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Substitute House Bill No. 6439

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The Committee on Veterans' and Military Affairs reported through REP. FOSTER of the 57th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING A FEE WAIVER AT PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR CERTAIN VETERANS AND MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL GUARD.

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

Section 1. Section 10a-26 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

(a) For the purposes of this section, sections 10a-77, as amended by this act, 10a-99, as amended by this act, and 10a-105, as amended by this act, and this part: (1) A "full-time student" means a student who has been registered and who has been accepted for matriculation at a constituent unit of the state system of higher education in a course of study leading to an associate, bachelor or advanced degree or whose course of instruction or credit hour load indicates pursuit toward a degree; (2) "tuition" means a direct charge for institutional programs, which is clearly delineated from any other fees.

(b) In order to defray part of the cost of the higher education

institutional programs at the constituent units of the state system of higher education, tuition shall be charged as provided in said sections 10a-77, as amended by this act, 10a-99, as amended by this act, and 10a-105, as amended by this act, for each full-time student or shall be prorated in the case of a student carrying less than seventy-five per cent of the credit hours defined as a full-time load by the institution. Any person enrolled in and paying extension fees for a course in an educational extension program, [or] including for a course in a summer or winter school session or intersession, shall not be charged tuition for such course.

(c) Fees charged for educational extension programs, [and for] including for summer or winter school sessions or intersessions, under sections 10a-77, as amended by this act, 10a-99, as amended by this act, and 10a-105, as amended by this act, shall not be deemed to be tuition within the meaning of this section.

Sec. 2. Subsections (d) to (g), inclusive, of section 10a-77 of the general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

(d) Said board of trustees shall waive the payment of tuition at any of the regional community-technical colleges (1) for any dependent child of a person whom the armed forces of the United States has declared to be missing in action or to have been a prisoner of war while serving in such armed forces after January 1, 1960, which child has been accepted for admission to such institution and is a resident of the state at the time such child is accepted for admission to such institution, (2) subject to the provisions of subsection (e) of this section, for any veteran, as defined in section 27-103, who performed service in time of war, as defined in section 27-103, except that for purposes of this subsection, "service in time of war" shall not include time spent in attendance at a military service academy, which veteran has been accepted for admission to such institution and is domiciled in this state at the time such veteran is accepted for admission to such institution. Said board shall also waive for any such veteran the payment of any extension fees under section

10a-26, as amended by this act, for educational extension programs, (3) for any resident of the state sixty-two years of age or older, provided, at the end of the regular registration period, there are enrolled in the course a sufficient number of students other than those residents eligible for waivers pursuant to this subdivision to offer the course in which such resident intends to enroll and there is space available in such course after accommodating all such students, (4) for any student attending the Connecticut State Police Academy who is enrolled in a law enforcement program at said academy offered in coordination with a regional community-technical college which accredits courses taken in such program, (5) for any active member of the Connecticut Army or Air National Guard who (A) has been certified by the Adjutant General or such Adjutant General's designee as a member in good standing of the guard, and (B) is enrolled or accepted for admission to such institution on a full-time or part-time basis in an undergraduate degree-granting program. Said board shall also waive for any such member the payment of any extension fees under section 10a-26, as amended by this act, for educational extension programs, (6) for any dependent child of a (A) police officer, as defined in section 7-294a, or supernumerary or auxiliary police officer, (B) firefighter, as defined in section 7-323j, or member of a volunteer fire company, (C) municipal employee, or (D) state employee, as defined in section 5-154, killed in the line of duty, (7) for any resident of the state who is a dependent child or surviving spouse of a specified terrorist victim who was a resident of this state, (8) for any dependent child of a resident of the state who was killed in a multivehicle crash at or near the intersection of Routes 44 and 10 and Nod Road in Avon on July 29, 2005, and (9) for any resident of the state who is a dependent child or surviving spouse of a person who was killed in action while performing active military duty with the armed forces of the United States on or after September 11, 2001, and who was a resident of this state. If any person who receives a tuition waiver in accordance with the provisions of this subsection also receives educational reimbursement from an employer, such waiver shall be reduced by the amount of such educational reimbursement. Veterans and members of the National Guard described in subdivision (5) of this

subsection shall be given the same status as students not receiving tuition waivers in registering for courses at regional community-technical colleges. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10a-30, as used in this subsection, "domiciled in this state" includes domicile for less than one year.

