide janitorial services or contractual services;

(5) "Janitorial work" means work performed in connection with the care or maintenance of buildings, including, but not limited to, work customarily performed by cleaners, porters, janitors and handypersons;

(6) "Janitorial contract" means a contract or subcontract to perform janitorial work for a department or agency of the state;

(7) "Person with a disadvantage" means any individual who is determined by the Labor Department, or its designee, to be eligible for employment services in accordance with the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act or whose verified individual gross annual income during the previous calendar year was not greater than two hundred per cent of the federal poverty level for a family of four;

(8) "Awarding authority" means the Commissioner of Administrative Services, Chief Court Administrator of the Judicial Branch and [president] chancellor of the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities, as applicable; and

(9) "Contractual services" includes, but is not limited to, any and all laundry and cleaning services, mail supply room staffing, data entry, telephone call center staffing and other services specified by the Commissioner of Administrative Services under subsection (b) of this section.

(b) (1) The Commissioner of Administrative Services shall establish a program to create and expand janitorial work job opportunities for

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persons with a disability and persons with a disadvantage. The program shall create full-time jobs or full-time equivalents at standard wage rates for persons with disabilities and persons with disadvantages. The Judicial Branch and Board of Regents for Higher Education may participate in such program.

(2) The Commissioner of Administrative Services may expand such program to include contractual services that the commissioner deems appropriate and shall post a list of such services on the department's Internet web site.

(c) Notwithstanding any other provision of the general statutes, under such program, the awarding authority may award janitorial contracts or contracts for contractual services pursuant to the following procedures: (1) Upon receipt of a request for janitorial services or a contractual service that the Commissioner of Administrative Services has deemed appropriate for inclusion in the program by an agency or department of the state, the awarding authority shall notify each qualified partnership, as described in subsections (e) to (l), inclusive, of this section, of such request and invite each qualified partnership in good standing to submit a bid proposal for such janitorial contract or service contract to the awarding authority in a manner and form as prescribed by the awarding authority; (2) in the event that only one such qualified partnership submits a bid or proposal for such janitorial or service contract, the awarding authority shall award such contract to such qualified partnership, provided such bid or proposal does not exceed the fair market value for such contract, as determined by the awarding authority; (3) if more than one qualified partnership submits a bid or proposal, the awarding authority shall award the contract to the lowest responsible qualified bidder or most advantageous proposer, as described in section 4a-59; and (4) in the event that a qualified partnership does not submit a bid or proposal or is not awarded such contract, the awarding authority shall award such contract in

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accordance with the provisions of sections 4a-52a, 4a-59, 10a-151b and 17a-796, or title 51, as applicable. No awarding authority shall award a contract under the provisions of this subsection at a site where employees are employed pursuant to an existing collective bargaining agreement or where a contract has been awarded pursuant to section 17a-796 unless a contract has been previously awarded to a qualified partnership pursuant to this section at such site.

(d) Notwithstanding any other provision of the general statutes, the responsibilities of the Commissioner of Administrative Services, Chief Court Administrator or [president] chancellor of the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities as established in subsections (b) and (c) of this section, may not be delegated to an outside vendor.

Sec. 8. Subsection (a) of section 4d-80 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

(a) There is established a Commission for Educational Technology within the Department of Administrative Services. The commission shall consist of the following members or their designees: (1) The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, the Commissioner of Administrative Services, the Commissioner of Education, the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development, the president of The University of Connecticut and the [president] chancellor of the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities, the State Librarian and the Consumer Counsel, (2) one member each representing the Connecticut Conference of Independent Colleges, the Connecticut Association of Boards of Education, the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities, the Connecticut Council of Small Towns, the Connecticut Library Association, the Connecticut Association of Public School Superintendents and the Connecticut Educators Computer Association, (3) a secondary school teacher designated by the Connecticut Education Association and an elementary school teacher

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designated by the American Federation of Teachers-Connecticut, (4) four members who represent business or have expertise in information technology, two of whom shall be appointed by the Governor, one of whom shall be appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives and one of whom shall be appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, (5) one member who is a chief elected official of a municipality, who shall be appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, and (6) one member who is a representative of small business who shall be appointed by the minority leader of the House of Representatives. The commission shall convene a meeting at least once during each calendar quarter.

Sec. 9. Section 5-199d of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

The Department of Administrative Services or any other state agency which seeks to contract for training for their employees shall, prior to entering into a contract, contact the [president] chancellor of the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities, or [said president's] the chancellor's designee, to determine if an appropriate training program exists or can be designed at a regional community-technical college. Nothing in this section shall preclude an agency from considering or choosing other providers to meet such training need.

Sec. 10. Subsection (a) of section 7-323k of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

(a) There is established a Commission on Fire Prevention and Control to consist of twelve members appointed by the Governor. The State Fire Marshal or [his or her] the State Fire Marshal's designee and the [president] chancellor of the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities or [his or her] the chancellor's designee shall serve as ex-officio, voting members of said commission. Of the twelve members appointed by the

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Governor, two shall represent The Connecticut State Firefighter's Association, two shall represent the Connecticut Fire Chiefs Association, two shall represent the Uniformed Professional Firefighters of the International Association of Firefighters, AFL-CIO, two shall represent the Connecticut Fire Marshals Association, two shall represent the Connecticut Fire Department Instructors Association and two shall represent the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities.

Sec. 11. Subsection (a) of section 7-608 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

(a) There is established a Neighborhood Revitalization Zone Advisory Board. The board shall consist of the following voting members: (1) The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management; (2) the director of the Institute for Municipal and Regional Policy at The University of Connecticut; (3) the [president] chancellor of the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities; (4) the heads of those state agencies deemed appropriate by the secretary; (5) the chief executive officer of a municipality in which a neighborhood revitalization zone planning committee, pursuant to this chapter, was established on or before July 1, 1998; and (6) one member of each such neighborhood revitalization zone planning committee appointed by the chief executive officer based upon recommendations submitted to him by such committee. In a municipality having more than one neighborhood revitalization zone planning committee, each committee shall submit its recommendations to the chief executive officer and he shall choose the board member to be appointed from such recommendations. Each member of the board may designate a person to represent him on said board. The membership of the board shall be increased on September 1, 1999, and annually thereafter, to reflect the addition of a municipal chief executive officer and a member of a neighborhood revitalization zone planning committee having been established in the preceding twelve

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months, in a municipality not previously represented on said board. The members of the board shall serve without compensation.

