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Raised Bill No. 109

LCO No. 731



Referred to Committee on HIGHER EDUCATION AND
EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT

Introduced by:
(HED)

***AN ACT MODIFYING THE CONNECTICUT AUTOMATIC ADMISSIONS
PROGRAM.***

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (e) of section 10a-11h of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
3 *2024*):

4 (e) (1) The Board of Regents for Higher Education shall establish (A)
5 a minimum [class rank percentile] grade point average for applicants to
6 qualify for admission through the Connecticut Automatic Admissions
7 Program to each participating institution, and (B) a standardized
8 method for calculating grade point average, [that shall be used to
9 determine class rank percentile.]

10 (2) Each participating institution shall establish an academic
11 threshold for admission to such institution through the Connecticut
12 Automatic Admissions Program. Any other institution of higher
13 education shall establish one or more of the following academic
14 thresholds: (A) The minimum [class rank percentile] grade point

15 average established by the Board of Regents for Higher Education
16 pursuant to subparagraph (A) of subdivision (1) of this subsection, [(B)
17 a minimum grade point average calculated in accordance with the
18 standardized method established by the board pursuant to
19 subparagraph (B) of subdivision (1) of this subsection,] or [(C)] (B) a
20 combination of [a] the minimum grade point average [calculated in
21 accordance with the standardized method established by the board
22 pursuant to subparagraph (B) of subdivision (1) of this subsection] and
23 performance on a nationally recognized college readiness assessment
24 administered to students enrolled in grade eleven pursuant to
25 subdivision (3) of subsection (c) of section 10-14n. Each state university
26 within the Connecticut State University System shall establish the
27 academic threshold set forth in subparagraph (A) of this subdivision
28 and may establish the additional academic [thresholds] threshold set
29 forth in [subparagraphs] subparagraph (B) [and (C)] of this subdivision.
30 An applicant shall be deemed to have satisfied the academic threshold
31 for admission to a participating institution through the Connecticut
32 Automatic Admissions Program if such applicant satisfies any one of
33 the academic thresholds established by such institution.

34 (3) No governing board of a participating institution shall establish
35 policies or procedures that require any academic qualifications in
36 addition to the qualifications specified in subsection (b) of this section
37 and the academic threshold established pursuant to this subsection for
38 the purposes of the Connecticut Automatic Admissions Program.

39 Sec. 2. Section 10-220q of the general statutes is repealed and the
40 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

41 (a) For the school year commencing July 1, 2022, and each school year
42 thereafter, for the purpose of qualifying a student for the Connecticut
43 Automatic Admissions Program, established pursuant to section 10a-
44 11h, as amended by this act, each local and regional board of education
45 shall (1) calculate a grade point average using the standardized method
46 established by the Board of Regents for Higher Education pursuant to
47 subsection (e) of section 10a-11h, as amended by this act, for each

48 student who completes eleventh grade, and (2) determine whether such
49 student's [class rank percentile] grade point average is above or below
50 the minimum established by the Board of Regents for Higher Education
51 pursuant to subsection (e) of section 10a-11h, as amended by this act.
52 Each local and regional board of education shall share a student's grade
53 point average and whether such student is above or below the minimum
54 [class rank percentile] grade point average with (A) the student, (B) the
55 student's parent or guardian, (C) the Department of Education, in the
56 form and manner prescribed by the department, and (D) upon the
57 student's request, a participating institution for the purposes of
58 applying to such participating institution under the Connecticut
59 Automatic Admissions Program.

60 (b) Nothing in this section shall be construed to require a local or
61 regional board of education to publish [or provide a class ranking for
62 any student or to publish] on a student's transcript the grade point
63 average calculated pursuant to subsection (a) of this section or whether
64 such student is above or below the minimum [class rank percentile]
65 grade point average established by the Board of Regents for Higher
66 Education pursuant to subsection (e) of section 10a-11h, as amended by
67 this act.

68 (c) For the school year commencing July 1, 2022, and each school year
69 thereafter, each local and regional board education shall notify each
70 student enrolled in his or her final year of high school, and the parent or
71 guardian of such student, whether such student may be admitted to at
72 least one participating institution under the Connecticut Automatic
73 Admissions Program based on the academic threshold established by
74 such institution pursuant to subsection (e) of section 10a-11h, as
75 amended by this act.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2024	10a-11h(e)
Sec. 2	July 1, 2024	10-220q

Statement of Purpose:

To change the requirement for a minimum class rank percentile to a minimum grade point average for students to qualify for admission to a participating institution of higher education through the Connecticut Automatic Admissions 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.]