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**OLR Bill Analysis****HB 6405*****AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONNECTICUT OPEN EDUCATIONAL RESOURCE COORDINATING COUNCIL.*****SUMMARY**

This bill delays the Connecticut Open Educational Resource (OER) Coordinating Council's (see BACKGROUND) first annual reporting deadline from January 1, 2021, to February 1, 2022. It also exempts unexpended funds appropriated to the OER Coordinating Council from lapsing at the end of the fiscal year.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2021

**BACKGROUND*****Connecticut OER Coordinating Council***

PA 19-117, § 147, established the Connecticut OER Coordinating Council and required the council to establish an OER program to lower the cost of textbooks and course materials for high-impact courses at state higher education institutions. "High-impact" courses are instruction courses for which OERs would make a significant positive financial impact on the students taking the course due to the number of students taking the course or the market value of the course's required printed textbook or other resources.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 20    Nay 0    (03/04/2021)