



General Assembly

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Committee Bill No. 5109

LCO No. 4902



Referred to Committee on HIGHER EDUCATION AND
EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT

Introduced by:
(HED)

***AN ACT PROHIBITING THE CHARGING OF GRADUATION FEES AT
PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 10a-77 of the general statutes is amended by adding
2 subsection (i) as follows (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

3 (NEW) (i) On and after July 1, 2021, the Board of Regents for Higher
4 Education shall not assess or charge a fee to any student enrolled in a
5 regional community-technical college for graduation from such regional
6 community-technical college.

7 Sec. 2. Section 10a-99 of the general statutes is amended by adding
8 subsection (i) as follows (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

9 (NEW) (i) On and after July 1, 2021, the Board of Regents for Higher
10 Education shall not assess or charge a fee to any student enrolled in the
11 Connecticut State University System for graduation from a state
12 university within such system.

13 Sec. 3. Subsection (e) of section 10a-143 of the general statutes is

14 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
15 *2021*):

16 (e) The board shall fix fees for examinations and for such other
17 purposes as the board deems necessary on behalf of Charter Oak State
18 College and may make refunds and other disposition of same as
19 provided by law or regulation. The board may make contracts, leases or
20 other agreements in connection with its responsibilities. On and after
21 July 1, 2021, the Board of Regents for Higher Education shall not assess
22 or charge a fee to any student enrolled in Charter Oak State College for
23 graduation from such college.

24 Sec. 4. Section 10a-105 of the general statutes is amended by adding
25 subsection (l) as follows (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

26 (NEW) (l) On and after July 1, 2021, the Board of Trustees of The
27 University of Connecticut shall not assess or charge a fee to any student
28 enrolled in The University of Connecticut for graduation from such
29 university.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	10a-77
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	10a-99
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	10a-143(e)
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	10a-105

Statement of Purpose:

To prohibit each public institution of higher education from charging fees to students for graduation from such institution.

[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.]

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