

## Office of Higher Education

### DHE66500

#### Permanent Full-Time Positions

Fund	Actual FY 15	Actual FY 16	Appropriation FY 17	Governor Recommended		Legislative	
				FY 18	FY 19	FY 18	FY 19
General Fund	27	27	27	-	-	27	27

#### Budget Summary

Account	Actual FY 15	Actual FY 16	Appropriation FY 17	Governor Recommended		Legislative	
				FY 18	FY 19	FY 18	FY 19
Personal Services	1,962,687	2,053,774	1,634,530	-	-	1,428,180	1,428,180
Other Expenses	135,243	75,770	77,738	-	-	69,964	69,964
<b>Other Current Expenses</b>							
Minority Advancement Program	2,219,797	2,690,972	1,845,041	-	-	1,789,690	1,789,690
Alternate Route to Certification	86,181	53,489	47,883	-	-	-	-
National Service Act	297,780	272,522	268,964	-	-	260,896	260,896
International Initiatives	64,917	-	-	-	-	-	-
Minority Teacher Incentive Program	422,068	362,544	366,705	-	-	355,704	355,704
English Language Learner Scholarship	12,500	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Other Than Payments to Local Governments</b>							
Roberta B. Willis Scholarship Fund	40,992,544	41,603,960	37,363,944	-	-	35,345,804	33,388,637
<b>Nonfunctional - Change to Accruals</b>	<b>(90,874)</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Agency Total - General Fund</b>	<b>46,102,843</b>	<b>47,113,031</b>	<b>41,604,805</b>	-	-	<b>39,250,238</b>	<b>37,293,071</b>
<b>Additional Funds Available</b>							
Federal Funds	-	3,027,419	3,075,950	-	-	-	-
Private Contributions & Other Restricted	-	19,863	25,000	-	-	-	-
Private Contributions	-	554,573	375,000	-	-	-	-
<b>Agency Grand Total</b>	<b>46,102,843</b>	<b>50,714,886</b>	<b>45,080,755</b>	-	-	<b>39,250,238</b>	<b>37,293,071</b>

Account	Governor Recommended		Legislative		Difference from Governor	
	FY 18	FY 19	FY 18	FY 19	FY 18	FY 19

### Policy Revisions

#### Transfer the Office of Higher Education

Personal Services	(1,578,180)	(1,578,180)	-	-	1,578,180	1,578,180
Other Expenses	(69,964)	(69,964)	-	-	69,964	69,964
Minority Advancement Program	(1,789,690)	(1,789,690)	-	-	1,789,690	1,789,690
National Service Act	(260,896)	(260,896)	-	-	260,896	260,896
Minority Teacher Incentive Program	(355,704)	(355,704)	-	-	355,704	355,704
Roberta B. Willis Scholarship Fund	(35,123,826)	(32,923,826)	-	-	35,123,826	32,923,826
<b>Total - General Fund</b>	<b>(39,178,260)</b>	<b>(36,978,260)</b>	-	-	<b>39,178,260</b>	<b>36,978,260</b>
<b>Positions - General Fund</b>	<b>(27)</b>	<b>(27)</b>	-	-	<b>27</b>	<b>27</b>

Account	Governor Recommended		Legislative		Difference from Governor	
	FY 18	FY 19	FY 18	FY 19	FY 18	FY 19

### Background

The Office of Higher Education seeks to advance the promise of postsecondary education for all state residents. Key state responsibilities, in addition to student financial aid administration, include: the licensure and accreditation of Connecticut's independent colleges and universities (programmatic and institutional; non-profit and for-profit), licensure of in-state academic programs offered by out-of-state institutions, regulation of more than 150 postsecondary career schools and operation of the Alternate Route to Certification. The Office also serves as the portal agency in the administration of Connecticut's State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements (SARA). Major federal responsibilities include AmeriCorps, Veterans Program Approval, and the Teacher Quality Partnership Grant Program.

### Governor

Transfer the Office of Higher Education, along with twenty-seven positions and corresponding funding of \$39,178,260 in FY 18 and \$36,978,260 in FY 19, to the State Department of Education.

### Legislative

Do not transfer the Office of Higher Education to the State Department of Education.

### Reduce Funding for the Roberta B. Willis Scholarship Program

Roberta B. Willis Scholarship Fund	(1,119,200)	(3,319,200)	(897,222)	(2,854,389)	221,978	464,811
<b>Total - General Fund</b>	<b>(1,119,200)</b>	<b>(3,319,200)</b>	<b>(897,222)</b>	<b>(2,854,389)</b>	<b>221,978</b>	<b>464,811</b>

### Background

PA 13-247 established the Governor's Scholarship Program as a single, consolidated state financial aid program for Connecticut residents who are undergraduates at in-state public and private higher education institutions. The program replaced the state's previous undergraduate student aid programs: Connecticut Aid to Public College Students (CAPCS), Connecticut Independent College Student Grant (CICSG), the Capitol Scholarship, and Connecticut Aid to Charter Oak State College. PA 16-179 changed the name of the account to the Roberta B. Willis Scholarship.