(e) (1) If any veteran described in subsection (d) of this section has applied for federal educational assistance under the Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008, the board of trustees shall waive the payment of tuition and extension fees at any of the regional community-technical colleges for such veteran in accordance with subdivision (2) of this subsection. If any such veteran certifies to said board that such veteran's application for such federal educational assistance has been denied or withdrawn, said board of trustees shall waive the payment of tuition and extension fees in accordance with subsection (d) of this section.

(2) (A) For purposes of this subdivision, "veteran tuition benefit" means the portion of federal educational assistance under the Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008 to be paid to a regional community-technical college on behalf of a veteran that represents payment for tuition and extension fees. Such portion shall be calculated by multiplying (i) the total amount of such federal educational assistance to be paid to a regional community-technical college on behalf of such veteran by (ii) an amount obtained by dividing (I) the sum of the actual tuition and extension fees charged by such college to such veteran by (II) the sum of the actual tuition, extension fees and other fees charged by such college to such veteran.

(B) Said board of trustees shall waive the payment of tuition and extension fees in excess of the veteran tuition benefit at any of the regional community-technical colleges for such veteran.

(f) Said board shall set aside from its anticipated regional community-technical college tuition revenue, an amount not less than that required by said board's tuition policy. Such funds shall be used to provide tuition waivers, tuition remissions, grants for educational expenses and

student employment for residents enrolled in regional community-technical colleges as full or part-time matriculated students in a degree-granting program, or enrolled in a precollege remedial program, who demonstrate substantial financial need. Said board may also set aside from its anticipated tuition revenue an additional amount equal to one per cent of **[**said**]** such tuition revenue for financial assistance for students who would not otherwise be eligible for financial assistance but who do have a financial need as determined by the college in accordance with this subsection. In determining such financial need, the college shall exclude the value of equity in the principal residence of the student's parents or legal guardians, or in the student's principal residence if the student is not considered to be a dependent of his parents or legal guardians and shall assess the earnings of a dependent student at the rate of thirty per cent.

(g) The Regional Community-Technical Colleges Operating Fund shall be reimbursed for the amount by which the tuition and extension fee waivers granted under subsection (d) of this section exceed five per cent of tuition and extension fee revenue through an annual state appropriation. The board of trustees shall request such an appropriation and **[**said**]** such appropriation shall be based upon an estimate of tuition and extension fee revenue loss using tuition and extension fee rates in effect for the fiscal year in which such appropriation will apply.

Sec. 3. Subsections (d) to (g), inclusive, of section 10a-99 of the general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

(d) Said board shall waive the payment of tuition fees for undergraduate and graduate degree programs at the Connecticut State University System (1) for any dependent child of a person whom the armed forces of the United States has declared to be missing in action or to have been a prisoner of war while serving in such armed forces after January 1, 1960, which child has been accepted for admission to such institution and is a resident of the state at the time such child is accepted for admission to such institution, (2) subject to the provisions of

subsection (e) of this section, for any veteran, as defined in section 27-103, who performed service in time of war, as defined in section 27-103, except that for purposes of this subsection, "service in time of war" shall not include time spent in attendance at a military service academy, which veteran has been accepted for admission to such institution and is domiciled in this state at the time such veteran is accepted for admission to such institution. Said board shall also waive for any such veteran the payment of any extension fees under section 10a-26, as amended by this act, for educational extension programs, (3) for any resident of the state sixty-two years of age or older who has been accepted for admission to such institution, provided (A) such resident is enrolled in a degree-granting program, or (B) at the end of the regular registration period, there are enrolled in the course a sufficient number of students other than those residents eligible for waivers pursuant to this subdivision to offer the course in which such resident intends to enroll and there is space available in such course after accommodating all such students, (4) for any student attending the Connecticut Police Academy who is enrolled in a law enforcement program at said academy offered in coordination with the university which accredits courses taken in such program, (5) for any active member of the Connecticut Army or Air National Guard who (A) has been certified by the Adjutant General or such Adjutant General's designee as a member in good standing of the guard, and (B) is enrolled or accepted for admission to such institution on a full-time or part-time basis in an undergraduate or graduate degree-granting program. Said board shall also waive for any such member the payment of any extension fees under section 10a-26, as amended by this act, for educational extension programs, (6) for any dependent child of a (A) police officer, as defined in section 7-294a, or supernumerary or auxiliary police officer, (B) firefighter, as defined in section 7-323j, or member of a volunteer fire company, (C) municipal employee, or (D) state employee, as defined in section 5-154, killed in the line of duty, (7) for any resident of this state who is a dependent child or surviving spouse of a specified terrorist victim who was a resident of the state, (8) for any dependent child of a resident of the state who was killed in a multivehicle crash at or near the

