
OLR Bill Analysis

sSB 107

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.

SUMMARY

This bill eliminates the Construction Management Oversight Committee (CMOC) and transfers its responsibilities to the UConn Board of Trustees (BOT), or one of the board's committees. Current law charges CMOC with overseeing and implementing the UConn 2000 program; however, it functionally disbanded in 2014 after completing its major work and BOT assumed its responsibilities. CMOC's oversight responsibilities include, among other things, reviewing and approving UConn 2000 policies and procedures on selecting professionals and contractors. It also must review each project after completion. (UConn 2000 is an infrastructure program that allows the university to use certain bond proceeds on specified projects.)

The bill pauses, until 2028, a biennial requirement that BOT and the Board of Trustees for the community-technical colleges and the Connecticut State University System (i.e., the Board of Regents (BOR)) develop plans on how to increase the number of full-time faculty and report on them to the Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee.

Lastly, the bill makes minor and technical changes, including (1) correcting references to BOR following the merger of the community-technical colleges into Connecticut State Community College and (2) changing the title of Connecticut State Colleges and Universities' chief

executive officer from “President” to “Chancellor” making associated conforming changes (like changing “vice-president” to “vice-chancellor”).

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2024

COMMITTEE ACTION

Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 22 Nay 0 (03/07/2024)