In FY 16 the Roberta B. Willis Scholarship awarded approximately \$10.8 million in need-merit based aid, to 2,400 students, with an average award of \$4,500. Additionally, the program awarded approximately \$29.5 million in need based aid, to 14,900 students, with an average award of \$2,000.

### Governor

Reduce funding for the Roberta B. Willis Scholarship Program by \$1,119,200 in FY 18 and \$3,319,200 in FY 19.

The reduction in funding will result in fewer scholarships awarded.

### Legislative

Reduce funding for the Roberta B. Willis Scholarship Program by \$897,222 in FY 18 and \$2,854,389 in FY 19.

### Annualize FY 17 Holdbacks

Personal Services	(49,036)	(49,036)	(49,036)	(49,036)	-	-
Other Expenses	(2,332)	(2,332)	(2,332)	(2,332)	-	-
Minority Advancement Program	(55,351)	(55,351)	(55,351)	(55,351)	-	-
Alternate Route to Certification	(1,436)	(1,436)	(1,436)	(1,436)	-	-
National Service Act	(8,068)	(8,068)	(8,068)	(8,068)	-	-
Minority Teacher Incentive Program	(11,001)	(11,001)	(11,001)	(11,001)	-	-
Roberta B. Willis Scholarship Fund	(1,120,918)	(1,120,918)	(1,120,918)	(1,120,918)	-	-
<b>Total - General Fund</b>	<b>(1,248,142)</b>	<b>(1,248,142)</b>	<b>(1,248,142)</b>	<b>(1,248,142)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

### Background

The Governor implemented FY 17 holdbacks totaling \$149.5 million. The Governor's FY 18 and FY 19 Budget annualizes \$81.7 million of FY 17 holdbacks in FY 18 and \$81.8 million in FY 19 across various agencies.

### Governor

Reduce funding by \$1,248,142 in both FY 18 and FY 19 to annualize FY 17 holdbacks.

### Legislative

Same as Governor

Account	Governor Recommended		Legislative		Difference from Governor	
	FY 18	FY 19	FY 18	FY 19	FY 18	FY 19

### Reduce Funding for Various Line Items

Personal Services	(7,314)	(7,314)	(7,314)	(7,314)	-	-
Other Expenses	(5,442)	(5,442)	(5,442)	(5,442)	-	-
Alternate Route to Certification	(46,447)	(46,447)	(46,447)	(46,447)	-	-
<b>Total - General Fund</b>	<b>(59,203)</b>	<b>(59,203)</b>	<b>(59,203)</b>	<b>(59,203)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

#### Governor

Reduce funding by \$59,203 in both FY 18 and FY 19 to achieve savings.

#### Legislative

Same as Governor

### Reduce Funding for Personal Services

Personal Services	-	-	(150,000)	(150,000)	(150,000)	(150,000)
<b>Total - General Fund</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(150,000)</b>	<b>(150,000)</b>	<b>(150,000)</b>	<b>(150,000)</b>

#### Legislative

Reduce funding for Personal Services by \$150,000 in both FY 18 and FY 19.

### Totals

Budget Components	Governor Recommended		Legislative		Difference from Governor	
	FY 18	FY 19	FY 18	FY 19	FY 18	FY 19
FY 17 Appropriation - GF	41,604,805	41,604,805	41,604,805	41,604,805	-	-
Policy Revisions	(41,604,805)	(41,604,805)	(2,354,567)	(4,311,734)	39,250,238	37,293,071
<b>Total Recommended - GF</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>39,250,238</b>	<b>37,293,071</b>	<b>39,250,238</b>	<b>37,293,071</b>

Positions	Governor Recommended		Legislative		Difference from Governor	
	FY 18	FY 19	FY 18	FY 19	FY 18	FY 19
FY 17 Appropriation - GF	27	27	27	27	-	-
Policy Revisions	(27)	(27)	-	-	27	27
<b>Total Recommended - GF</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>27</b>

## *Other Significant Legislation*

### **PA 17-2 JSS, An Act Concerning the State Budget for the Biennium Ending June 30, 2019**

Sections 12 - 16 contain provisions that allow the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) to allocate specific lapses to state agencies in the three branches of government (these are typically called holdbacks). The agency's FY 18 appropriation levels will be reduced by the amounts shown in the table below to achieve the lapses included in PA 17-2 JSS and amended in PA 17-4 JSS. This includes a Hiring Reduction Savings of \$3,144, a Labor Concessions Savings of \$60,706, and a Targeted Savings of \$244,127. See the FY 18 Holdbacks schedule in Section V of this document for a further description of these statewide savings targets.

<b>Account</b>	<b>Appropriation \$</b>	<b>Reduction Amount \$</b>	<b>Net Remaining \$</b>	<b>% Reduction</b>
Personal Services	1,428,180	(62,564)	1,365,616	4.4%
Other Expenses	69,964	(3,498)	66,466	5.0%
Minority Advancement Program	1,789,690	(179,569)	1,610,121	10.0%
National Service Act	260,896	(26,776)	234,120	10.3%
Minority Teacher Incentive Program	355,704	(35,570)	320,134	10.0%