



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 6405**

LCO No. 2995



Referred to Committee on HIGHER EDUCATION AND  
EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT

Introduced by:  
(HED)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONNECTICUT OPEN EDUCATIONAL  
RESOURCE COORDINATING COUNCIL.***

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (g) of section 10a-44d of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
3 *2021*):

4 (g) Not later than [January 1, 2021] February 1, 2022, and annually  
5 thereafter, the council shall submit a report, in accordance with the  
6 provisions of section 11-4a, to the joint standing committee of the  
7 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to higher  
8 education regarding (1) the number and percentage of high-impact  
9 courses for which open educational resources have been developed, (2)  
10 the degree to which institutions of higher education promote the use  
11 and access to open educational resources, (3) the amount of grants  
12 awarded by the council and the number of open educational resources  
13 developed by grant recipients, and (4) its recommendations for any  
14 amendments to the general statutes necessary to develop open

15 educational resources.

16 Sec. 2. Subsection (f) of section 4-89 of the general statutes is repealed  
17 and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

18 (f) The provisions of this section shall not apply to appropriations to  
19 (1) the Office of Higher Education for (A) student financial assistance  
20 for the Roberta B. Willis Scholarship program established under section  
21 10a-173, or [to] (B) the minority advancement program established  
22 under subsection (b) of section 10a-11, (2) the Board of Regents for  
23 Higher Education for Connecticut higher education centers of  
24 excellence established under section 10a-25h, [to the Office of Higher  
25 Education for the minority advancement program established under  
26 subsection (b) of section 10a-11, or to] (3) the operating funds of the  
27 constituent units of the state system of higher education established  
28 pursuant to sections 10a-105, 10a-99 and 10a-77, or (4) the Connecticut  
29 Open Educational Resource Coordinating Council established under  
30 section 10a-44d, as amended by this act. Such appropriations shall not  
31 lapse until the end of the fiscal year succeeding the fiscal year of the  
32 appropriation except that centers of excellence appropriations  
33 deposited by the Board of Regents for Higher Education in the Endowed  
34 Chair Investment Fund, established under section 10a-20a, shall not  
35 lapse but shall be held permanently in the Endowed Chair Investment  
36 Fund and any moneys remaining in higher education operating funds  
37 of the constituent units of the state system of higher education shall not  
38 lapse but shall be held permanently in such funds. On or before  
39 September first, annually, the Office of Higher Education and Board of  
40 Regents for Higher Education shall submit a report to the joint standing  
41 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
42 relating to appropriations and the budgets of state agencies, through the  
43 Office of Fiscal Analysis, concerning the amount of each such  
44 appropriation carried over from the preceding fiscal year.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	10a-44d(g)

Sec. 2	July 1, 2021	4-89(f)
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**Statement of Purpose:**

To align with the academic year the state appropriation and the annual reporting deadline for the Connecticut Open Educational Resource Coordinating Council.

*[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.]*