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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. Section 10a-26 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

3 (a) For the purposes of this section, sections 10a-77, as amended by  
4 this act, 10a-99, as amended by this act, and 10a-105, as amended by this  
5 act, and this part: (1) A "full-time student" means a student who has been  
6 registered and who has been accepted for matriculation at a constituent  
7 unit of the state system of higher education in a course of study leading  
8 to an associate, bachelor or advanced degree or whose course of  
9 instruction or credit hour load indicates pursuit toward a degree; (2)  
10 "tuition" means a direct charge for institutional programs, which is  
11 clearly delineated from any other fees.

12 (b) In order to defray part of the cost of the higher education  
13 institutional programs at the constituent units of the state system of  
14 higher education, tuition shall be charged as provided in said sections  
15 10a-77, as amended by this act, 10a-99, as amended by this act, and 10a-

16 105, as amended by this act, for each full-time student or shall be  
17 prorated in the case of a student carrying less than seventy-five per cent  
18 of the credit hours defined as a full-time load by the institution. Any  
19 person enrolled in and paying extension fees for a course in an  
20 educational extension program or a summer session shall not be  
21 charged tuition for such course.

22 (c) (1) [Fees] Except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection,  
23 fees charged for educational extension programs and for summer school  
24 sessions under sections 10a-77, as amended by this act, 10a-99, as  
25 amended by this act, and 10a-105, as amended by this act, shall not be  
26 deemed to be tuition within the meaning of this section.

27 (2) (A) For any veteran described in subdivision (2) of subsection (d)  
28 of section 10a-77, subdivision (2) of subsection (d) of section 10a-99 or  
29 subdivision (2) of subsection (e) of section 10a-105, fees charged for  
30 educational extension programs and for summer school sessions under  
31 sections 10a-77, as amended by this act, 10a-99, as amended by this act,  
32 and 10a-105, as amended by this act, shall be deemed to be tuition within  
33 the meaning of this section.

34 (B) For any active member of the Connecticut Army or Air National  
35 Guard described in subdivision (5) of subsection (d) of section 10a-77,  
36 subdivision (5) of subsection (d) of section 10a-99 or subdivision (4) of  
37 subsection (e) of section 10a-105, fees charged for educational extension  
38 programs and for summer school sessions under sections 10a-77, as  
39 amended by this act, 10a-99, as amended by this act, and 10a-105, as  
40 amended by this act, shall be deemed to be tuition within the meaning  
41 of this section.

42 Sec. 2. Subsection (e) of section 10a-77 of the general statutes is  
43 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
44 *2025*):

45 (e) (1) If any veteran described in subsection (d) of this section has  
46 applied for federal educational assistance under the Post-9/11 Veterans

47 Educational Assistance Act of 2008, the board of trustees shall waive the  
48 payment of tuition at any of the regional community-technical colleges  
49 for such veteran in accordance with subdivision (2) of this subsection. If  
50 any such veteran certifies to said board that such veteran's application  
51 for such federal educational assistance has been denied or withdrawn,  
52 said board of trustees shall waive the payment of tuition in accordance  
53 with subsection (d) of this section.

54 (2) (A) For purposes of this subdivision, "veteran tuition benefit"  
55 means the portion of federal educational assistance under the Post-9/11  
56 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008 to be paid to a regional  
57 community-technical college on behalf of a veteran that represents  
58 payment for tuition. Such portion shall be calculated by multiplying (i)  
59 the total amount of such federal educational assistance to be paid to a  
60 regional community-technical college on behalf of such veteran by (ii)  
61 an amount obtained by dividing (I) the actual tuition charged by such  
62 college to such veteran by (II) the sum of the actual tuition and fees  
63 charged by such college to such veteran. For purposes of this  
64 subparagraph, "actual tuition" is inclusive of any extension fees, in  
65 accordance with the provisions of subdivision (2) of subsection (c) of  
66 section 10a-26, as amended by this act.

67 (B) Said board of trustees shall waive the payment of tuition in excess  
68 of the veteran tuition benefit at any of the regional community-technical  
69 colleges for such veteran.

70 Sec. 3. Subsection (e) of section 10a-99 of the general statutes is  
71 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
72 *2025*):

73 (e) (1) If any veteran described in subsection (d) of this section has  
74 applied for federal educational assistance under the Post-9/11 Veterans  
75 Educational Assistance Act of 2008, the board of trustees shall waive the  
76 payment of tuition at the Connecticut State University System for such  
77 veteran in accordance with subdivision (2) of this subsection. If any such

78 veteran certifies to said board that such veteran's application for such  
79 federal educational assistance has been denied or withdrawn, said  
80 board of trustees shall waive the payment of tuition in accordance with  
81 subsection (d) of this section.

82 (2) (A) For purposes of this subdivision, "veteran tuition benefit"  
83 means the portion of federal educational assistance under the Post-9/11  
84 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008 to be paid to the  
85 Connecticut State University System on behalf of a veteran that  
86 represents payment for tuition. Such portion shall be calculated by  
87 multiplying (i) the total amount of such federal educational assistance  
88 to be paid to the Connecticut State University System on behalf of such  
89 veteran by (ii) an amount obtained by dividing (I) the actual tuition  
90 charged by the Connecticut State University System to such veteran by  
91 (II) the sum of the actual tuition and fees charged by the Connecticut  
92 State University System to such veteran. For purposes of this  
93 subparagraph, "actual tuition" is inclusive of any extension fees, in  
94 accordance with the provisions of subdivision (2) of subsection (c) of  
95 section 10a-26, as amended by this act.

96 (B) Said board of trustees shall waive the payment of tuition in excess  
97 of the veteran tuition benefit at the Connecticut State University System  
98 for such veteran.

99 Sec. 4. Subsection (f) of section 10a-105 of the general statutes is  
100 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
101 *2025*):

102 (f) (1) If any veteran described in subsection (e) of this section has  
103 applied for federal educational assistance under the Post-9/11 Veterans  
104 Educational Assistance Act of 2008, the board of trustees shall waive the  
105 payment of tuition at The University of Connecticut for such veteran in  
106 accordance with subdivision (2) of this subsection. If any such veteran  
107 certifies to said board that such veteran's application for such federal  
108 educational assistance has been denied or withdrawn, said board of

109 trustees shall waive the payment of tuition in accordance with  
110 subsection (d) of this section.

111 (2) (A) For purposes of this subdivision, "veteran tuition benefit"  
112 means the portion of federal educational assistance under the Post-9/11  
113 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008 to be paid to The  
114 University of Connecticut on behalf of a veteran that represents  
115 payment for tuition. Such portion shall be calculated by multiplying (i)  
116 the total amount of such federal educational assistance to be paid to The  
117 University of Connecticut on behalf of such veteran by (ii) an amount  
118 obtained by dividing (I) the actual tuition charged by The University of  
119 Connecticut to such veteran by (II) the sum of the actual tuition and fees  
120 charged by The University of Connecticut to such veteran. For purposes  
121 of this subparagraph, "actual tuition" is inclusive of any extension fees,  
122 in accordance with the provisions of subdivision (2) of subsection (c) of  
123 section 10a-26, as amended by this act.

124 (B) Said board of trustees shall waive the payment of tuition in excess  
125 of the veteran tuition benefit at The University of Connecticut for such  
126 veteran.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	10a-26
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	10a-77(e)
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	10a-99(e)
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	10a-105(f)

**Statement of Purpose:**

To waive the payment of extension fees for certain veterans and members of the National Guard at public institutions of higher education in this state.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*