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Referred to Committee on HIGHER EDUCATION AND
EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT

Introduced by:
(HED)

***AN ACT CONCERNING FEE WAIVERS FOR VETERANS ATTENDING
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 Section 10a-77 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

3 (a) Subject to the provisions of section 10a-26, the Board of [Trustees
4 of the Community-Technical Colleges] Regents for Higher Education
5 shall fix fees for tuition at the regional community-technical colleges and
6 shall fix fees for such other purposes as the board deems necessary at
7 the regional community-technical colleges, and may make refunds to
8 the same.

9 (b) The Board of [Trustees of the Community-Technical Colleges]
10 Regents for Higher Education shall establish and administer a fund to
11 be known as the Regional Community-Technical Colleges Operating
12 Fund. Appropriations from general revenues of the state and, upon
13 request by the board and with an annual review and approval by the
14 Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, the amount of the
15 appropriations for fringe benefits and workers' compensation

16 applicable to the community-technical colleges pursuant to subsection
17 (a) of section 4-73, shall be transferred from the Comptroller, and all
18 tuition revenue received by the regional community-technical colleges
19 in accordance with the provisions of subsection (a) of this section shall
20 be deposited in said fund. Income from student fees or related charges;
21 the proceeds of auxiliary activities and business enterprises, gifts and
22 donations; federal funds and grants for purposes other than research,
23 and all receipts derived from the conduct by the colleges of their
24 education extension programs and summer school sessions shall be
25 credited to said fund but shall be allocated to the central office and
26 institutional operating accounts which shall be established and
27 maintained for the central office and each community-technical college.
28 If the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management disapproves
29 such transfer, the secretary may require the amount of the appropriation
30 for operating expenses to be used for personal services and fringe
31 benefits to be excluded from said fund. The State Treasurer shall review
32 and approve the transfer prior to such request by [the] said board. [of
33 trustees.] The board shall establish an equitable policy for allocation of
34 appropriations from general revenues of the state, fringe benefits
35 transferred from the Comptroller and tuition revenue deposited in the
36 Regional Community-Technical Colleges Operating Fund. At the
37 beginning of each quarter of the fiscal year, the board shall allocate and
38 transfer, in accordance with said policy, moneys for expenditure in such
39 institutional operating accounts, exclusive of amounts retained for
40 central office operations and reasonable reserves for future distribution.
41 All costs of waiving or remitting tuition pursuant to subsection (f) of this
42 section shall be charged to the Regional Community-Technical Colleges
43 Operating Fund. Repairs, alterations or additions to facilities supported
44 by operating funds and costing one million dollars or more shall require
45 the approval of the General Assembly, or when the General Assembly
46 is not in session, of the Finance Advisory Committee. Any balance of
47 receipts above expenditures shall remain in said fund, except such sums
48 as may be required for deposit into a debt service fund or the General
49 Fund for further payment by the Treasurer of debt service on general

50 obligation bonds of the state issued for purposes of community-
51 technical colleges.

52 (c) [Commencing December 1, 1984, and thereafter not] Not later than
53 sixty days after the close of each quarter, the [board of trustees] Board
54 of Regents for Higher Education shall submit to the joint standing
55 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
56 relating to appropriations and the budgets of state agencies, the Office
57 of Higher Education and the Office of Policy and Management a report
58 on the actual expenditures of the Regional Community-Technical
59 Colleges Operating Fund.

60 (d) Said board [of trustees] shall (1) waive the payment of tuition at
61 any of the regional community-technical colleges [(1)] (A) for any
62 dependent child of a person whom the armed forces of the United States
63 has declared to be missing in action or to have been a prisoner of war
64 while serving in such armed forces after January 1, 1960, which child
65 has been accepted for admission to such institution and is a resident of
66 the state at the time such child is accepted for admission to such
67 institution, [(2) subject to the provisions of subsection (e) of this section,
68 for any (A) veteran who performed service in time of war, as defined in
69 section 27-103, or (B) person with a qualifying condition, as defined in
70 said section, who has received a discharge other than bad conduct or
71 dishonorable from active service in the armed forces and who
72 performed service in time of war, except that for purposes of this
73 subsection, "service in time of war" shall not include time spent in
74 attendance at a military service academy, which veteran or person has
75 been accepted for admission to such institution and is domiciled in this
76 state at the time such veteran or person is accepted for admission to such
77 institution, (3)] (B) for any resident of the state sixty-two years of age or
78 older, provided, at the end of the regular registration period, there are
79 enrolled in the course a sufficient number of students other than those
80 residents eligible for waivers pursuant to this subdivision to offer the
81 course in which such resident intends to enroll and there is space
82 available in such course after accommodating all such students, [(4)] (C)

