



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 245

LCO No. 2159



Referred to Committee on HIGHER EDUCATION AND
EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT

Introduced by:
(HED)

***AN ACT PROHIBITING PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER
EDUCATION FROM CHARGING STUDENTS FOR ANY COURSE THAT
ASSISTS THE INSTITUTION IN THE LICENSURE OR
ACCREDITATION OF A PROGRAM OF HIGHER LEARNING.***

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 (j) as follows (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

3 (NEW) (j) On and after July 1, 2022, the Board of Regents for Higher
4 Education shall not assess or charge any student enrolled in a regional
5 community-technical college tuition or any other fee for taking any
6 course designed to assist a regional community-technical college with
7 licensure or accreditation of a program of higher learning pursuant to
8 section 10a-34.

9 Sec. 2. Section 10a-99 of the general statutes is amended by adding
10 subsection (j) as follows (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

11 (NEW) (j) On and after July 1, 2022, the Board of Regents for Higher

12 Education shall not assess or charge any student enrolled in the
13 Connecticut State University System tuition or any other fee for taking
14 any course designed to assist a state university with licensure or
15 accreditation of a program of higher learning pursuant to section 10a-
16 34.

17 Sec. 3. Section 10a-105 of the general statutes is amended by adding
18 subsection (m) as follows (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

19 (NEW) (m) On and after July 1, 2022, the Board of Trustees of The
20 University of Connecticut shall not assess or charge any student
21 enrolled in The University of Connecticut tuition or any other fee for
22 taking any course designed to assist the university with licensure or
23 accreditation of a program of higher learning pursuant to section 10a-
24 34.

25 Sec. 4. Subsection (e) of section 10a-143 of the 2022 supplement to the
26 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
27 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

28 (e) The [board] Board of Regents for Higher Education shall fix fees
29 for examinations and for such other purposes as the board deems
30 necessary on behalf of Charter Oak State College and may make refunds
31 and other disposition of same as provided by law or regulation. The
32 board may make contracts, leases or other agreements in connection
33 with its responsibilities. The [Board of Regents for Higher Education]
34 board shall not assess or charge a graduation fee to any student enrolled
35 in Charter Oak State College for the purpose of graduating from such
36 college. The board shall not assess or charge any student enrolled in
37 Charter Oak State College tuition or any other fee for taking any course
38 designed to assist said college with licensure or accreditation of a
39 program of higher learning pursuant to section 10a-34.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2022	10a-77

Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2022</i>	10a-99
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2022</i>	10a-105
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2022</i>	10a-143(e)

Statement of Purpose:

To prohibit public institutions of higher education from charging students for any course that assists the institution in the licensure or accreditation of a program of higher learning.

[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.]