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Governor's Bill No. 5050

LCO No. 494



Referred to Committee on HIGHER EDUCATION AND
EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT

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AN ACT IMPROVING COLLEGE COMPLETIONS.

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

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2014*) (a) There is established a Go
2 Back to Get Ahead program, administered by the Board of Regents for
3 Higher Education, for the purpose of encouraging individuals who
4 previously enrolled in an associate's or bachelor's degree program, but
5 left such program prior to its completion, to return to an institution of
6 higher education to earn a degree.
- 7 (b) Within available resources from the Board of Regents -
8 President's Office Operating Fund, the Go Back to Get Ahead program
9 shall provide an incentive of up to three free three-credit courses
10 necessary for the completion of an associate's or bachelor's degree to
11 any resident of this state who previously enrolled in an associate's or

12 bachelor's degree program at any public or independent institution of
 13 higher education, but who (1) left such program prior to completing it,
 14 and (2) has not attended any institution of higher education for at least
 15 eighteen months as of June 30, 2014. Said program shall be limited to
 16 individuals who enroll, not later than September 30, 2016, in an
 17 associate's or bachelor's degree program at a state college within the
 18 Connecticut State University System, a regional community-technical
 19 college or Charter Oak State College.

20 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2014*) The Board of Regents for Higher
 21 Education shall establish and administer a fund to be known as the
 22 Board of Regents - President's Office Operating Fund. Any moneys
 23 made available from the general revenues of the state for the office of
 24 the president of the Board of Regents for Higher Education may be
 25 transferred from the State Comptroller for deposit into said fund. Gifts
 26 and donations and state and federal funds and grants made to the
 27 office of the president of the Board of Regents for Higher Education
 28 shall be credited to said fund. The board shall establish an equitable
 29 policy for allocation of moneys, gifts, donations, funds and grants
 30 deposited into and credited to said fund. At the beginning of each
 31 quarter of the fiscal year, the Board of Regents shall allocate and
 32 transfer, in accordance with said policy, to the institutional operating
 33 accounts moneys for expenditure by the Connecticut State University
 34 System, the regional community-technical college system and Charter
 35 Oak State College, exclusive of the amounts retained for the office of
 36 the president's operations and reserves for future distribution.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:
 To implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

[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.]