Sec. 12. Subsection (b) of section 10-1 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

(b) The Governor shall appoint, with the advice and consent of the General Assembly, the members of said board, provided each student member (1) is on the list submitted to the Governor pursuant to section 10-2a, (2) is enrolled in a public high school in the state, (3) has completed eleventh grade prior to the commencement of his term, (4) has at least a B plus average, and (5) provides at least three references from teachers in the school the student member is attending. The nonstudent members shall serve for terms of four years commencing on March first in the year of their appointment. The student members shall serve for terms of one year commencing on July first in the year of their appointment. The [president] chancellor of the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities, the chairperson of the Technical Education and Career System board and the Chief Workforce Officer shall serve as ex-officio members without a vote. Any vacancy in [said] the State Board of Education shall be filled in the manner provided in section 4-19.

Sec. 13. Subsection (b) of section 10-16p of the 2024 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

(b) (1) The office shall be the lead agency for school readiness. For purposes of this section and section 10-16u, school readiness program providers eligible for funding from the office shall include local and regional boards of education, regional educational service centers, family resource centers and providers of child care centers, group child care homes and family child care homes, as described in section 19a-77,

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Head Start programs, preschool programs and other programs that meet any standards established by the commissioner. The office shall establish standards for school readiness programs. The standards may include, but need not be limited to, guidelines for staff-child interactions, curriculum content, including preliteracy development, lesson plans, parental involvement, staff qualifications and training, transition to school and administration. The office shall develop age-appropriate developmental skills and goals for children attending such programs. The commissioner, in consultation with the [president] chancellor of the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities, the Commissioners of Education and Social Services and other appropriate entities, shall develop a professional development program for the staff of school readiness programs.

(2) For purposes of this section:

(A) Prior to July 1, 2022, "staff qualifications" means that for each early childhood education program accepting state funds for infant, toddler and preschool spaces associated with such program's child care program or school readiness program, there is in each classroom an individual who has at least the following: (i) A childhood development associate credential or an equivalent credential issued by an organization approved by the commissioner and twelve credits or more in early childhood education or child development, as determined by the commissioner or the [president] chancellor of the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities, after consultation with the commissioner, from an institution of higher education (I) accredited by the Board of Regents for Higher Education or Office of Higher Education, and (II) regionally accredited; (ii) an associate degree with twelve credits or more in early childhood education or child development, as determined by the commissioner or the [president] chancellor of the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities, after consultation with the commissioner, from such an institution; (iii) a four-year degree with

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twelve credits or more in early childhood education or child development, as determined by the commissioner or the [president] chancellor of the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities, after consultation with the commissioner, from such an institution; (iv) certification pursuant to section 10-145b with an endorsement in early childhood education or special education; (v) an associate degree with a concentration in early childhood education from an institution of higher education that is regionally accredited; or (vi) a bachelor's degree with a concentration in early childhood education from an institution of higher education that is regionally accredited;

(B) From July 1, 2022, until June 30, 2025, "staff qualifications" means that for each early childhood education program accepting state funds for infant, toddler and preschool spaces associated with such program's child care program or school readiness program, (i) at least fifty per cent of those individuals with the primary responsibility for a classroom of children (I) hold certification pursuant to section 10-145b with an endorsement in early childhood education or early childhood special education, (II) have been issued an early childhood teacher credential, pursuant to section 10-520b, (III) hold at least an associate degree with a concentration in early childhood education from an institution of higher education that is regionally accredited, or (IV) satisfy the requirements of subdivision (3), (4) or (5) of this subsection, and (ii) such remaining individuals with the primary responsibility for a classroom of children hold a childhood development associate credential or an equivalent credential issued by an organization approved by the commissioner and twelve credits or more in early childhood education or child development, as determined by the commissioner or the [president] chancellor of the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities, after consultation with the commissioner, from an institution of higher education (I) accredited by the Board of Regents for Higher Education or Office of Higher Education, and (II) regionally accredited;

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(C) From July 1, 2025, until June 30, 2029, "staff qualifications" means that for each early childhood education program accepting state funds for infant, toddler and preschool spaces associated with such program's child care program or school readiness program, (i) at least fifty per cent of those individuals with the primary responsibility for a classroom of children (I) hold certification pursuant to section 10-145b with an endorsement in early childhood education or early childhood special education, (II) have been issued an early childhood teacher credential, pursuant to subdivision (2) of section 10-520b, (III) hold at least a bachelor's degree with a concentration in early childhood education from an institution of higher education that is regionally accredited, or (IV) satisfy the requirements of subdivision (3), (4) or (5) of this subsection, and (ii) such remaining individuals with the primary responsibility for a classroom of children (I) hold an associate degree with a concentration in early childhood education from an institution of higher education that is regionally accredited, or (II) have been issued an early childhood teacher credential, pursuant to subdivision (1) of section 10-520b; and

(D) On and after July 1, 2029, "staff qualifications" means that for each early childhood education program accepting state funds for infant, toddler and preschool spaces associated with such program's child care program or school readiness program, one hundred per cent of those individuals with the primary responsibility for a classroom of children (i) hold certification pursuant to section 10-145b with an endorsement in early childhood education or early childhood special education, (ii) have been issued an early childhood teacher credential, pursuant to subdivision (2) of section 10-520b, (iii) hold at least a bachelor's degree with a concentration in early childhood education from an institution of higher education that is regionally accredited, or (iv) satisfy the requirements of subdivision (3), (4) or (5) of this subsection.

