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Referred to Committee on HIGHER EDUCATION AND
EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT

Introduced by:
(HED)

***AN ACT ALLOWING CHILDREN OF VETERANS TO USE SUCH
VETERAN'S UNUSED TUITION WAIVERS AND REQUIRING STATE
FUNDING FOR TUITION WAIVERS.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 10a-77 of the 2026 supplement to the general
2 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
3 (*Effective July 1, 2026*):

4 (a) Subject to the provisions of section 10a-26, the Board of Regents
5 for Higher Education shall fix fees for tuition at the Connecticut State
6 Community College and shall fix fees for such other purposes as the
7 board deems necessary at the college, and may make refunds to the
8 same.

9 (b) The Board of Regents for Higher Education shall establish and
10 administer a fund to be known as the Connecticut State Community
11 College Operating Fund. Appropriations from general revenues of the
12 state and, upon request by the board and with an annual review and
13 approval by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, the

14 amount of the appropriations for fringe benefits and workers'
15 compensation applicable to the Connecticut State Community College
16 pursuant to subsection (a) of section 4-73, shall be transferred from the
17 Comptroller, and all tuition revenue received by the Connecticut State
18 Community College in accordance with the provisions of subsection (a)
19 of this section shall be deposited in said fund. Income from student fees
20 or related charges; the proceeds of auxiliary activities and business
21 enterprises, gifts and donations; federal funds and grants for purposes
22 other than research, and all receipts derived from the conduct by the
23 college of their education extension programs and summer school
24 sessions shall be credited to said fund but shall be allocated to the central
25 office and campus operating accounts which shall be established and
26 maintained for the central office and each campus of the Connecticut
27 State Community College. If the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
28 Management disapproves such transfer, the secretary may require the
29 amount of the appropriation for operating expenses to be used for
30 personal services and fringe benefits to be excluded from said fund. The
31 State Treasurer shall review and approve the transfer prior to such
32 request by the board. The board shall establish an equitable policy, in
33 accordance with section 10a-8, for allocation of appropriations from
34 general revenues of the state, fringe benefits transferred from the
35 Comptroller and tuition revenue deposited in the Connecticut State
36 Community College Operating Fund. At the beginning of each quarter
37 of the fiscal year, the board shall allocate and transfer, in accordance
38 with said policy, moneys for expenditure in such campus operating
39 accounts, exclusive of amounts retained for central office operations and
40 reasonable reserves for future distribution. All costs of waiving or
41 remitting tuition pursuant to subsection (f) of this section shall be
42 charged to the Connecticut State Community College Operating Fund.
43 Repairs, alterations or additions to facilities supported by operating
44 funds and costing one million dollars or more shall require the approval
45 of the General Assembly, or when the General Assembly is not in
46 session, of the Finance Advisory Committee. Any balance of receipts
47 above expenditures shall remain in said fund, except such sums as may

48 be required for deposit into a debt service fund or the General Fund for
49 further payment by the Treasurer of debt service on general obligation
50 bonds of the state issued for purposes of the regional community-
51 technical colleges, or after July 1, 2023, for the purposes of the
52 Connecticut State Community College.

53 (c) Commencing December 1, 1984, and thereafter not later than sixty
54 days after the close of each quarter, the Board of Regents for Higher
55 Education shall submit to the joint standing committee of the General
56 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and
57 the budgets of state agencies, the Office of Higher Education and the
58 Office of Policy and Management a report on the actual expenditures of
59 the Connecticut State Community College Operating Fund.

60 (d) The Board of Regents for Higher Education shall waive the
61 payment of tuition at the Connecticut State Community College (1) for
62 any dependent child of a person whom the armed forces of the United
63 States has declared to be missing in action or to have been a prisoner of
64 war while serving in such armed forces after January 1, 1960, which
65 child has been accepted for admission to said college and is a resident
66 of the state at the time such child is accepted for admission to said
67 college, (2) subject to the provisions of subsection (e) of this section, for
68 any veteran, as defined in section 27-103, who performed service in time
69 of war, as defined in section 27-103, except that for purposes of this
70 subsection, "service in time of war" shall not include time spent in
71 attendance at a military service academy, which veteran has been
72 accepted for admission to said college and is domiciled in this state at
73 the time such veteran is accepted for admission to said college, or for the
74 child of any such veteran who never received a waiver of the payment
75 of tuition fees under this subsection. Said board shall also waive for any
76 such veteran or for any such child the payment of any extension fees
77 under section 10a-26 for educational extension programs, (3) for any
78 resident of the state (A) sixty-two years of age or older, or (B) who is a
79 resident of a nursing home, as defined in section 19a-490, and has
80 maintained residency at such nursing home for not less than thirty days,

