



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 6772***

LCO No. 4595



Referred to Committee on HIGHER EDUCATION AND  
EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT

Introduced by:  
(HED)

***AN ACT EXPANDING THE CONNECTICUT COLLEGIATE  
AWARENESS AND PREPARATION PROGRAM.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 10a-11a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

3 (a) As part of the minority advancement program, the Office of  
4 Higher Education shall establish a Connecticut collegiate awareness and  
5 preparation program to develop linkages with public school systems  
6 targeted by the office for the purpose of providing motivation and skills  
7 development for middle school or high school underachievers.

8 (b) Funding for said program shall be on a competitive basis open to  
9 all Connecticut institutions of higher education. The Office of Higher  
10 Education shall issue a request for proposals to all Connecticut higher  
11 educational institutions. A panel shall review applications on the basis  
12 of an evaluation format developed by said office. The panel may award  
13 a grant under this section to an institution of higher education for a  
14 residential program on the campus of the institution of higher

15 education, a program of planned activities throughout the school year  
 16 or any other format that shall include, but need not be limited to, (1)  
 17 assistance with college and financial aid applications, (2) academic,  
 18 career and personal counseling, (3) preparation for standardized college  
 19 entrance exams, or (4) personal and academic mentorship concerning  
 20 study skills, stress management and leadership development. Payment  
 21 will be made under contractual agreements between the office and the  
 22 grant recipients.

23       Sec. 2. (*Effective July 1, 2023*) The sum of three million two hundred  
 24 fifty thousand dollars is appropriated to the Office of Higher Education  
 25 from the General Fund, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, to  
 26 expand the types of programs that receive grants under the Connecticut  
 27 collegiate awareness and preparation program pursuant to section 10a-  
 28 11a of the general statutes, as amended by this act.

29       Sec. 3. (*Effective July 1, 2024*) The sum of three million two hundred  
 30 fifty thousand dollars is appropriated to the Office of Higher Education  
 31 from the General Fund, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, to  
 32 expand the types of programs that receive grants under the Connecticut  
 33 collegiate awareness and preparation program pursuant to section 10a-  
 34 11a of the general statutes, as amended by this act.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	10a-11a
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	New section

**Statement of Purpose:**  
 To increase the appropriations for and expand the types of programs offered under the Connecticut collegiate awareness and preparation program.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*