(3) Any individual with a bachelor's degree in early childhood

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education or child development or a bachelor's degree and twelve credits or more in early childhood education or child development, who, on or before June 30, 2015, is employed by an early childhood education program that accepts state funds for infant, toddler and preschool spaces associated with such program's child care program or school readiness program shall be considered to meet the staff qualifications required under subparagraphs (B) to (D), inclusive, of subdivision (2) of this subsection. No such early childhood education program shall terminate any such individual from employment for purposes of meeting the staff qualification requirements set forth in subparagraph (B), (C) or (D) of subdivision (2) of this subsection.

(4) Any individual with an associate degree or a bachelor's degree in early childhood education or child development or an associate degree or a bachelor's degree and twelve credits or more in early childhood education or child development from an institution of higher education that is regionally accredited, other than an associate degree or a bachelor's degree with a concentration in early childhood education, may submit documentation concerning such degree for review and assessment by the office as to whether such degree has a sufficient concentration in early childhood education so as to satisfy the requirements set forth in subparagraphs (B) to (D), inclusive, of subdivision (2) of this subsection.

(5) Any individual with an associate degree with twelve credits or more in early childhood education or child development, as determined by the commissioner or the [president] chancellor of the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities, after consultation with the commissioner, from an institution of higher education (A) accredited by the Board of Regents for Higher Education or Office of Higher Education, and (B) regionally accredited, who has been employed in the same early childhood education program that accepts state funds for infant, toddler and preschool spaces associated with such program's

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child care program or school readiness program since 1995 shall be considered to meet the staff qualifications required under subparagraphs (B) to (D), inclusive, of subdivision (2) of this subsection until June 30, 2025. On and after July 1, 2025, such individual shall hold a childhood development associate credential or an equivalent credential, described in subparagraph (A) of subdivision (2) of this subsection, or otherwise meet the staff qualifications required under subparagraphs (C) and (D) of subdivision (2) of this subsection. Any such individual who terminates his or her employment with such early childhood education program on or before June 30, 2025, and accepts a position at another early childhood education program accepting state funds for spaces associated with such program's child care program or school readiness program shall submit documentation of such individual's progress toward meeting the staff qualification requirements set forth in subparagraph (B) to (D), inclusive, of subdivision (2) of this subsection in a manner determined by the office.

Sec. 14. Subsection (a) of section 10-16z of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

(a) There is established the Early Childhood Cabinet. The cabinet shall consist of: (1) The Commissioner of Early Childhood, or the commissioner's designee, (2) the Commissioner of Education, or the commissioner's designee, (3) the Commissioner of Social Services, or the commissioner's designee, (4) the [president] chancellor of the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities, or the [president's] chancellor's designee, (5) the Commissioner of Public Health, or the commissioner's designee, (6) the Commissioner of Developmental Services, or the commissioner's designee, (7) the Commissioner of Children and Families, or the commissioner's designee, (8) the executive director of the Commission on Women, Children, Seniors, Equity and Opportunity or the executive director's designee, (9) the project director

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of the Connecticut Head Start State Collaboration Office, (10) a parent or guardian of a child who attends or attended a school readiness program appointed by the minority leader of the House of Representatives, (11) a representative of a local provider of early childhood education appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, (12) a representative of the Connecticut Family Resource Center Alliance appointed by the majority leader of the House of Representatives, (13) a representative of a state-funded child care center appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, (14) two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives, one of whom is a member of a board of education for a town designated as an alliance district, as defined in section 10-262u, and one of whom is a parent who has a child attending a school in an educational reform district, as defined in section 10-262u, (15) two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, one of whom is a representative of an association of early education and child care providers and one of whom is a representative of a public elementary school with a prekindergarten program, (16) ten appointed by the Governor, one of whom is a representative of the Connecticut Head Start Association, one of whom is a representative of the business community in this state, one of whom is a representative of the philanthropic community in this state, one of whom is a representative of the Connecticut State Employees Association, one of whom is an administrator of the child care development block grant pursuant to the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990, one of whom is responsible for administering grants received under section 1419 of Part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, 20 USC 1419, as amended from time to time, one of whom is responsible for administering the provisions of Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, 20 USC 6301 et seq., one of whom is responsible for coordinating education services to children and youth who are homeless, one of whom is a licensed family child care home provider and a member of a staffed family child care network identified by the Commissioner of Early Childhood, and one of whom is a parent

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recommended by a parent advisory group that has been appointed by the Commissioner of Early Childhood, (17) the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, or the secretary's designee, (18) the Lieutenant Governor, or the Lieutenant Governor's designee, (19) the Commissioner of Housing, or the commissioner's designee, and (20) the Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction Services, or the commissioner's designee.

Sec. 15. Subsection (a) of section 10-16nn of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

(a) There is established an Interagency Council for Ending the Achievement Gap. The council shall consist of: (1) The Lieutenant Governor, or the Lieutenant Governor's designee, (2) the Commissioner of Education, or the commissioner's designee, (3) the Commissioner of Children and Families, or the commissioner's designee, (4) the Commissioner of Social Services, or the commissioner's designee, (5) the Commissioner of Public Health, or the commissioner's designee, (6) the [president] chancellor of the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities, or the [president's] chancellor's designee, (7) the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development, or the commissioner's designee, (8) the Commissioner of Administrative Services, or the commissioner's designee, (9) the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, or the secretary's designee, (10) the Commissioner of Housing, or the commissioner's designee, and (11) the Chief Court Administrator, or the Chief Court Administrator's designee. The chairperson of the council shall be the Lieutenant Governor, or the Lieutenant Governor's designee. The council shall meet at least quarterly.

Sec. 16. Subsection (c) of section 10-16pp of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

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(c) Not later than January 1, 2015, the Commissioner of Education, the [president] chancellor of the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities, the chairperson of the Board of Trustees [for] of The University of Connecticut and the Banking Commissioner shall report to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to banks on the status of the plan described in subsection (a) of this section.