83 for any student attending the Connecticut State Police Academy who is
84 enrolled in a law enforcement program at said academy offered in
85 coordination with a regional community-technical college which
86 accredits courses taken in such program, [(5)] (D) for any active member
87 of the Connecticut Army or Air National Guard who [(A)] (i) has been
88 certified by the Adjutant General or such Adjutant General's designee
89 as a member in good standing of the guard, and [(B)] (ii) is enrolled or
90 accepted for admission to such institution on a full-time or part-time
91 basis in an undergraduate degree-granting program, [(6)] (E) for any
92 dependent child of a [(A)] (i) police officer, as defined in section 7-294a,
93 or supernumerary or auxiliary police officer, [(B)] (ii) firefighter, as
94 defined in section 7-323j, or member of a volunteer fire company, [(C)]
95 (iii) municipal employee, or [(D)] (iv) state employee, as defined in
96 section 5-154, killed in the line of duty, [(7)] (F) for any resident of the
97 state who is a dependent child or surviving spouse of a specified
98 terrorist victim who was a resident of this state, [(8)] (G) for any
99 dependent child of a resident of the state who was killed in a
100 multivehicle crash at or near the intersection of Routes 44 and 10 and
101 Nod Road in Avon on July 29, 2005, and [(9)] (H) for any resident of the
102 state who is a dependent child or surviving spouse of a person who was
103 killed in action while performing active military duty with the armed
104 forces of the United States on or after September 11, 2001, and who was
105 a resident of this state, and (2) waive the payment of tuition and student
106 fees at any of the regional community-technical colleges, subject to the
107 provisions of subsection (e) of this section, for any (A) veteran who
108 performed service in time of war, as defined in section 27-103, or (B)
109 person with a qualifying condition, as defined in said section, who has
110 received a discharge other than bad conduct or dishonorable from active
111 service in the armed forces and who performed service in time of war,
112 except that for purposes of this subsection, "service in time of war" shall
113 not include time spent in attendance at a military service academy,
114 which veteran or person has been accepted for admission to such
115 institution and is domiciled in this state at the time such veteran or
116 person is accepted for admission to such institution. If any person who

117 receives a tuition or student fee waiver in accordance with the
118 provisions of this subsection also receives educational reimbursement
119 from an employer, such waiver shall be reduced by the amount of such
120 educational reimbursement. Veterans and persons described in
121 subdivision (2) of this subsection and members of the National Guard
122 described in ~~[subdivision (5)]~~ subparagraph (D) of subdivision (1) of this
123 subsection shall be given the same status as students not receiving
124 tuition waivers in registering for courses at regional community-
125 technical colleges. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10a-30, as
126 used in this subsection, "domiciled in this state" includes domicile for
127 less than one year.

128 (e) ~~[(1)]~~ If any veteran described in subsection (d) of this section has
129 applied for federal educational assistance under the Post-9/11 Veterans
130 Educational Assistance Act of 2008, the ~~[board of trustees]~~ Board of
131 Regents for Higher Education shall waive the payment of tuition and
132 student fees at any of the regional community-technical colleges for
133 such veteran ~~[in accordance with subdivision (2) of this subsection]~~ for
134 any amount in excess of the federal educational assistance received by
135 such veteran. If any such veteran certifies to said board that such
136 veteran's application for such federal educational assistance has been
137 denied or withdrawn, said board ~~[of trustees]~~ shall waive the payment
138 of tuition and student fees in accordance with subsection (d) of this
139 section.

140 [(2) (A) For purposes of this subdivision, "veteran tuition benefit"
141 means the portion of federal educational assistance under the Post-9/11
142 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008 to be paid to a regional
143 community-technical college on behalf of a veteran that represents
144 payment for tuition. Such portion shall be calculated by multiplying (i)
145 the total amount of such federal educational assistance to be paid to a
146 regional community-technical college on behalf of such veteran by (ii)
147 an amount obtained by dividing (I) the actual tuition charged by such
148 college to such veteran by (II) the sum of the actual tuition and fees
149 charged by such college to such veteran.

