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

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

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4 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  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

6 (a) The Board of Regents for Higher Education shall: (1) Establish  
7 policies and guidelines for the Connecticut State University System, the  
8 regional community-technical college system and Charter Oak State  
9 College; (2) develop a master plan for higher education and  
10 postsecondary education at the Connecticut State University System,  
11 the regional community-technical college system and Charter Oak State  
12 College consistent with the goals identified in section 10a-11c; (3)  
13 establish tuition and student fee policies for the Connecticut State  
14 University System, the regional community-technical college system  
15 and Charter Oak State College; (4) monitor and evaluate the

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

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

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Sec. 501	<i>July 1, 2022</i>	10a-6(a)
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