
OLR Bill Analysis**HB 5338*****AN ACT CONCERNING THE ADMISSION OF STATE RESIDENTS TO VETERINARY SCHOOLS.*****SUMMARY**

This bill requires the UConn president, as part of the Kirklyn M. Kerr program, to enter into an agreement with a veterinary school accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association to reserve, each academic year, a certain number of spaces as she determines to allow up to five qualified state residents to continue their education.

The bill also appropriates \$100,000 to UConn from the General Fund in FY 25 for this program.

The Kirklyn M. Kerr Program provides grants to Connecticut residents enrolled in an accredited veterinary graduate school who plan to practice veterinary medicine in Connecticut. UConn administers the program and awards up to five four-year grants per student class (CGS §§ 10a-19g & -19h). In practice, the program has been dormant in recent years. While the program was active, Connecticut residents could attend Iowa State University's College of Veterinary Medicine and pay reduced tuition. (There are no veterinary schools in Connecticut.)

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2024

COMMITTEE ACTION

Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 22 Nay 0 (03/14/2024)