150 (B) Said board of trustees shall waive the payment of tuition in excess
151 of the veteran tuition benefit at any of the regional community-technical
152 colleges for such veteran.]

153 (f) Said board shall set aside from its anticipated regional community-
154 technical college tuition revenue, an amount not less than that required
155 by said board's tuition policy. Such funds shall be used to provide
156 tuition waivers, tuition remissions, grants for educational expenses and
157 student employment for residents enrolled in regional community-
158 technical colleges as full or part-time matriculated students in a degree-
159 granting program, or enrolled in a precollege remedial program, who
160 demonstrate substantial financial need. Said board may also set aside
161 from its anticipated tuition revenue an additional amount equal to one
162 per cent of said tuition revenue for financial assistance for students who
163 would not otherwise be eligible for financial assistance but who do have
164 a financial need as determined by the college in accordance with this
165 subsection. In determining such financial need, the college shall exclude
166 the value of equity in the principal residence of the student's parents or
167 legal guardians, or in the student's principal residence if the student is
168 not considered to be a dependent of his parents or legal guardians and
169 shall assess the earnings of a dependent student at the rate of thirty per
170 cent.

171 (g) The Regional Community-Technical Colleges Operating Fund
172 shall be reimbursed for the amount by which the tuition and student fee
173 waivers granted under subsection (d) of this section exceed five per cent
174 of tuition and student fee revenue through an annual state
175 appropriation. The board of trustees shall request such an appropriation
176 and [said] such appropriation shall be based upon an estimate of tuition
177 and student fee revenue loss using tuition rates and student fees in effect
178 for the fiscal year in which such appropriation will apply.

179 (h) Said board [of trustees] shall allow any student who is a member
180 of the armed forces called to active duty during any semester to enroll
181 in any course for which such student had remitted tuition but which

182 was not completed due to active duty status. Such course reenrollment
183 shall be offered to any qualifying student for a period not exceeding four
184 years after the date of release from active duty without additional
185 tuition, student fee or related charge, except if such student has been
186 fully reimbursed for the tuition, fees and charges for the course that was
187 not completed.

188 Sec. 2. Section 10a-99 of the general statutes is repealed and the
189 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

190 (a) Subject to the provisions of section 10a-26, the Board of [Trustees of
191 the Connecticut State University System] Regents for Higher
192 Education shall fix fees for tuition and shall fix fees for such other
193 purposes as the board deems necessary at the university, and may make
194 refunds of the same.

195 (b) The Board of [Trustees of the Connecticut State University
196 System] Regents for Higher Education shall establish and administer a
197 fund to be known as the Connecticut State University System Operating
198 Fund. Appropriations from general revenues of the state and upon
199 request by the Connecticut State University System and with the annual
200 review and approval by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
201 Management, the amount of the appropriations for fringe benefits
202 pursuant to subsection (a) of section 4-73, shall be transferred from the
203 State Comptroller and all tuition revenue received by the Connecticut
204 State University System in accordance with the provisions of subsection
205 (a) of this section shall be deposited in said fund. Income from student
206 fees or related charges, the proceeds of auxiliary activities and business
207 enterprises, gifts and donations, federal funds and grants, subject to the
208 provisions of sections 10a-98 to 10a-98g, inclusive, and all receipts
209 derived from the conduct by a state university of its education extension
210 program and its summer school session shall be credited to said fund
211 but shall be allocated to the central office and institutional operating
212 accounts which shall be established and maintained for the central office
213 and each state university. Any such gifts and donations, federal funds

