Education Committee
JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No: SB-135 / Bill Status / Public Hearing Testimony
Title: AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND CAREER SYSTEM.
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SPONSORS OF BILL:

Education Committee

REASONS FOR BILL:

The purpose of this bill is to change policy within the Technical Education and Career System (CTECS). This bill allows the CTECS to transfer certain duties of the Technical Education and Career System board to the executive director, remove reference to the “division of postsecondary education programs”, allow the board to recommend multiple candidates for superintendent of the CTECS at one time, and remove the three-year term limit and performance evaluation requirement for and amend the duties of the superintendent.

This bill directly supports the Technical Education and Career Systems and is intended to make the agency/system work more efficiently. CTECS operates 17 diploma granting technical high schools, one technical education center and two airframe mechanics and aircraft maintenance programs. This school system provides direct employment opportunities as well as a foundation for post-secondary education. These changes will help support one of Connecticut's most important paths into the work force and economy.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

Dr. Alice Pritchard – Executive Director at CTECS
Dr. Prichard submitted testimony in support of SB 00135. She stated that the changes to C.G. S. 10-95 identifies annual reporting by the Executive Director and the Superintendent, as well as streamlines the Superintendent hiring process. She also states that the proposal aims to rectify the ability of the Executive Director, allowing them to perform their responsibilities in a more effective manner. She also claims that the changes to C.G.S. 10-

97a clarifies that the Executive Director is responsible for arranging inspection of school transportation vehicles.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

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This individual supports by stating there needs to be a better special aid education system. They also believe that there should be better resources for students in the Hartford District that are attending other district schools (i.e. post-secondary education). Lastly, they believe the ratio of students to teachers should be 8:1.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

Sara Dzialo
This testimony speaks from a parent perspective and states that the bill increases state oversight and imposes top-down mandates on curricula, certifications, and career guidance programs. She also states that instead of expanding government control, we should be empowering local schools, vocational institutions, and the parents to design relevant career paths. This individual states that the bill is risks reducing parental input on the educational paths of their children.

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