intersection of Routes 44 and 10 and Nod Road in Avon on July 29, 2005, and (9) for any resident of the state who is a dependent child or surviving spouse of a person who was killed in action while performing active military duty with the armed forces of the United States on or after September 11, 2001, and who was a resident of this state. If any person who receives a tuition waiver in accordance with the provisions of this subsection also receives educational reimbursement from an employer, such waiver shall be reduced by the amount of such educational reimbursement. Veterans and members of the National Guard described in subdivision (5) of this subsection shall be given the same status as students not receiving tuition waivers in registering for courses at Connecticut state universities. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10a-30, as used in this subsection, "domiciled in this state" includes domicile for less than one year.

(e) (1) If any veteran described in subsection (d) of this section has applied for federal educational assistance under the Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008, the board of trustees shall waive the payment of tuition and extension fees at the Connecticut State University System for such veteran in accordance with subdivision (2) of this subsection. If any such veteran certifies to said board that such veteran's application for such federal educational assistance has been denied or withdrawn, said board of trustees shall waive the payment of tuition and extension fees in accordance with subsection (d) of this section.

(2) (A) For purposes of this subdivision, "veteran tuition benefit" means the portion of federal educational assistance under the Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008 to be paid to the Connecticut State University System on behalf of a veteran that represents payment for tuition and extension fees. Such portion shall be calculated by multiplying (i) the total amount of such federal educational assistance to be paid to the Connecticut State University System on behalf of such veteran by (ii) an amount obtained by dividing (I) the sum of the actual tuition and extension fees charged by the Connecticut State University System to such veteran by (II) the sum of

the actual tuition, extension fees and other fees charged by the Connecticut State University System to such veteran.

(B) Said board of trustees shall waive the payment of tuition and extension fees in excess of the veteran tuition benefit at the Connecticut State University System for such veteran.

(f) Said board shall set aside from its anticipated tuition revenue, an amount not less than that required by the board of governors' tuition policy established under subdivision (3) of subsection (a) of section 10a-6. Such funds shall be used to provide tuition waivers, tuition remissions, grants for educational expenses and student employment for any undergraduate or graduate student who is enrolled as a full or part-time matriculated student in a degree-granting program, or enrolled in a precollege remedial program, and who demonstrates substantial financial need. Said board may also set aside from its anticipated tuition revenue an additional amount equal to one per cent of [said] such tuition revenue for financial assistance for students who would not otherwise be eligible for financial assistance but who do have a financial need as determined by the university in accordance with this subsection. In determining such financial need, the university shall exclude the value of equity in the principal residence of the student's parents or legal guardians, or in the student's principal residence if the student is not considered to be a dependent of his parents or legal guardians and shall assess the earnings of a dependent student at the rate of thirty per cent.

(g) The Connecticut State University System Operating Fund shall be reimbursed for the amount by which the tuition and extension fee waivers granted under subsection (d) of this section exceed two and one-half per cent of tuition and extension fee revenue through an annual state appropriation. The board of trustees shall request such an appropriation and [said] such appropriation shall be based upon an estimate of tuition and extension fee revenue loss using tuition and extension fee rates in effect for the fiscal year in which such appropriation will apply.

