
OLR Bill Analysis

HB 5545

AN ACT CONCERNING THE BUDGET OF THE CONNECTICUT STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES.

SUMMARY

This bill requires the Board of Regents for Higher Education (BOR) to make the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities central office a separate line item in the consolidated operating and capital expenditure budgets that it submits to the Office of Policy and Management (OPM). Under current law, the budget is already itemized by each state university, regional community technical college, and Charter Oak State College.

The bill exempts central office appropriations from the same statutory limits on allotment reductions (i.e., rescissions) that apply to the public colleges and universities.

The bill also contains several conforming and technical changes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2021

BACKGROUND

BOR Budget Preparation

BOR must develop either a formula or a program-based budgeting system to be used by each institution in preparing their requested operating budgets. Using the formula or system, BOR then prepares a single budget request to submit to the OPM secretary, itemized by state university, regional community-technical college, and Charter Oak State College. The budget request contains a proposed expenditure plan that includes the (1) total appropriation requested from the legislature, (2) amount to be appropriated from the General Fund, and (3) amount to be paid from tuition revenues (including any proposed tuition increases) (CGS § 10a-8(a)).

COMMITTEE ACTION

Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 22 Nay 0 (03/11/2021)