Sec. 17. Subsection (a) of section 10-151d of the 2024 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

(a) There is established a Performance Evaluation Advisory Council within the Department of Education. Membership of the council shall consist of: (1) The Commissioner of Education and the [president] chancellor of the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities, or their designees, (2) one representative from each of the following associations, designated by the association, the Connecticut Association of Boards of Education, the Connecticut Association of Public School Superintendents, the Connecticut Federation of School Administrators, the Connecticut Education Association, the American Federation of Teachers-Connecticut, the Connecticut Association of School Administrators and the Connecticut Association of Schools, (3) a representative from the Task Force to Diversify the Educator Workforce, established pursuant to section 10-156aa, as amended by this act, designated by the chairpersons of said task force, and (4) persons selected by the Commissioner of Education who shall include, but need not be limited to, teachers, persons with expertise in performance evaluation processes and systems, and any other person the commissioner deems appropriate.

Sec. 18. Subsection (c) of section 10-155l of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

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(c) Not later than October 1, 2007, the Regional Educational Service Center Minority Recruiting Alliance, in consultation with the Department of Education, the Board of Regents for Higher Education, the constituent units of the state system of higher education and the Connecticut Conference of Independent Colleges, shall propose guidelines to the Commissioner of Education and the [president] chancellor of the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities for pilot programs to recruit and retain minority teachers and may consider, but such consideration need not be limited to, the establishment and operation of the following pilot programs:

(1) A fellows program leading to the eligibility for an educator certificate for minority individuals who have (A) completed an intensive summer session focusing on classroom management and methodology, (B) received a bachelor's degree from an institution of higher education accredited by the Board of Regents for Higher Education or Office of Higher Education or regionally accredited, (C) achieved a satisfactory score on the examination required pursuant to section 10-145f or have had such requirement waived pursuant to said section, and (D) have such other qualifications for the issuance of an educator certificate as are required for individuals participating in the alternate route to certification program under section 10-155d;

(2) A competitive grant program to assist local and regional boards of education to form and operate future teachers' clubs as part of the extracurricular activities at middle and high schools under their jurisdiction; and

(3) A program to allow minority college seniors who are majoring in subject shortage areas pursuant to section 10-8b but who are not enrolled in a teacher preparation program to receive up to three credits for working as cadet teachers in a public school and, upon graduation and recommendation by school officials, to allow such cadet teachers to enter a fellows program pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection if

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such a program is in operation.

Sec. 19. Subsection (a) of section 10-155m of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

(a) The Commissioner of Education, the [president] chancellor of the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities and the dean of the Neag School of Education at The University of Connecticut shall jointly develop a plan to assist local and regional boards of education in promoting the teaching profession as a career option to students in high school. Such plan shall include, but need not be limited to, a means for local and regional boards of education to develop partnerships with educator preparation programs in the state, and the creation of counseling programs directed to high school students in order to inform them about and recruit them to the teaching profession.

Sec. 20. Subdivision (8) of subsection (b) of section 10-156aa of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

(8) The [president] chancellor of the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities, or the [president's] chancellor's designee;

Sec. 21. Section 10-156bb of the 2024 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

There is established an Increasing Educator Diversity Policy Oversight Council within the Department of Education. The council shall consist of (1) the Commissioner of Education, or the commissioner's designee, (2) two representatives from the Task Force to Diversify the Educator Workforce, established pursuant to section 10-156aa, as amended by this act, (3) one representative from each of the exclusive bargaining units for certified employees, chosen pursuant to

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section 10-153b, (4) the [president] chancellor of the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities, or the [president's] chancellor's designee, and (5) a representative from an alternate route to certification program, appointed by the Commissioner of Education. The council shall hold quarterly meetings and advise, at least quarterly, the Commissioner of Education, or the commissioner's designee, on ways to (A) encourage diverse students in middle and secondary school to attend institutions of higher education and enter teacher preparation programs, (B) recruit diverse students attending institutions of higher education to enroll in teacher preparation programs and pursue teaching careers, (C) recruit and retain diverse educators in Connecticut schools, (D) recruit diverse educators from other states to teach in Connecticut schools, and (E) recruit diverse professionals in other fields to enter teaching. The council shall report, annually, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a, on the recommendations given to the commissioner, or the commissioner's designee, pursuant to the provisions of this section, to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education. For purposes of this section, "diverse" means individuals whose race is defined as other than white, or whose ethnicity is defined as Hispanic or Latino by the federal Office of Management and Budget for use by the Bureau of Census of the United States Department of Commerce.

Sec. 22. Section 10a-1b of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

(a) The Board of Regents for Higher Education shall appoint a [president] chancellor of the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities who shall serve at the pleasure of the board. The [president] chancellor of the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities shall (1) have the authority to implement the policies, directives and rules of the board and any additional responsibilities as the board may prescribe, (2) implement the goals identified in section 10a-11c and recommendations

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made pursuant to section 10a-11b, as amended by this act, (3) build interdependent support among the Connecticut State University System, the regional community-technical college system and Charter Oak State College, (4) balance central authority with institutional differentiation, autonomy and creativity, and (5) facilitate cooperation and synergy among the Connecticut State University System, the regional community-technical college system and Charter Oak State College. The [president] chancellor may designate an alternate to serve as a member of any commission, foundation or committee upon which the general statutes require the [president] chancellor to serve. Such designee may vote on behalf of the [president] chancellor. There shall be an executive staff responsible for the operation of the Board of Regents for Higher Education. The executive staff shall be under the direction of the [president] chancellor of the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities, who shall be the chief executive officer of the Board of Regents for Higher Education.

(b) The [president] chancellor may employ staff as is deemed necessary, including, but not limited to, temporary assistants and consultants. The board shall establish terms and conditions of employment of the [president] chancellor and the board's staff, prescribe their duties and fix the compensation of the [president] chancellor and the board's professional and technical personnel.

(c) Upon recommendation of the [president] chancellor, the Board of Regents for Higher Education shall appoint two [vice-presidents] vice-chancellors. One [vice-president] vice-chancellor shall represent the Connecticut State University System and the other [vice-president] vice-chancellor shall represent the regional community-technical college system. Each [vice-president] vice-chancellor shall perform such duties and responsibilities as the board and [president] chancellor shall prescribe, so that each said constituent unit fulfills its mission. Such duties shall include, but not be limited to, oversight of academic

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programs, student support services and institutional support.