Sec. 4. Subsections (e) to (h), inclusive, of section 10a-105 of the general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

(e) Said board of trustees shall waive the payment of tuition fees for any undergraduate or graduate degree program at The University of Connecticut (1) for any dependent child of a person whom the armed forces of the United States has declared to be missing in action or to have been a prisoner of war while serving in such armed forces after January 1, 1960, which child has been accepted for admission to The University of Connecticut and is a resident of the state at the time such child is accepted for admission to said institution, (2) subject to the provisions of subsection (f) of this section, for any veteran, as defined in section 27-103, who performed service in time of war, as defined in section 27-103, except that for purposes of this subsection, "service in time of war" shall not include time spent in attendance at a military service academy, which veteran has been accepted for admission to said institution and is domiciled in this state at the time such veteran is accepted for admission to said institution. Said board shall also waive for any such veteran the payment of any extension fees under section 10a-26, as amended by this act, for educational extension programs, (3) for any resident of the state sixty-two years of age or older who has been accepted for admission to said institution, provided (A) such resident is enrolled in a degree-granting program, or (B) at the end of the regular registration period, there are enrolled in the course a sufficient number of students other than those residents eligible for waivers pursuant to this subdivision to offer the course in which such resident intends to enroll and there is space available in such course after accommodating all such students, (4) for any active member of the Connecticut Army or Air National Guard who (A) has been certified by the Adjutant General or such Adjutant General's designee as a member in good standing of the guard, and (B) is enrolled or accepted for admission to said institution on a full-time or part-time basis in an undergraduate or graduate degree-granting program. Said board shall also waive for any such member the payment of any extension fees under section 10a-26, as amended by this act, for educational extension programs, (5) for any dependent child of

a (A) police officer, as defined in section 7-294a, or supernumerary or auxiliary police officer, (B) firefighter, as defined in section 7-323j, or member of a volunteer fire company, (C) municipal employee, or (D) state employee, as defined in section 5-154, killed in the line of duty, (6) for any resident of the state who is the dependent child or surviving spouse of a specified terrorist victim who was a resident of the state, (7) for any dependent child of a resident of the state who was killed in a multivehicle crash at or near the intersection of Routes 44 and 10 and Nod Road in Avon on July 29, 2005, and (8) for any resident of the state who is a dependent child or surviving spouse of a person who was killed in action while performing active military duty with the armed forces of the United States on or after September 11, 2001, and who was a resident of this state. If any person who receives a tuition waiver in accordance with the provisions of this subsection also receives educational reimbursement from an employer, such waiver shall be reduced by the amount of such educational reimbursement. Veterans and members of the National Guard described in subdivision (4) of this subsection shall be given the same status as students not receiving tuition waivers in registering for courses at The University of Connecticut. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10a-30, as used in this subsection, "domiciled in this state" includes domicile for less than one year.

(f) (1) If any veteran described in subsection (e) of this section has applied for federal educational assistance under the Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008, the board of trustees shall waive the payment of tuition and extension fees at The University of Connecticut for such veteran in accordance with subdivision (2) of this subsection. If any such veteran certifies to said board that such veteran's application for such federal educational assistance has been denied or withdrawn, said board of trustees shall waive the payment of tuition and extension fees in accordance with subsection (d) of this section.

(2) (A) For purposes of this subdivision, "veteran tuition benefit" means the portion of federal educational assistance under the Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008 to be paid to The

University of Connecticut on behalf of a veteran that represents payment for tuition and extension fees. Such portion shall be calculated by multiplying (i) the total amount of such federal educational assistance to be paid to The University of Connecticut on behalf of such veteran by (ii) an amount obtained by dividing (I) the sum of the actual tuition and extension fees charged by The University of Connecticut to such veteran by (II) the sum of the actual tuition, extension fees and other fees charged by The University of Connecticut to such veteran.

(B) Said board of trustees shall waive the payment of tuition and extension fees in excess of the veteran tuition benefit at The University of Connecticut for such veteran.

(g) Said board of trustees shall set aside from its anticipated tuition revenue, an amount not less than that required by the board of governors' tuition policy established under subdivision (3) of subsection (a) of section 10a-6. Such funds shall be used to provide tuition waivers, tuition remissions, grants for educational expenses and student employment for any undergraduate, graduate or professional student who is enrolled as a full or part-time matriculated student in a degree-granting program, or enrolled in a precollege remedial program, and who demonstrates substantial financial need. Said board may also set aside from its anticipated tuition revenue an additional amount equal to one per cent of **[**said**]** such tuition revenue for financial assistance for students who would not otherwise be eligible for financial assistance but who do have a financial need as determined by the university in accordance with this subsection. In determining such financial need, the university shall exclude the value of equity in the principal residence of the student's parents or legal guardians, or in the student's principal residence if the student is not considered to be a dependent of his parents or legal guardians and shall assess the earnings of a dependent student at the rate of thirty per cent.

