



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

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House Bill No. 6101

*House of Representatives, March 16, 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 CONCERNING TUITION WAIVERS FOR GRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAMS AT PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.***

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (d) of section 10a-99 of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
3 *2023*):

4 (d) Said board shall waive the payment of tuition fees for  
5 undergraduate and graduate degree programs at the Connecticut State  
6 University System (1) for any dependent child of a person whom the  
7 armed forces of the United States has declared to be missing in action or  
8 to have been a prisoner of war while serving in such armed forces after  
9 January 1, 1960, which child has been accepted for admission to such  
10 institution and is a resident of the state at the time such child is accepted  
11 for admission to such institution, (2) subject to the provisions of  
12 subsection (e) of this section, for any veteran, as defined in section 27-  
13 103, who performed service in time of war, as defined in section 27-103,

14 except that for purposes of this subsection, "service in time of war" shall  
15 not include time spent in attendance at a military service academy,  
16 which veteran has been accepted for admission to such institution and  
17 is domiciled in this state at the time such veteran is accepted for  
18 admission to such institution, (3) for any resident of the state sixty-two  
19 years of age or older who has been accepted for admission to such  
20 institution, provided (A) such resident is enrolled in a degree-granting  
21 program, or (B) at the end of the regular registration period, there are  
22 enrolled in the course a sufficient number of students other than those  
23 residents eligible for waivers pursuant to this subdivision to offer the  
24 course in which such resident intends to enroll and there is space  
25 available in such course after accommodating all such students, (4) for  
26 any student attending the Connecticut Police Academy who is enrolled  
27 in a law enforcement program at said academy offered in coordination  
28 with the university which accredits courses taken in such program, (5)  
29 for any active member of the Connecticut Army or Air National Guard  
30 who (A) has been certified by the Adjutant General or such Adjutant  
31 General's designee as a member in good standing of the guard, and (B)  
32 is enrolled or accepted for admission to such institution on a full-time  
33 or part-time basis in an undergraduate or graduate degree-granting  
34 program, (6) for any dependent child of a (A) police officer, as defined  
35 in section 7-294a, or supernumerary or auxiliary police officer, (B)  
36 firefighter, as defined in section 7-323j, or member of a volunteer fire  
37 company, (C) municipal employee, or (D) state employee, as defined in  
38 section 5-154, killed in the line of duty, (7) for any resident of this state  
39 who is a dependent child or surviving spouse of a specified terrorist  
40 victim who was a resident of the state, (8) for any dependent child of a  
41 resident of the state who was killed in a multivehicle crash at or near the  
42 intersection of Routes 44 and 10 and Nod Road in Avon on July 29, 2005,  
43 and (9) for any resident of the state who is a dependent child or  
44 surviving spouse of a person who was killed in action while performing  
45 active military duty with the armed forces of the United States on or  
46 after September 11, 2001, and who was a resident of this state. If any  
47 person who receives a tuition waiver in accordance with the provisions  
48 of this subsection also receives educational reimbursement from an

49 employer, such waiver shall be reduced by the amount of such  
50 educational reimbursement. Veterans and members of the National  
51 Guard described in subdivision (5) of this subsection shall be given the  
52 same status as students not receiving tuition waivers in registering for  
53 courses at Connecticut state universities. Notwithstanding the  
54 provisions of section 10a-30, as used in this subsection, "domiciled in  
55 this state" includes domicile for less than one year.

56 Sec. 2. Subsection (e) of section 10a-105 of the general statutes is  
57 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
58 *2023*):

59 (e) Said board of trustees shall waive the payment of tuition fees for  
60 any undergraduate or graduate degree program at The University of  
61 Connecticut (1) for any dependent child of a person whom the armed  
62 forces of the United States has declared to be missing in action or to have  
63 been a prisoner of war while serving in such armed forces after January  
64 1, 1960, which child has been accepted for admission to The University  
65 of Connecticut and is a resident of the state at the time such child is  
66 accepted for admission to said institution, (2) subject to the provisions  
67 of subsection (f) of this section, for any veteran, as defined in section 27-  
68 103, who performed service in time of war, as defined in section 27-103,  
69 except that for purposes of this subsection, "service in time of war" shall  
70 not include time spent in attendance at a military service academy,  
71 which veteran has been accepted for admission to said institution and is  
72 domiciled in this state at the time such veteran is accepted for admission  
73 to said institution, (3) for any resident of the state sixty-two years of age  
74 or older who has been accepted for admission to said institution,  
75 provided (A) such resident is enrolled in a degree-granting program, or  
76 (B) at the end of the regular registration period, there are enrolled in the  
77 course a sufficient number of students other than those residents eligible  
78 for waivers pursuant to this subdivision to offer the course in which  
79 such resident intends to enroll and there is space available in such  
80 course after accommodating all such students, (4) for any active member  
81 of the Connecticut Army or Air National Guard who (A) has been  
82 certified by the Adjutant General or such Adjutant General's designee