214 and grants for purposes of research shall be allocated to separate
215 accounts within such central office and institutional operating accounts.
216 If the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management disapproves
217 such transfer, [he] the secretary may require the amount of the
218 appropriation for operating expenses to be used for personal services
219 and fringe benefits to be excluded from said fund. The State Treasurer
220 shall review and approve the transfer prior to such request by [the
221 university] said board. The board [of trustees] shall establish an
222 equitable policy for allocation of appropriations from general revenues
223 of the state, fringe benefits transferred from the State Comptroller and
224 tuition revenue deposited in the Connecticut State University System
225 Operating Fund. At the beginning of each quarter of the fiscal year, the
226 board shall allocate and transfer, in accordance with said policy, moneys
227 for expenditure in such institutional operating accounts, exclusive of
228 amounts retained for central office operations and reasonable reserves
229 for future distribution. All costs of waiving or remitting tuition pursuant
230 to subsection (f) of this section shall be charged to the Connecticut State
231 University System Operating Fund. Repairs, alterations or additions to
232 facilities supported by the Connecticut State University System
233 Operating Fund and costing one million dollars or more shall require
234 the approval of the General Assembly, or when the General Assembly
235 is not in session, of the Finance Advisory Committee. Any balance of
236 receipts above expenditures shall remain in said fund, except such sums
237 as may be required for deposit into a debt service fund or the General
238 Fund for further payment by the Treasurer of debt service on general
239 obligation bonds of the state issued for purposes of the Connecticut
240 State University System.

241 (c) [Commencing December 1, 1984, and thereafter not] Not later than
242 sixty days after the close of each quarter, the [board of trustees] Board
243 of Regents for Higher Education shall submit to the joint standing
244 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
245 relating to appropriations and the budgets of state agencies, the Office
246 of Higher Education and the Office of Policy and Management a report
247 on the actual expenditures of the Connecticut State University System

248 Operating Fund.

249 (d) Said board shall (1) waive the payment of tuition fees at the
250 Connecticut State University System ~~[(1)]~~ (A) for any dependent child
251 of a person whom the armed forces of the United States has declared to
252 be missing in action or to have been a prisoner of war while serving in
253 such armed forces after January 1, 1960, which child has been accepted
254 for admission to such institution and is a resident of the state at the time
255 such child is accepted for admission to such institution, ~~[(2)~~ subject to
256 the provisions of subsection (e) of this section, for any (A) veteran who
257 performed service in time of war, as defined in section 27-103, or (B)
258 person with a qualifying condition, as defined in said section, who has
259 received a discharge other than bad conduct or dishonorable from active
260 service in the armed forces and who performed service in time of war,
261 except that for purposes of this subsection, "service in time of war" shall
262 not include time spent in attendance at a military service academy,
263 which veteran or person has been accepted for admission to such
264 institution and is domiciled in this state at the time such veteran or
265 person is accepted for admission to such institution, ~~(3)]~~ (B) for any
266 resident of the state sixty-two years of age or older who has been
267 accepted for admission to such institution, provided ~~[(A)]~~ (i) such
268 resident is enrolled in a degree-granting program, or ~~[(B)]~~ (ii) at the end
269 of the regular registration period, there are enrolled in the course a
270 sufficient number of students other than those residents eligible for
271 waivers pursuant to this subdivision to offer the course in which such
272 resident intends to enroll and there is space available in such course
273 after accommodating all such students, ~~[(4)]~~ (C) for any student
274 attending the Connecticut Police Academy who is enrolled in a law
275 enforcement program at said academy offered in coordination with the
276 university which accredits courses taken in such program, ~~[(5)]~~ (D) for
277 any active member of the Connecticut Army or Air National Guard who
278 ~~[(A)]~~ (i) has been certified by the Adjutant General or such Adjutant
279 General's designee as a member in good standing of the guard, and ~~[(B)]~~
280 (ii) is enrolled or accepted for admission to such institution on a full-
281 time or part-time basis in an undergraduate or graduate degree-