(h) The University of Connecticut Operating Fund shall be reimbursed for the amount by which tuition and extension fee waivers granted under subsection (e) of this section exceed two and one-half per

cent of tuition and extension fee revenue through an annual state appropriation. The board of trustees shall request such an appropriation and **[**said**]** such appropriation shall be based upon an estimate of tuition and extension fee revenue loss using tuition and extension fee rates in effect for the fiscal year in which such appropriation will apply.

Sec. 5. Section 10a-143 of the general statutes is amended by adding subsections (h) and (i) as follows (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

(NEW) (h) The Board of Regents for Higher Education shall waive the payment of course enrollment fees at Charter Oak State College (1) subject to the provisions of subsection (i) of this section, for any veteran, as defined in section 27-103, who performed service in time of war, as defined in section 27-103, except that for purposes of this subsection, "service in time of war" shall not include time spent in attendance at a military service academy, which veteran has been accepted for admission to Charter Oak State College and is domiciled in this state at the time such veteran is accepted for admission to said institution, and (2) for any active member of the Connecticut Army or Air National Guard who (A) has been certified by the Adjutant General or such Adjutant General's designee as a member in good standing of the guard, and (B) is enrolled or accepted for admission to Charter Oak State College on a full-time or part-time basis in a degree-granting program. If any such veteran or member of the National Guard who receives a course enrollment fee waiver in accordance with the provisions of this subsection also receives educational reimbursement from an employer, such waiver shall be reduced by the amount of such educational reimbursement. Veterans and members of the National Guard described in this subsection shall be given the same status as students not receiving course enrollment fee waivers in registering for courses at Charter Oak State College. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10a-30, as used in this subsection, "domiciled in this state" includes domicile for less than one year.

(NEW) (i) (1) If any veteran described in subsection (h) of this section has applied for federal educational assistance under the Post-9/11

Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008, the Board of Regents for Higher Education shall waive the payment of course enrollment fees at Charter Oak State College for such veteran in accordance with subdivision (2) of this subsection. If any such veteran certifies to said board of regents that such veteran's application for such federal educational assistance has been denied or withdrawn, said board of regents shall waive the payment of course enrollment fees in accordance with subsection (h) of this section.

(2) (A) For purposes of this subdivision, "veteran tuition benefit" means the portion of federal educational assistance under the Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008 to be paid to Charter Oak State College on behalf of a veteran that represents payment for course enrollment fees. Such portion shall be calculated by multiplying (i) the total amount of such federal educational assistance to be paid to Charter Oak State College on behalf of such veteran by (ii) an amount obtained by dividing (I) the actual course enrollment fees charged by Charter Oak State College to such veteran by (II) the sum of the actual course enrollment fees and other fees charged by Charter Oak State College to such veteran.

(B) The Board of Regents for Higher Education shall waive the payment of course enrollment fees in excess of the veteran tuition benefit at Charter Oak State College for such veteran.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	*July 1, 2025*	10a-26
Sec. 2	*July 1, 2025*	10a-77(d) to (g)
Sec. 3	*July 1, 2025*	10a-99(d) to (g)
Sec. 4	*July 1, 2025*	10a-105(e) to (h)
Sec. 5	*July 1, 2025*	10a-143(h) and (i)

VA *Joint Favorable Subst.*

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 26 $	FY 27 $
Board of Regents	OF - Revenue Loss	Potential Significant	Potential Significant
UConn	OF - Revenue Loss	Minimal	Minimal

Note: OF=Other Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill results in a revenue loss to the constituent units of higher education annually beginning in FY 26. It does so by requiring the units to waive certain fees paid by veterans and National Guard members, specifically: (1) fees for educational extension programs, including summer and winter school sessions; and (2) course enrollment fees at Charter Oak State College. The revenue loss would be dependent upon the number of veterans who took advantage of the additional fee waivers and the amount of the additional fees waived.

Across all Connecticut State Colleges and Universities, there are estimated to be 1,650 eligible students (1,230 veterans and 420 National Guard members) who could take advantage of the additional waivers. All fees impacted by the bill vary by institution and number of credit hours. The overall scope of the revenue loss at CSCU is unknown and may be significant.

