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***Raised Bill No. 1021***

LCO No. 4318



Referred to Committee on HIGHER EDUCATION AND  
EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT

Introduced by:  
(HED)

***AN ACT IMPROVING ACCESS TO THE REGIONAL COMMUNITY-  
TECHNICAL COLLEGES.***

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (d) of section 10a-77 of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
3 *1, 2015*):

4 (d) (1) Said board of trustees shall waive the payment of tuition at  
5 any of the regional community-technical colleges ~~[(1)]~~ (A) for any  
6 dependent child of a person whom the armed forces of the United  
7 States has declared to be missing in action or to have been a prisoner of  
8 war while serving in such armed forces after January 1, 1960, which  
9 child has been accepted for admission to such institution and is a  
10 resident of Connecticut at the time such child is accepted for admission  
11 to such institution, ~~[(2)]~~ (B) subject to the provisions of subsection (e) of  
12 this section, for any veteran who performed service in time of war, as  
13 defined in subsection (a) of section 27-103, except that for purposes of  
14 this subsection, "service in time of war" shall not include time spent in

15 attendance at a military service academy, who has been accepted for  
16 admission to such institution and is domiciled in this state at the time  
17 such veteran is accepted for admission to such institution, [(3)] (C) for  
18 any resident of Connecticut sixty-two years of age or older, provided,  
19 at the end of the regular registration period, there are enrolled in the  
20 course a sufficient number of students other than those persons  
21 eligible for waivers pursuant to this subdivision to offer the course in  
22 which such person intends to enroll and there is space available in  
23 such course after accommodating all such students, [(4)] (D) for any  
24 student attending the Connecticut State Police Academy who is  
25 enrolled in a law enforcement program at said academy offered in  
26 coordination with a regional community-technical college which  
27 accredits courses taken in such program, [(5)] (E) for any active  
28 member of the Connecticut Army or Air National Guard who [(A)] (i)  
29 has been certified by the Adjutant General or such Adjutant General's  
30 designee as a member in good standing of the guard, and [(B)] (ii) is  
31 enrolled or accepted for admission to such institution on a full-time or  
32 part-time basis in an undergraduate degree-granting program, [(6)] (F)  
33 for any dependent child of a [(A)] (i) police officer, as defined in  
34 section 7-294a, or supernumerary or auxiliary police officer, [(B)] (ii)  
35 firefighter, as defined in section 7-323j, or member of a volunteer fire  
36 company, [(C)] (iii) municipal employee, or [(D)] (iv) state employee,  
37 as defined in section 5-154, killed in the line of duty, [(7)] (G) for any  
38 resident of the state who is a dependent child or surviving spouse of a  
39 specified terrorist victim who was a resident of this state, [(8)] (H) for  
40 any dependent child of a resident of the state who was killed in a  
41 multivehicle crash at or near the intersection of Routes 44 and 10 and  
42 Nod Road in Avon on July 29, 2005, and [(9)] (I) for any resident of the  
43 state who is a dependent child or surviving spouse of a person who  
44 was killed in action while performing active military duty with the  
45 armed forces of the United States on or after September 11, 2001, and  
46 who was a resident of this state. If any person who receives a tuition  
47 waiver in accordance with the provisions of this subsection also  
48 receives educational reimbursement from an employer, such waiver

49 shall be reduced by the amount of such educational reimbursement.  
50 Veterans described in [subdivision (2) of this subsection] subparagraph  
51 (D) of this subdivision and members of the National Guard described  
52 in [subdivision (5) of this subsection] subparagraph (E) of this  
53 subdivision shall be given the same status as students not receiving  
54 tuition waivers in registering for courses at regional community-  
55 technical colleges. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10a-30, as  
56 used in this [subsection] subdivision, "domiciled in this state" includes  
57 domicile for less than one year.

58 (2) On and after July 1, 2015, said board of trustees shall waive  
59 tuition at any of the regional community-technical colleges for any  
60 student who (A) enrolls at least half-time in a (i) certificate program  
61 that has a high graduation rate, as determined by said board, and from  
62 which graduation is required for occupations identified by the Office  
63 of Workforce Competitiveness as having a projected workforce  
64 shortage, or (ii) degree-granting program, (B) maintains a minimum  
65 cumulative grade point average of 2.5, and (C) remains on schedule to  
66 complete such program, as determined by said board.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2015	10a-77(d)

**Statement of Purpose:**

To waive tuition for certain students at the regional-community technical colleges.

*[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.]*