House of Representatives



General Assembly

File No. 121

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House Bill No. 5027

House of Representatives, March 21, 2023

The Committee on Higher Education and Employment Advancement reported through REP. HADDAD of the 54th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT REQUIRING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES AT THE REGIONAL CAMPUSES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT.

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

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (Effective July 1, 2023) Not later than January 1, 2024,
- 2 The University of Connecticut shall provide student health services at
- 3 each regional campus that is a part of the university. Such student health
- 4 services shall (1) be available to university students not less than one
- 5 day a week during the academic year when classes are in session, and
- 6 (2) include, but need not be limited to, treatment of common ailments
- 7 such as an upper respiratory infection, influenza, a stomach virus or a
- 8 urinary tract infection and referrals for mental health services or other
- 9 services requiring long-term or in-depth care.

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

Section 1 July 1, 2023 New section

HED Joint Favorable

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The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 24 \$	FY 25 \$
UConn	GF - Cost	Approx.	Approx.
		\$1.4 million	\$1.4 million

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill results in annual costs of approximately \$1.4 million beginning in FY 24 to the University of Connecticut (UConn), which must establish student health services at each of its four regional campuses by January 1, 2024.

Costs are associated with hiring medical and administrative staff, and with purchasing medical and other equipment and supplies necessary for medical billing, coding, and other office functions.

It is anticipated that UConn will hire four medical staff (an advanced practice registered nurse manager, an advanced practice registered nurse, and two registered nurses) and an office manager, for total annual salary and fringe costs of approximately \$967,000. Additionally, it is anticipated that medical and other office equipment, space leasing and other costs will total \$424,000 annually.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.

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OLR Bill Analysis HB 5027

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SUMMARY

This bill requires the University of Connecticut, beginning by January 1, 2024, to provide health services at each regional campus (i.e., Avery Point, Hartford, Stamford, and Waterbury) at least once a week during the academic year when classes are in session. These services must include at least (1) treatment of common ailments (e.g., upper respiratory infection, flu, stomach virus, or urinary tract infection) and (2) referrals for mental health services or other services requiring long-term or in-depth care.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2023

COMMITTEE ACTION

Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee

Joint Favorable Yea 19 Nay 3 (03/07/2023)