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PUBLIC ACT SUMMARY



**PA 23-139—HB 6101**

*Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee*

**AN ACT CONCERNING TUITION WAIVERS FOR GRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAMS AT PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

**SUMMARY:** Under existing law, the Connecticut State University System (CSUS), UConn, and regional community-technical colleges (CTCs) must waive tuition fees for certain students (see BACKGROUND). This act specifies this waiver applies to both undergraduate and graduate degree program tuition fees (which, generally, was already an existing practice).

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. wartime veterans living in Connecticut;
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.