(d) Not later than October 1, 2017, the [president] chancellor of the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities shall establish the position of outreach coordinator within the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities system. Such outreach coordinator shall act as a liaison between institutions within the system and businesses in the state to develop workforce education and job training opportunities including Early College Opportunity programs. Such position may be full time or part time and may be held by an individual who also holds another position within said system as part of such individual's regular duties and without additional compensation.

Sec. 23. Subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 10a-11b of the 2024 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

(1) The commission shall consist of the following voting members: (A) The [president] chancellor of the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities, the president of The University of Connecticut, or their designees from the Board of Regents and Board of Trustees; (B) the provost of the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities and the provost of The University of Connecticut; (C) the chair of the Board of Regents for the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities, and the Board of Trustees [for] of The University of Connecticut, or the chairs' designees; (D) the president, provost or chair of the board of a large independent institution of higher education in the state, to be selected by the president pro tempore of the Senate; (E) the president, provost or chair of the board of a small independent institution of higher education in the state, to be selected by the speaker of the House of Representatives; (F) a representative from a private career school, to be selected by the executive director of the Office of Higher Education; (G) a teaching faculty representative from the Connecticut State Universities, to be selected by the [president] chancellor of the

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Connecticut State Colleges and Universities; (H) a teaching faculty representative from the regional community-technical colleges, to be selected by the [president] chancellor of the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities; (I) a teaching faculty representative from The University of Connecticut, to be selected by the president of The University of Connecticut; (J) a teaching faculty representative from a private career school in the state, to be selected by the executive director of the Office of Higher Education; (K) one member appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, who shall be a representative of a large manufacturing employer in the state; (L) one member appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives, who shall be a representative of a large financial or insurance services employer in the state; (M) one member appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, who shall be a representative of an information technology or digital media employer in the state; (N) one member appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, who shall be a representative of a small business employer in the state; (O) one member appointed by the majority leader of the House of Representatives, who shall be a representative of a health care employer in the state; and (P) one member appointed by the minority leader of the House of Representatives, who shall be a representative of a small business employer in the state. The commission membership shall, where feasible, reflect the state's geographic, racial and ethnic diversity.

Sec. 24. Section 10a-19d of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

(a) The [president] chancellor of the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities shall, within available appropriations, expand the capacity of programs for training early childhood education teachers through the development of accelerated, alternate route programs to initial teacher certification with an endorsement in early childhood education.

(b) The [president] chancellor of the Connecticut State Colleges and

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Universities, in consultation with the Department of Education, Labor Department, Office of Workforce Strategy, Office of Early Childhood, Department of Social Services, Charter Oak State College, early childhood education faculty at two and four-year public and independent institutions of higher education, early childhood education professional associations, early childhood education advocates and practitioners, and persons knowledgeable in the area of career development and programs in early childhood care and education, shall define the preservice and minimum training requirements and competencies for persons involved in early childhood education, from birth to five years of age, including requirements for individual levels of early childhood credentialing and licensing.

Sec. 25. Subsections (a) to (d), inclusive, of section 10a-44d of the 2024 supplement to the general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

(a) For the purposes of this section:

(1) "Open educational resource" means a teaching, learning or research resource that is (A) offered freely to users in at least one form, and (B) either (i) in the public domain, or (ii) released under a creative commons attribution license or other open copyright license;

(2) "Creative commons attribution license" means a copyright license that allows for the free use, reuse, modification and distribution of a work product, provided the original author is credited;

(3) "Open copyright license" means any copyright license that is not a creative commons attribution license, but allows for the free use, reuse, modification and distribution of a work product, provided the original author is credited;

(4) "High-impact course" means a course of instruction for which open educational resources would make a significant positive financial

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impact on the students taking the course due to the number of students taking the course or the market value of the printed textbook or other educational resources required for such course;

(5) "Course utilizing open educational resources" means a course in which all required learning materials are an open educational resource; and

(6) ["President"] "Chancellor" means the [president] chancellor of the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities.

(b) There is established the Connecticut Open Educational Resource Coordinating Council, which shall be part of the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities. The [president] chancellor shall appoint the members of the council which shall consist of the following: (1) A state-wide coordinator, who shall collaborate with all institutions of higher education to promote open educational resources and administer grants; (2) one faculty member, one administrator and one staff member from The University of Connecticut; (3) one faculty member, one administrator and one staff member from the regional community-technical college system; (4) one faculty member, one administrator and one staff member from Charter Oak State College; (5) one faculty member, one administrator and one staff member from the Connecticut State University System; (6) one faculty member, one administrator and one staff member from the independent institutions of higher education; and (7) one student from any public or independent institution of higher education in the state. All initial appointments to the council shall be made not later than September 1, 2019, and shall expire on August 30, 2022, regardless of when the initial appointment was made. Any member of the council may serve more than one term.

(c) The state-wide coordinator appointed by the [president] chancellor shall serve as the chairperson of the council. The chairperson shall schedule the first meeting of the council, which shall be held not

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later than October 1, 2019. The administrative staff of the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities shall serve as administrative staff of the council. The state-wide coordinator may employ a part-time staff person as necessary to assist and support the Connecticut Open Educational Resource Coordinating Council.

(d) Appointed members of the council shall serve for three-year terms which shall commence on the date of appointment, except as provided in subsection (b) of this section. Members shall continue to serve until their successors are appointed. Any vacancy shall be filled by the [president] chancellor. Any vacancy occurring other than by expiration of term shall be filled for the balance of the unexpired term. A majority of the council shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business. The members of the council shall serve without compensation, but shall, within the limits of available funds, be reimbursed for expenses necessarily incurred in the performance of their duties.

Sec. 26. Section 10a-55e of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

Each technical education and career school and public institution of higher education shall develop, in such manner as the Commissioner of Education and [president] chancellor of the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities prescribe, agreements to share equipment required for students participating in green jobs certificate or degree programs or enrolled in a course of study concerning green jobs, including, but not limited to, solar photovoltaic installation.

Sec. 27. Subsection (c) of section 10a-57d of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

(c) Not later than March 1, 2019, the [president] chancellor of the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities shall report, in accordance

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with the provisions of section 11-4a, to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to higher education regarding the uniform naming convention designed pursuant to subsection (a) of this section and the determination made from the tuition review required under subsection (b) of this section.