282 granting program, [(6)] (E) for any dependent child of a [(A)] (i) police
283 officer, as defined in section 7-294a, or supernumerary or auxiliary
284 police officer, [(B)] (ii) firefighter, as defined in section 7-323j, or member
285 of a volunteer fire company, [(C)] (iii) municipal employee, or [(D)] (iv)
286 state employee, as defined in section 5-154, killed in the line of duty, [(7)]
287 (E) for any resident of this state who is a dependent child or surviving
288 spouse of a specified terrorist victim who was a resident of the state,
289 [(8)] (G) for any dependent child of a resident of the state who was killed
290 in a multivehicle crash at or near the intersection of Routes 44 and 10
291 and Nod Road in Avon on July 29, 2005, and [(9)] (H) for any resident
292 of the state who is a dependent child or surviving spouse of a person
293 who was killed in action while performing active military duty with the
294 armed forces of the United States on or after September 11, 2001, and
295 who was a resident of this state, and (2) waive the payment of tuition
296 and student fees at the Connecticut State University System, subject to
297 the provisions of subsection (e) of this section, for any (A) veteran who
298 performed service in time of war, as defined in section 27-103, or (B)
299 person with a qualifying condition, as defined in said section, who has
300 received a discharge other than bad conduct or dishonorable from active
301 service in the armed forces and who performed service in time of war,
302 except that for purposes of this subsection, "service in time of war" shall
303 not include time spent in attendance at a military service academy,
304 which veteran or person has been accepted for admission to such
305 institution and is domiciled in this state at the time such veteran or
306 person is accepted for admission to such institution. If any person who
307 receives a tuition or student fee waiver in accordance with the
308 provisions of this subsection also receives educational reimbursement
309 from an employer, such waiver shall be reduced by the amount of such
310 educational reimbursement. Veterans and persons described in
311 subdivision (2) of this subsection and members of the National Guard
312 described in [subdivision (5)] subparagraph (D) of subdivision (1) of this
313 subsection shall be given the same status as students not receiving
314 tuition waivers in registering for courses at Connecticut state
315 universities. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10a-30, as used

316 in this subsection, "domiciled in this state" includes domicile for less
317 than one year.

318 (e) [(1)] If any veteran described in subsection (d) of this section has
319 applied for federal educational assistance under the Post-9/11 Veterans
320 Educational Assistance Act of 2008, the [board of trustees] Board of
321 Regents for Higher Education shall waive the payment of tuition and
322 student fees at the Connecticut State University System for such veteran
323 [in accordance with subdivision (2) of this subsection] for any amount
324 in excess of the federal educational assistance received by such veteran.
325 If any such veteran certifies to said board that such veteran's application
326 for such federal educational assistance has been denied or withdrawn,
327 said board [of trustees] shall waive the payment of tuition and student
328 fees in accordance with subsection (d) of this section.

329 [(2) (A) For purposes of this subdivision, "veteran tuition benefit"
330 means the portion of federal educational assistance under the Post-9/11
331 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008 to be paid to the
332 Connecticut State University System on behalf of a veteran that
333 represents payment for tuition. Such portion shall be calculated by
334 multiplying (i) the total amount of such federal educational assistance
335 to be paid to the Connecticut State University System on behalf of such
336 veteran by (ii) an amount obtained by dividing (I) the actual tuition
337 charged by the Connecticut State University System to such veteran by
338 (II) the sum of the actual tuition and fees charged by the Connecticut
339 State University System to such veteran.

340 (B) Said board of trustees shall waive the payment of tuition in excess
341 of the veteran tuition benefit at the Connecticut State University System
342 for such veteran.]

343 (f) Said board shall set aside from its anticipated tuition revenue, an
344 amount not less than that required by the [board of governors'] board's
345 tuition policy established under subdivision (3) of subsection (a) of
346 section 10a-6. Such funds shall be used to provide tuition waivers,
347 tuition remissions, grants for educational expenses and student

348 employment for any undergraduate or graduate student who is enrolled
349 as a full or part-time matriculated student in a degree-granting
350 program, or enrolled in a precollege remedial program, and who
351 demonstrates substantial financial need. Said board may also set aside
352 from its anticipated tuition revenue an additional amount equal to one
353 per cent of said tuition revenue for financial assistance for students who
354 would not otherwise be eligible for financial assistance but who do have
355 a financial need as determined by the university in accordance with this
356 subsection. In determining such financial need, the university shall
357 exclude the value of equity in the principal residence of the student's
358 parents or legal guardians, or in the student's principal residence if the
359 student is not considered to be a dependent of his parents or legal
360 guardians and shall assess the earnings of a dependent student at the
361 rate of thirty per cent.

362 (g) The Connecticut State University System Operating Fund shall be
363 reimbursed for the amount by which the tuition and student fee waivers
364 granted under subsection (d) of this section exceed two and one-half per
365 cent of tuition and student fee revenue through an annual state
366 appropriation. The board [of trustees] shall request such an
367 appropriation and [said] such appropriation shall be based upon an
368 estimate of tuition and student fee revenue loss using tuition rates and
369 student fees in effect for the fiscal year in which such appropriation will
370 apply.

