



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 242**

LCO No. 1223

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Referred to Committee on Higher Education and Employment  
Advancement

Introduced by:  
(HED)

**AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY ON THE RELEASE OF FACULTY  
FROM CERTAIN TEACHING REQUIREMENTS.**

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) For purposes of this section,  
2 "course release" means the reduction in a faculty member's standard  
3 teaching load in exchange for services performed by such faculty  
4 member outside the classroom, including, but not limited to, advising  
5 students or chairing a department.

6 (b) The Board of Regents for Higher Education and the Board of  
7 Trustees for The University of Connecticut shall study issues  
8 concerning course releases and the feasibility and potential effects of  
9 reducing the number of faculty members who receive course releases  
10 from public institutions of higher education. Not later than January 1,  
11 2013, the president of the Board of Regents for Higher Education and  
12 the chairman of the Board of Trustees for The University of  
13 Connecticut shall report on such study in accordance with the  
14 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes to the joint standing  
15 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters

16 relating to higher education.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

**Statement of Purpose:**

To require a study of issues concerning course releases and the feasibility and potential effects of reducing the number of faculty members who receive course releases.

*[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.]*