Sec. 28. Section 10a-62 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

The members of the New England Board of Higher Education shall be appointed as follows: (1) The Governor shall appoint two members, who shall be the Commissioner of Education and the Chief Workforce Officer, or their designees; (2) the president pro tempore of the Senate shall appoint three members who are residents of the state, one of whom shall be a member of the Senate and, upon the recommendation of the [president] chancellor of the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities, one of whom shall represent the Connecticut State University System and one of whom shall represent the regional community-technical college system; and (3) the speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint three members who are residents of the state, one of whom shall be a member of the House of Representatives, one of whom shall represent The University of Connecticut based on the recommendation of the president of said university and one of whom shall represent the independent institutions of higher education in the state. The two persons appointed by the Governor shall be appointed for a term of four years from October twenty-fourth in the year of their appointment, except that in 1969 the Governor shall appoint one member for a term of six years from October 24, 1969. Persons first appointed by the president pro tempore and the speaker shall serve until February 1, 1971, and persons appointed as their successors shall serve for terms of two years each commencing as of the first day of February in the year of their appointment. Persons appointed as of July 1, 2021, may continue to serve the remainder of their terms. Vacancies

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shall be filled for the remainder of unexpired terms in the same manner as original appointments are made.

Sec. 29. Section 10a-144 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

There is established a higher education center for the central Naugatuck Valley region. The regional community-technical college established for the greater Waterbury area pursuant to subsection (g) of section 10a-78, shall be located at such center. The University of Connecticut shall have access to classrooms, faculty office space and concurrent and cooperative use of common student facilities including, but not limited to, library and athletic fields, at such center. [The Board of Trustees for the Regional Community-Technical Colleges and the Board of Trustees for The University of Connecticut shall jointly develop] The Board of Regents for Higher Education, in conjunction with the [president] chancellor of the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities, or [his] the chancellor's designee, shall develop an annual joint use plan for such center. On or before September 1, 1993, and annually thereafter, the [president] chancellor of the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities shall call and convene an initial meeting for the development of such plan.

Sec. 30. Section 10a-161a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

The [president] chancellor of the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities and the Office of Higher Education shall report, biennially, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a, to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to higher education on state, northeast regional and national trends in (1) the cost of attendance at public and independent institutions of higher education and private career schools, and (2) the availability and utilization of all forms of student financial aid for

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academic and noncredit vocational courses and programs relative to economic conditions and personal income.

Sec. 31. Subsection (b) of section 10a-169a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

(b) Within available appropriations, the program shall provide grants for students entering or enrolling in an information technology related degree or certification program at any public or independent institution of higher education in this state. The scholarship shall not exceed three thousand dollars per student per year. The scholarship shall not exceed the combined costs of tuition and fees of an institution at which a recipient is or will be enrolled. The Board of Regents for Higher Education shall develop eligibility requirements for recipients. Such requirements may include income guidelines. Students shall be eligible for such scholarships for each year they are enrolled in an information technology related degree or certification program for a total of not more than four years per student. Students may apply for such scholarships to the Board of Regents for Higher Education at such time and in such manner as the [president] chancellor of the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities prescribes.

Sec. 32. Subsection (c) of section 10a-169b of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

(c) Persons who qualify under subsection (b) of this section and meet any additional requirements established by the Board of Regents for Higher Education pursuant to this subsection shall be reimbursed on an annual basis for qualifying student loans. Such reimbursement shall not exceed two thousand five hundred dollars for each year of employment and for no more than a total of two years per person. A person qualifying under subsection (b) of this section shall only be reimbursed

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if such person is employed by a qualifying company at the time of application for loan reimbursement pursuant to this section. The Board of Regents for Higher Education may develop additional eligibility requirements for recipients. Such requirements may include income guidelines. Persons may apply for grants to the Board of Regents for Higher Education at such time and in such manner as the [president] chancellor of the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities prescribes.

Sec. 33. Subsection (b) of section 10a-179a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

(b) The Connecticut Higher Education Supplemental Loan Authority shall be governed by a board of directors consisting of the following ten members: (1) The State Treasurer, or the Treasurer's designee, who shall serve as an ex-officio voting member; (2) the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, or the secretary's designee, who shall serve as an ex-officio voting member; (3) the [president] chancellor of the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities, or the [president's] chancellor's designee, who shall serve as an ex-officio voting member; (4) the Chief Workforce Officer, or the officer's designee, who shall serve as an ex-officio, voting member; (5) the chairperson of the board of directors of the Connecticut Health and Educational Facilities Authority; (6) the executive director of the Connecticut Health and Educational Facilities Authority; (7) two residents of the state, each of whom is an active or retired trustee, director, officer or employee of a Connecticut institution for higher education, appointed by the board of directors of the Connecticut Health and Educational Facilities Authority; (8) a resident of this state with a favorable reputation for skill, knowledge and experience in the higher education loan field, appointed by the board of directors of the Connecticut Health and Educational Facilities Authority; and (9) a resident of this state with a favorable reputation for skill, knowledge and experience in either the higher

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education loan field or in state and municipal finance, appointed by the board of directors of the Connecticut Health and Educational Facilities Authority. Of the four appointed members, not more than two may be members of the same political party. The Connecticut Health and Educational Facilities Authority board shall appoint a member or members each for a term of six years or until his or her successor is appointed and has qualified to succeed the members whose terms expire. Said authority board shall fill any vacancy for the unexpired term. A member of the Connecticut Higher Education Supplemental Loan Authority board shall be eligible for reappointment. Any member of the Connecticut Higher Education Supplemental Loan Authority board may be removed by the appointing authority for misfeasance, malfeasance or wilful neglect of duty. Each member of the Connecticut Higher Education Supplemental Loan Authority board before entering upon his or her duties shall take and subscribe the oath or affirmation required by section 1 of article eleventh of the State Constitution. A record of each such oath shall be filed in the office of the Secretary of the State.