371 (h) Said board [of trustees] shall allow any student who is a member
372 of the armed forces called to active duty during any semester to enroll
373 in any course for which such student had remitted tuition but which
374 was not completed due to active duty status. Such course reenrollment
375 shall be offered to any qualifying student for a period not exceeding four
376 years after the date of release from active duty without additional
377 tuition, student fee or related charge, except if such student has been
378 fully reimbursed for the tuition, fees and charges for the course that was
379 not completed.

380 Sec. 3. Subsections (d) to (h), inclusive, of section 10a-105 of the
381 general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
382 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

383 (d) [Commencing December 1, 1981, and thereafter not] Not later
384 than sixty days after the close of each quarter, the board of trustees shall
385 submit to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
386 cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and the budgets of state
387 agencies, the Office of Higher Education and the Office of Policy and
388 Management a report on the actual expenditures of The University of
389 Connecticut Operating Fund and The University of Connecticut Health
390 Center Operating Fund containing such relevant information as the
391 Office of Policy and Management may require, [in the form prescribed
392 by the board of regents in accordance with subsection (a) of section 10a-
393 8.]

394 (e) Said board of trustees shall (1) waive the payment of tuition fees
395 at The University of Connecticut [(1)] (A) for any dependent child of a
396 person whom the armed forces of the United States has declared to be
397 missing in action or to have been a prisoner of war while serving in such
398 armed forces after January 1, 1960, which child has been accepted for
399 admission to The University of Connecticut and is a resident of the state
400 at the time such child is accepted for admission to said institution, [(2)
401 subject to the provisions of subsection (f) of this section, for any (A)
402 veteran who performed service in time of war, as defined in section 27-
403 103, or (B) person with a qualifying condition, as defined in said section,
404 who has received a discharge other than bad conduct or dishonorable
405 from active service in the armed forces and who performed service in
406 time of war, except that for purposes of this subsection, "service in time
407 of war" shall not include time spent in attendance at a military service
408 academy, which veteran or person has been accepted for admission to
409 said institution and is domiciled in this state at the time such veteran or
410 person is accepted for admission to said institution, (3)] (B) for any
411 resident of the state sixty-two years of age or older who has been
412 accepted for admission to said institution, provided [(A)] (i) such

413 resident is enrolled in a degree-granting program, or [(B)] (ii) at the end
414 of the regular registration period, there are enrolled in the course a
415 sufficient number of students other than those residents eligible for
416 waivers pursuant to this subdivision to offer the course in which such
417 resident intends to enroll and there is space available in such course
418 after accommodating all such students, [(4)] (C) for any active member
419 of the Connecticut Army or Air National Guard who [(A)] (i) has been
420 certified by the Adjutant General or such Adjutant General's designee
421 as a member in good standing of the guard, and [(B)] (ii) is enrolled or
422 accepted for admission to said institution on a full-time or part-time
423 basis in an undergraduate or graduate degree-granting program, [(5)]
424 (D) for any dependent child of a [(A)] (i) police officer, as defined in
425 section 7-294a, or supernumerary or auxiliary police officer, [(B)] (ii)
426 firefighter, as defined in section 7-323j, or member of a volunteer fire
427 company, [(C)] (iii) municipal employee, or [(D)] (iv) state employee, as
428 defined in section 5-154, killed in the line of duty, [(6)] (E) for any
429 resident of the state who is the dependent child or surviving spouse of
430 a specified terrorist victim who was a resident of the state, [(7)] (F) for
431 any dependent child of a resident of the state who was killed in a
432 multivehicle crash at or near the intersection of Routes 44 and 10 and
433 Nod Road in Avon on July 29, 2005, and [(8)] (G) for any resident of the
434 state who is a dependent child or surviving spouse of a person who was
435 killed in action while performing active military duty with the armed
436 forces of the United States on or after September 11, 2001, and who was
437 a resident of this state, and (2) waive the payment of tuition and student
438 fees at The University of Connecticut, subject to the provisions of
439 subsection (f) of this section, for any (A) veteran who performed service
440 in time of war, as defined in section 27-103, or (B) person with a
441 qualifying condition, as defined in said section, who has received a
442 discharge other than bad conduct or dishonorable from active service in
443 the armed forces and who performed service in time of war, except that
444 for purposes of this subsection, "service in time of war" shall not include
445 time spent in attendance at a military service academy, which veteran
446 or person has been accepted for admission to said institution and is

447 domiciled in this state at the time such veteran or person is accepted for
448 admission to said institution. If any person who receives a tuition or
449 student fee waiver in accordance with the provisions of this subsection
450 also receives educational reimbursement from an employer, such
451 waiver shall be reduced by the amount of such educational
452 reimbursement. Veterans and persons described in subdivision (2) of
453 this subsection and members of the National Guard described in
454 [subdivision (4)] subparagraph (C) of subdivision (1) of this subsection
455 shall be given the same status as students not receiving tuition waivers
456 in registering for courses at The University of Connecticut.
457 Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10a-30, as used in this
458 subsection, "domiciled in this state" includes domicile for less than one
459 year.

