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"AN ACT CONCERNING VARIOUS REVISIONS TO THE HIGHER EDUCATION STATUTES."

1 In line 4, after "new" insert "appointed"

2 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
3 internal references accordingly:

4 "Sec. 501. Subsection (a) of section 10a-6 of the 2022 supplement to the
5 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
6 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

7 (a) The Board of Regents for Higher Education shall: (1) Establish
8 policies and guidelines for the Connecticut State University System, the
9 regional community-technical college system and Charter Oak State
10 College; (2) develop a master plan for higher education and
11 postsecondary education at the Connecticut State University System,
12 the regional community-technical college system and Charter Oak State

13 College consistent with the goals identified in section 10a-11c; (3)
14 establish tuition and student fee policies for the Connecticut State
15 University System, the regional community-technical college system
16 and Charter Oak State College; (4) monitor and evaluate the
17 effectiveness and viability of the state universities, the regional
18 community-technical colleges and Charter Oak State College in
19 accordance with criteria established by the board; (5) merge or close
20 institutions within the Connecticut State University System, the regional
21 community-technical college system and Charter Oak State College in
22 accordance with criteria established by the board, provided (A) such
23 recommended merger or closing shall require a two-thirds vote of the
24 board, and (B) notice of such recommended merger or closing shall be
25 sent to the committee having cognizance over matters relating to
26 education and to the General Assembly; (6) review and approve mission
27 statements for the Connecticut State University System, the regional
28 community-technical college system and Charter Oak State College and
29 role and scope statements for the individual institutions and campuses
30 of such constituent units; (7) review and approve any recommendations
31 for the establishment of new academic programs submitted to the board
32 by the state universities within the Connecticut State University System,
33 the regional community-technical colleges and Charter Oak State
34 College, and, in consultation with the affected constituent units, provide
35 for the initiation, consolidation or termination of academic programs;
36 (8) develop criteria to ensure acceptable quality in (A) programs at the
37 Connecticut State University System, the regional community-technical
38 college system and Charter Oak State College, and (B) institutions
39 within the Connecticut State University System and the regional
40 community-technical college system and enforce standards through
41 licensing and accreditation; (9) prepare and present to the Governor and
42 General Assembly, in accordance with section 10a-8, as amended by this
43 act, consolidated operating and capital expenditure budgets for the
44 Connecticut State University System, the regional community-technical
45 college system, [and] Charter Oak State College and the central office of
46 the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities developed in
47 accordance with the provisions of said section 10a-8, as amended by this

48 act; (10) review and make recommendations on plans received from the
49 Connecticut State University System, the regional community-technical
50 college system and Charter Oak State College to implement the goals
51 identified in section 10a-11c; (11) appoint advisory committees with
52 representatives from public and independent institutions of higher
53 education to study methods and proposals for coordinating efforts of
54 the public institutions of higher education under its jurisdiction with
55 The University of Connecticut and the independent institutions of
56 higher education to implement the goals identified in section 10a-11c;
57 (12) evaluate (A) means of implementing the goals identified in section
58 10a-11c, and (B) any recommendations made by the Planning
59 Commission for Higher Education in implementing the strategic master
60 plan pursuant to section 10a-11b through alternative and nontraditional
61 approaches such as external degrees and credit by examination; (13)
62 coordinate programs and services among the Connecticut State
63 University System, the regional community-technical college system
64 and Charter Oak State College; (14) assess opportunities for
65 collaboration with The University of Connecticut and the independent
66 institutions of higher education to implement the goals identified in
67 section 10a-11c; (15) make or enter into contracts, leases or other
68 agreements in connection with its responsibilities under this part,
69 provided all acquisitions of real estate by lease or otherwise shall be
70 subject to the provisions of section 4b-23; (16) be responsible for the care
71 and maintenance of permanent records of institutions of higher
72 education dissolved after September 1, 1969; (17) prepare and present to
73 the Governor and General Assembly legislative proposals affecting the
74 Connecticut State University System, the regional community-technical
75 college system and Charter Oak State College; (18) develop and
76 maintain a central higher education information system and establish
77 definitions and data requirements for the Connecticut State University
78 System, the regional community-technical college system and Charter
79 Oak State College; (19) until June 30, 2024, report all new programs and
80 program changes at the Connecticut State University System, the
81 regional community-technical college system and Charter Oak State
82 College to the Office of Higher Education; and (20) undertake such

83 studies and other activities as will best serve the higher educational
84 interests of the Connecticut State University System, the regional
85 community-technical college system and Charter Oak State College."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 501	July 1, 2022	10a-6(a)