Sec. 34. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 12-413b of the general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

(a) The [president] chancellor of the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities may select a direct payment permit holder, as described in section 12-409a, for a pilot program in accordance with the provisions of this section.

(b) There shall be allowed a credit to such direct payment permit holder in an amount equal to the amount of a qualified investment, as defined in subsection (c) of this section, that is made on or after July 1, 2000, against the use tax liability that is incurred under this chapter by such holder in making purchases on or after July 1, 2000, of computer equipment to be used in this state in electronic commerce. The total

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amount of such credits allowed under this section shall not exceed four million dollars in the aggregate. No credit shall be allowed under this section unless the [president] chancellor of the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities certifies, in a manner satisfactory to the Commissioner of Revenue Services, that a qualified investment has been made by the direct payment permit holder and that projects related to such investment have been completed. The Commissioner of Revenue Services may adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, which prescribe the procedures for the direct payment permit holder to claim the credit allowed under this section.

Sec. 35. Subsection (b) of section 16-50aaa of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

(b) There shall be a Council on 5G Technology. The council shall consist of the following members or their designees: (1) One employee of the office of the Governor, designated by the Governor; (2) the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management; (3) the Commissioner of Administrative Services; (4) the Commissioner of Transportation; (5) the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection; (6) the president of The University of Connecticut; and (7) the [president] chancellor of the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities.

Sec. 36. Subsection (a) of section 17a-52 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

(a) There is established a Connecticut Suicide Advisory Board, within the Department of Children and Families, which shall be a coordinating source for suicide prevention across a person's lifespan, including, but not limited to, youth suicide prevention. The board may include (1) representatives from suicide prevention foundations, youth-serving organizations, law enforcement agencies, religious or fraternal

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organizations, civic or volunteer groups, state and local government agencies, tribal governments or organizations, health care providers or local organizations with expertise in the mental health of children or adults or mental health issues with a focus on suicide prevention, (2) one psychiatrist licensed to practice medicine in this state, (3) one psychologist licensed in this state, (4) one representative of a local or regional board of education, (5) one high school teacher, (6) one high school student, (7) one college or university faculty member, (8) one college or university student, (9) one parent, and (10) a person who has experienced suicide ideation or loss, all appointed by the Commissioner of Children and Families. The board shall include one representative of the Department of Public Health appointed by the Commissioner of Public Health, one representative of the state Department of Education appointed by the Commissioner of Education and one representative of the Board of Regents for Higher Education appointed by the [president] chancellor of the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities. The Commissioners of Children and Families and Mental Health and Addiction Services, or the commissioners' designees, shall serve as cochairpersons of the board and may appoint a representative of a local organization with expertise in mental health or a suicide prevention foundation to serve as a third cochairperson of the board. The board may adopt bylaws to govern it and its meetings.

Sec. 37. Subdivision (15) of subsection (b) of section 17b-27c of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

(15) The [president] chancellor of the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities, or the [president's] chancellor's designee;

Sec. 38. Subsection (g) of section 31-254 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

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(g) (1) Notwithstanding any of the information disclosure provisions of this section, the administrator shall disclose information obtained pursuant to subsection (a) of this section to: (A) A regional workforce development board, established pursuant to section 31-3k, to the extent necessary for the effective administration of the federal Trade Adjustment Assistance Program of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended from time to time, the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014, as amended from time to time, and the state employment services program established pursuant to section 17b-688c for recipients of temporary family assistance, provided a regional workforce development board, enters into a written agreement with the administrator, pursuant to subdivision (2) of this subsection, concerning protection of the confidentiality of such information prior to the receipt of any such information; (B) a nonpublic entity that is under contract with the administrator or another state agency where necessary for the effective administration of this chapter or with the United States Department of Labor to administer grants which are beneficial to the interests of the administrator, provided such nonpublic entity enters into a written agreement with the administrator, pursuant to subdivision (2) of this subsection, concerning protection of the confidentiality of such information prior to the receipt of any such information; (C) the [president] chancellor of the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities, appointed under section 10a-1a, for use in the performance of such [president's] chancellor's official duties to the extent necessary for evaluating programs at institutions of higher education governed by said board pursuant to section 10a-1a, provided such [president] chancellor enters into a written agreement with the administrator, pursuant to subdivision (2) of this subsection, concerning protection of the confidentiality of such information prior to the receipt of any such information; or (D) a third party pursuant to written, informed consent of the individual or employer to whom the information pertains.

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(2) Any written agreement shall contain safeguards as are necessary to protect the confidentiality of the information being disclosed, including, but not limited to, a:

(A) Statement from the regional workforce development board, nonpublic entity or [president] chancellor of the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities, as appropriate, of the purposes for the requested information and the specific use intended for the information;

(B) Statement from the regional workforce development board, nonpublic entity or [president] chancellor of the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities, as appropriate, that the disclosed information shall only be used for such purposes as are permitted by this subsection and consistent with the written agreement;

(C) Requirement that the regional workforce development board, nonpublic entity or [president] chancellor of the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities, as appropriate, store the disclosed information in a location that is physically secure from access by unauthorized persons;

(D) Requirement that the regional workforce development board, nonpublic entity or [president] chancellor of the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities, as appropriate, store and process the disclosed information maintained in an electronic format in such a way that ensures that unauthorized persons cannot obtain the information by any means;

(E) Requirement that the regional workforce development board, nonpublic entity or [president] chancellor of the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities, as appropriate, establish safeguards to ensure that only authorized persons, including any authorized agent of the board, nonpublic entity or [president] chancellor of the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities, are permitted access to disclosed

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information stored in computer systems;

(F) Requirement that the regional workforce development board, nonpublic entity or [president] chancellor of the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities, as appropriate, enter into a written agreement, that has been approved by the administrator, with any authorized agent of the board, nonpublic entity or [president] chancellor of the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities, which agreement shall contain the requisite safeguards contained in the written agreement between the board, nonpublic entity or [president] chancellor of the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities and the administrator;