460 (f) [(1)] If any veteran described in subsection (e) of this section has
461 applied for federal educational assistance under the Post-9/11 Veterans
462 Educational Assistance Act of 2008, the board of trustees shall waive the
463 payment of tuition and student fees at The University of Connecticut for
464 such veteran [in accordance with subdivision (2) of this subsection] for
465 any amount in excess of the federal educational assistance received by
466 such veteran. If any such veteran certifies to said board that such
467 veteran's application for such federal educational assistance has been
468 denied or withdrawn, said board of trustees shall waive the payment of
469 tuition in accordance with subsection (d) of this section.

470 [(2) (A) For purposes of this subdivision, "veteran tuition benefit"
471 means the portion of federal educational assistance under the Post-9/11
472 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008 to be paid to The
473 University of Connecticut on behalf of a veteran that represents
474 payment for tuition. Such portion shall be calculated by multiplying (i)
475 the total amount of such federal educational assistance to be paid to The
476 University of Connecticut on behalf of such veteran by (ii) an amount
477 obtained by dividing (I) the actual tuition charged by The University of
478 Connecticut to such veteran by (II) the sum of the actual tuition and fees
479 charged by The University of Connecticut to such veteran.

480 (B) Said board of trustees shall waive the payment of tuition in excess
481 of the veteran tuition benefit at The University of Connecticut for such
482 veteran.]

483 (g) Said board of trustees shall set aside from its anticipated tuition
484 revenue, an amount not less than that required by the board of
485 governors' tuition policy established under subdivision (3) of subsection
486 (a) of section 10a-6. Such funds shall be used to provide tuition waivers,
487 tuition remissions, grants for educational expenses and student
488 employment for any undergraduate, graduate or professional student
489 who is enrolled as a full or part-time matriculated student in a degree-
490 granting program, or enrolled in a precollege remedial program, and
491 who demonstrates substantial financial need. Said board may also set
492 aside from its anticipated tuition revenue an additional amount equal to
493 one per cent of said tuition revenue for financial assistance for students
494 who would not otherwise be eligible for financial assistance but who do
495 have a financial need as determined by the university in accordance
496 with this subsection. In determining such financial need, the university
497 shall exclude the value of equity in the principal residence of the
498 student's parents or legal guardians, or in the student's principal
499 residence if the student is not considered to be a dependent of his
500 parents or legal guardians and shall assess the earnings of a dependent
501 student at the rate of thirty per cent.

502 (h) The University of Connecticut Operating Fund shall be
503 reimbursed for the amount by which tuition and student fee waivers
504 granted under subsection (e) of this section exceed two and one-half per
505 cent of tuition and student fee revenue through an annual state
506 appropriation. The board of trustees shall request such an appropriation
507 and [said] such appropriation shall be based upon an estimate of tuition
508 and student fee revenue loss using tuition rates and student fees in effect
509 for the fiscal year in which such appropriation will apply.

510 Sec. 4. Subdivision (2) of subsection (c) of section 31-11ss of the
511 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu

512 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

513 (2) In connection with providing the assistance described in
514 subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of this section, each liaison designated
515 pursuant to this subsection shall also assist a veteran served by the
516 program to obtain funding for the cost of attending a qualifying
517 advanced manufacturing certificate program. Such funding may
518 include, but need not be limited to, (A) tuition and student fee waivers
519 under sections 10a-77, as amended by this act, and 10a-99, as amended
520 by this act, and (B) expenditures from the Workforce Training Authority
521 Fund under section 31-11jj.

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-105(d) to (h)
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	31-11ss(c)(2)

Statement of Purpose:

To provide student fee waivers at public institutions of higher education for veterans who performed service in a time of war and are enrolled at 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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