



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 150**

LCO No. 1206



Referred to Committee on HIGHER EDUCATION AND  
EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT

Introduced by:  
(HED)

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE LEGISLATIVE COMMISSIONERS'  
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TECHNICAL REVISIONS TO THE HIGHER  
EDUCATION STATUTES.**

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

1       Sec. #. Subsection (h) of section 10a-157a of the 2026 supplement to  
2       the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
3       thereof (*Effective July 1, 2026*):

4       (h) For the fall semester of 2025 and spring semester of 2026, the  
5       Board of Regents for Higher Education shall continue to offer each  
6       transitional college readiness program, embedded remedial support  
7       program and intensive remedial support program that said board  
8       offered at each public institution of higher education during the fall  
9       semester of 2024 and spring semester of 2025, respectively.

10       Sec. #. Subsection (b) of section 10a-80 of the 2026 supplement to the  
11       general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
12       thereof (*Effective July 1, 2026*):

13 (b) As used in this section, "community service programs" means  
14 educational, cultural, recreational and community directed services that  
15 the Connecticut State Community College may provide in addition to  
16 its regular academic program. Such community service programs may  
17 include, but shall not be limited to, (1) activities designed to enrich the  
18 intellectual, cultural and social life of the community, (2) educational  
19 services designed to promote the development of skills for the effective  
20 use of leisure time, (3) activities and programs designed to assist in the  
21 identification and solution of community problems, and (4) utilization  
22 of college facilities and services by community groups to the extent such  
23 usage does not conflict with the regular schedule of the college.

24 Sec. #. Subsection (b) of section 10a-72 of the 2026 supplement to the  
25 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
26 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2026*):

27 (b) The Board of Regents for Higher Education shall:

28 (1) Make rules for the governance of the Connecticut State  
29 Community College, determine the general policies of said college,  
30 including such policies concerning the admission of students, and direct  
31 the expenditure of said college's funds within the amounts available;

32 (2) Develop mission statements for the Connecticut State Community  
33 College: The mission statement for the Connecticut State Community  
34 College shall include, but need not be limited to, the following elements:  
35 (A) The educational needs of and constituencies served by said college,  
36 [ ] (B) the degrees offered by said college, and (C) the role and scope of  
37 each campus of said college, which shall include each campus's  
38 particular strengths and specialties;

39 (3) Establish policies for the Connecticut State Community College;

40 (4) Establish policies that protect academic freedom and the content  
41 of courses and degree programs;

42 (5) Establish new academic programs;

43 (6) Make institutional mergers or closures;

44 (7) Coordinate the programs and services of the campuses of the  
45 Connecticut State Community College;

46 (8) Promote fund-raising by the campuses of the Connecticut State  
47 Community College to assist such campuses, provided the board shall  
48 not directly engage in fund-raising except for purposes of providing  
49 funding for (A) scholarships or other direct student financial aid, and  
50 (B) programs, services or activities at one or more of such campuses and  
51 report to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having  
52 cognizance of matters relating to higher education not later than January  
53 first, biennially, on all such fund-raising; and

54 (9) Charge the direct costs for a building project under its jurisdiction  
55 to the bond fund account for such project; provided, (A) such costs are  
56 charged in accordance with a procedure approved by the Treasurer, and  
57 (B) nothing in this subdivision shall permit the charging of working  
58 capital costs, as defined in the applicable provisions of the Internal  
59 Revenue Code of 1986, or any subsequent corresponding internal  
60 revenue code of the United States, as from time to time amended, or  
61 costs originally paid from sources other than the bond fund account.

62 Sec. #. Section 10-155 of the 2026 supplement to the general statutes  
63 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
64 *1, 2026*):

65 The Board of Regents for Higher Education, on behalf of the  
66 Connecticut State University System, may maintain an emergency  
67 training program to prepare graduates of approved four-year colleges  
68 and universities to teach in the elementary schools of the state. In  
69 carrying out such program, the board may (1) establish regulations  
70 governing the admission of students to the program, [;] (2) fix tuition  
71 rates to be paid by such students, and (3) enter into such contracts and

72 agreements as it finds necessary to secure the necessary facilities.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. #	July 1, 2026	10a-157a(h)
Sec. #	July 1, 2026	10a-80(b)
Sec. #	July 1, 2026	10a-72(b)
Sec. #	July 1, 2026	10-155

**Statement of Purpose:**

To make technical revisions to the higher education statutes.

*[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.]*