(G) Requirement that the regional workforce development board, nonpublic entity or [president] chancellor of the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities, as appropriate, instruct all persons having access to the disclosed information about the sanctions specified in this section, and further require each employee of such board, nonpublic entity or [president] chancellor of the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities, and any agent of such board, nonpublic entity or [president] chancellor of the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities, authorized to review such information, to sign an acknowledgment that such employee or such agent has been advised of such sanctions;

(H) Statement that redisclosure of confidential information is prohibited, except with the written approval of the administrator;

(I) Requirement that the regional workforce development board, nonpublic entity or [president] chancellor of the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities, as appropriate, dispose of information disclosed or obtained under this subsection, including any copies of such information made by the board, nonpublic entity or [president] chancellor of the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities, after the

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purpose for which the information is disclosed has been served, either by returning the information to the administrator, or by verifying to the administrator that the information has been destroyed;

(J) Statement that the regional workforce development board, nonpublic entity or [president] chancellor of the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities, as appropriate, shall permit representatives of the administrator to conduct periodic audits, including on-site inspections, for the purpose of reviewing such board's, nonpublic entity's or adherence of the [president] chancellor of the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities to the confidentiality and security provisions of the written agreement; and

(K) Statement that the regional workforce development board, nonpublic entity or [president] chancellor of the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities, as appropriate, shall reimburse the administrator for all costs incurred by the administrator in making the requested information available and in conducting periodic audits of the board's, nonpublic entity's or procedures of the [president] chancellor of the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities in safeguarding the information.

(3) Any employee or agent of a regional workforce development board, nonpublic entity or [president] chancellor of the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities, as appropriate, who discloses any confidential information in violation of this section and the written agreement, entered into pursuant to subdivision (2) of this subsection, shall be fined not more than two hundred dollars or imprisoned not more than six months, or both, and shall be prohibited from any further access to confidential information.

Sec. 39. Subsection (a) of section 32-4i of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

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(a) The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development, in consultation with the Commissioner of Revenue Services and the [president] chancellor of the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities, may establish the Learn Here, Live Here program. Such program may provide an incentive for graduates of a public institution of higher education, private university or college, or health care training school in this state, or graduates from a technical education and career school, to buy a first home in the state. Persons who graduate on or after January 1, 2014, from such institutions, universities, colleges or schools may have their income tax liability, up to a maximum of two thousand five hundred dollars annually, segregated into the Connecticut first-time homebuyers account established pursuant to section 32-4j, provided not more than one million dollars from all program participants may be so segregated in any calendar year. After a period not exceeding ten years after graduation, any amounts so segregated may be withdrawn by a participant for the purchase of a first home in the state. The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development may make payments in accordance with this section from said fund to the participants. For the purposes of this section, "health care training school" means a medical or dental school, chiropractic college, school or college of optometry, school or college of chiropody or podiatry, school of occupational therapy, hospital-based occupational school, school or college of naturopathy, school of dental hygiene, school of physical therapy or any other school or institution giving instruction in the healing arts.

Sec. 40. Section 32-6j of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

In the assessment and provision of job training for employers, the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development and the chief executive officer of Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated shall request the assistance of the Labor Commissioner. Upon receipt of a request for

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job training pursuant to this section, the Labor Commissioner shall notify the [president] chancellor of the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities, or [his or her] the chancellor's designee, of such request. The [president] chancellor, or [his or her] the chancellor's designee, shall determine if a training program exists or can be designed at a regional community-technical college to meet such training need and shall notify the Labor Commissioner of such determination. The Labor Commissioner shall to the extent possible make arrangements for the participation of the regional community-technical colleges, the Connecticut State University System, other institutions of higher education, other postsecondary institutions, adult education programs and the Technical Education and Career System in implementing the program. Nothing in this section shall preclude the Labor Commissioner from considering or choosing other providers to meet such training need.

Sec. 41. Subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of section 32-35 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

(b) (1) The corporation shall be governed by a board of seventeen directors. Nine members shall be appointed by the Governor, six of whom shall be knowledgeable, and have favorable reputations for skill, knowledge and experience, in the development of innovative start-up businesses, including, but not limited to, expertise in academic research, technology transfer and application, the development of technological invention and new enterprise development and three of whom shall be knowledgeable, and have favorable reputations for skill, knowledge and experience, in the field of financial lending or the development of commerce, trade and business. Four members shall be the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development, the [president] chancellor of the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities, the Treasurer and the Secretary of the Office of Policy and

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Management, who shall serve ex officio and shall have all of the powers and privileges of a member of the board of directors. Each ex-officio member may designate his deputy or any member of his staff to represent him at meetings of the corporation with full power to act and vote in his behalf. Four members shall be appointed as follows: One by the president pro tempore of the Senate, one by the minority leader of the Senate, one by the speaker of the House of Representatives and one by the minority leader of the House of Representatives. Except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, (A) each member appointed by the Governor shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor but not longer than the term of office of the Governor or until the member's successor is appointed and qualified, whichever is longer, (B) the Governor shall fill any vacancy for the unexpired term of a member appointed by the Governor, (C) each member appointed by a member of the General Assembly shall serve in accordance with the provisions of section 4-1a, and (D) the appropriate legislative appointing authority shall fill any vacancy for the unexpired term of a member appointed by such authority. A director shall be eligible for reappointment.

Sec. 42. Subdivision (19) of section 32-39 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

(19) To advise the Governor, the General Assembly, the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development and the [president] chancellor of the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities on matters relating to science, engineering and technology which may have an impact on state policies, programs, employers and residents, and on job creation and retention;

Sec. 43. Subdivision (4) of subsection (b) of section 32-39g of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

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(4) Advise the Governor, the General Assembly, the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development, the president of The University of Connecticut and the [president] chancellor of the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities on matters relating to science, engineering and technology that may have an impact on state policies, programs, employers and residents, and on job creation and retention;

Sec. 44. (*Effective July 1, 2024*) Wherever the word "president" is used to denote the president of the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities in any public act of the 2024 session, the word "chancellor" shall be substituted in lieu thereof. The Legislative Commissioners' Office shall, in codifying any public act of the 2024 session, make such technical, grammatical and punctuation changes as are necessary to carry out the purposes of this section.

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