



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14 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  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

**HED**      *Joint Favorable*