To illustrate: Of the four Connecticut State Universities, the highest FY 26 undergraduate, in-state extension fee is $695 per credit hour. If all eligible CSU students received a waiver in that amount for one three-

credit course, the revenue loss to the CSUs would be approximately $1.4 million annually. At CT State, the FY 26 undergraduate, in-state extension fee is $208 per credit hour. If all eligible CT State students received this waiver for one three-credit course, the revenue loss would be approximately $129,800 annually. The total revenue loss to CSCU in this illustration would be $1.6 million annually.

The bill's provision concerning the course enrollment fee waiver at Charter Oak State College (COSC) has no fiscal impact. COSC no longer charges a course enrollment fee.

The bill results in a minimal revenue loss annually beginning in FY 26 to UConn. There are currently no veterans attending UConn extension programs. To the extent that any veterans begin attending, there is a minimal revenue loss to UConn. The bill's provision waiving summer course fees has no fiscal impact to UConn as the university already provides such a waiver.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to the number of waiver recipients and extension fee increases.

OLR Bill Analysis

sHB 6439

AN ACT CONCERNING A FEE WAIVER AT PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR CERTAIN VETERANS AND MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL GUARD.

SUMMARY

This bill expands the higher education tuition waiver program to cover certain extension fees for eligible National Guard members and veterans with wartime service (see BACKGROUND).

It requires the regional community-technical colleges, the Connecticut State University System, and UConn to waive fees for educational extension programs, including for courses taken during summer and winter school sessions or intersessions. Current law requires these institutions to waive eligible veterans' and National Guard members' tuition, which does not include these fees.

The bill makes various conforming changes, including incorporating these extension fee waivers into the calculation of waiver amounts that the state must annually reimburse to these institutions' operating funds through an appropriation. Under current law, the reimbursement amount is based only on tuition waivers.

The bill also establishes a course enrollment fee waiver for eligible National Guard members and veterans with wartime service who attend Charter Oak State College, with generally the same eligibility requirements as the tuition waiver program. Charter Oak State College no longer charges course enrollment fees and instead charges tuition per credit, among other fees. (It is unclear whether the bill's course enrollment fee waiver requirement would extend to tuition and these other fees.)

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2025

BACKGROUND

Veterans' Service in Time of War

By law, to be eligible for state benefits (including tuition waivers) that require service in a time of war, a veteran must generally have served at least 90 cumulative days during a statutorily defined period of war, which are described in the table below. A veteran who served fewer days may qualify if he or she (1) was separated from service earlier because of either a service-connected U.S. Veterans' Administration-rated disability or an injury incurred or aggravated in the line of duty or (2) served for the duration of a period of war that lasted fewer than 90 days (CGS § 27-103(a)(3)).

The table below shows post-1940 periods of war and service conditions for purposes of veterans' benefits (CGS § 27-103(a)(4)).

Table: Post-1940 "Periods of War"

Operation	*Covered Period*	*Service Condition*
World War II	12/7/41—12/31/46*	Active service during the covered period
Korean conflict	6/27/50—1/31/55	Active service during the covered period
Lebanon conflict	7/1/58—11/1/58 or 9/29/82—3/30/84	Combat or combat-support role in Lebanon during the covered periods
Vietnam era	2/28/61—7/1/75	Active service during the covered period
Grenada invasion	10/25/83—12/15/83	Combat or combat-support role in Grenada during the covered period
Operation Earnest Will (escort of Kuwaiti tankers flying U.S. flag in the Persian Gulf)	7/24/87—8/1/90	Combat or combat-support role in the operation during the covered period
Panama invasion	12/20/89—1/31/90	Combat or combat-support role in the invasion during the covered period
Persian Gulf War	8/2/90 until a date prescribed by the President or law	Active service during the covered period
Afghanistan	10/24/01—8/30/21	Active service during the covered period
Iraq	3/19/03—12/31/11 or 6/1/14—12/9/21	Active service during the covered period

*For certain property tax exemptions, the end date is considered 12/31/47 (CGS § 12-86).

Related Bill

SB 376, reported favorably by the Veterans' and Military Affairs

Committee, eliminates service in time of war as an eligibility requirement for, among other things, veterans' tuition waivers.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Veterans' and Military Affairs Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute
Yea 20 Nay 0 (03/11/2025)