83 as a member in good standing of the guard, and (B) is enrolled or  
 84 accepted for admission to said institution on a full-time or part-time  
 85 basis in an undergraduate or graduate degree-granting program, (5) for  
 86 any dependent child of a (A) police officer, as defined in section 7-294a,  
 87 or supernumerary or auxiliary police officer, (B) firefighter, as defined  
 88 in section 7-323j, or member of a volunteer fire company, (C) municipal  
 89 employee, or (D) state employee, as defined in section 5-154, killed in  
 90 the line of duty, (6) for any resident of the state who is the dependent  
 91 child or surviving spouse of a specified terrorist victim who was a  
 92 resident of the state, (7) for any dependent child of a resident of the state  
 93 who was killed in a multivehicle crash at or near the intersection of  
 94 Routes 44 and 10 and Nod Road in Avon on July 29, 2005, and (8) for  
 95 any resident of the state who is a dependent child or surviving spouse  
 96 of a person who was killed in action while performing active military  
 97 duty with the armed forces of the United States on or after September  
 98 11, 2001, and who was a resident of this state. If any person who receives  
 99 a tuition waiver in accordance with the provisions of this subsection also  
 100 receives educational reimbursement from an employer, such waiver  
 101 shall be reduced by the amount of such educational reimbursement.  
 102 Veterans and members of the National Guard described in subdivision  
 103 (4) of this subsection shall be given the same status as students not  
 104 receiving tuition waivers in registering for courses at The University of  
 105 Connecticut. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10a-30, as used  
 106 in this subsection, "domiciled in this state" includes domicile for less  
 107 than one year.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2023	10a-99(d)
Sec. 2	July 1, 2023	10a-105(e)

**HED**      *Joint Favorable*

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### **OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:** None

**Municipal Impact:** None

### **Explanation**

The bill, which clarifies the current practice of waiving both undergraduate and graduate tuition for certain veterans and other eligible students at the Connecticut State University System and UConn, does not result in a fiscal impact.

### **The Out Years**

**State Impact:** None

**Municipal Impact:** None

**OLR Bill Analysis****HB 6101*****AN ACT CONCERNING TUITION WAIVERS FOR GRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAMS AT PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.*****SUMMARY**

Current law requires the Connecticut State University System (CSUS), UConn, and the regional community-technical colleges (CTCs) to waive tuition fees for certain veterans and other eligible students (see BACKGROUND). This bill codifies existing practice by requiring CSUS and UConn to waive both undergraduate and graduate degree program tuition fees for these students.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2023

**BACKGROUND*****Students Eligible for Tuition Waivers***

By law, UConn, the CSUS, and the regional CTCs must generally waive tuition for the following students:

1. Connecticut residents who are dependent children of armed forces members who served after January 1, 1960, and were declared missing in action or prisoners of war;
2. veterans living in Connecticut who served in a time of war;
3. Connecticut residents age 62 or older, as long as there is a sufficient number of enrolled paying students and available space in the courses in which they enroll;
4. Connecticut State Police Academy students enrolled in a law enforcement program offered in coordination with a regional

CTC;

5. active members of the Connecticut National Guard in good standing who were admitted to a degree-granting program on a full- or part-time basis (including graduate programs in the case of UConn and CSUS);
6. dependent children of a police officer, supernumerary, auxiliary police officer, firefighter, volunteer firefighter, municipal employee, or state employee killed in the line of duty;
7. state residents who are dependent children or surviving spouses of terrorist victims;
8. dependent children of state residents killed in a specific July 2005 car crash in the town of Avon; and
9. state resident dependent children or surviving spouses of a Connecticut resident killed in action while on active duty in the armed forces on or after September 11, 2001.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 22    Nay 0    (02/28/2023)