81 provided, at the end of the regular registration period, there are enrolled
82 in the course a sufficient number of students other than those residents
83 eligible for waivers pursuant to this subdivision to offer the course in
84 which such resident intends to enroll and there is space available in such
85 course after accommodating all such students, (4) for any student
86 attending the Connecticut State Police Academy who is enrolled in a law
87 enforcement program at said academy offered in coordination with the
88 Connecticut State Community College which accredits courses taken in
89 such program, (5) for any active member of the Connecticut Army or
90 Air National Guard who (A) has been certified by the Adjutant General
91 or such Adjutant General's designee as a member in good standing of
92 the guard, and (B) is enrolled or accepted for admission to said college
93 on a full-time or part-time basis in an undergraduate degree-granting
94 program. Said board shall also waive for any such member the payment
95 of any extension fees under section 10a-26 for educational extension
96 programs, (6) for any dependent child of a (A) police officer, as defined
97 in section 7-294a, or supernumerary or auxiliary police officer, (B)
98 firefighter, as defined in section 7-323j, or member of a volunteer fire
99 company, (C) municipal employee, or (D) state employee, as defined in
100 section 5-154, killed in the line of duty, (7) for any resident of the state
101 who is a dependent child or surviving spouse of a specified terrorist
102 victim who was a resident of this state, (8) for any dependent child of a
103 resident of the state who was killed in a multivehicle crash at or near the
104 intersection of Routes 44 and 10 and Nod Road in Avon on July 29, 2005,
105 and (9) for any resident of the state who is a dependent child or
106 surviving spouse of a person who was killed in action while performing
107 active military duty with the armed forces of the United States on or
108 after September 11, 2001, and who was a resident of this state. If any
109 person who receives a tuition waiver in accordance with the provisions
110 of this subsection also receives educational reimbursement from an
111 employer, such waiver shall be reduced by the amount of such
112 educational reimbursement. Veterans and members of the National
113 Guard described in subdivision (5) of this subsection shall be given the
114 same status as students not receiving tuition waivers in registering for

115 courses at the Connecticut State Community College. Notwithstanding
116 the provisions of section 10a-30, as used in this subsection, "domiciled
117 in this state" includes domicile for less than one year.

118 (e) (1) If any veteran described in subsection (d) of this section has
119 applied for federal educational assistance under the Post-9/11 Veterans
120 Educational Assistance Act of 2008, the Board of Regents for Higher
121 Education shall waive the payment of tuition and extension fees at the
122 Connecticut State Community College for such veteran in accordance
123 with subdivision (2) of this subsection. If any such veteran certifies to
124 said board that such veteran's application for such federal educational
125 assistance has been denied or withdrawn, said board shall waive the
126 payment of tuition and extension fees in accordance with subsection (d)
127 of this section.

128 (2) (A) For purposes of this subdivision, "veteran tuition benefit"
129 means the portion of federal educational assistance under the Post-9/11
130 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008 to be paid to the
131 Connecticut State Community College on behalf of a veteran that
132 represents payment for tuition and extension fees. Such portion shall be
133 calculated by multiplying (i) the total amount of such federal
134 educational assistance to be paid to said college on behalf of such
135 veteran by (ii) an amount obtained by dividing (I) the sum of the actual
136 tuition and extension fees charged by said college to such veteran by (II)
137 the sum of the actual tuition, extension fees and other fees charged by
138 said college to such veteran.

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

142 (f) Said board shall set aside from the anticipated tuition revenue
143 from the Connecticut State Community College, an amount not less than
144 that required by said board's tuition policy. Such funds shall be used to
145 provide tuition waivers, tuition remissions, grants for educational

146 expenses and student employment for residents enrolled in the
147 Connecticut State Community College as full or part-time matriculated
148 students in a degree-granting program, or enrolled in a precollege
149 remedial program, who demonstrate substantial financial need. Said
150 board may also set aside from its anticipated tuition revenue an
151 additional amount equal to one per cent of such tuition revenue for
152 financial assistance for students who would not otherwise be eligible for
153 financial assistance but who do have a financial need as determined by
154 the college in accordance with this subsection. In determining such
155 financial need, the college shall exclude the value of equity in the
156 principal residence of the student's parents or legal guardians, or in the
157 student's principal residence if the student is not considered to be a
158 dependent of his parents or legal guardians and shall assess the earnings
159 of a dependent student at the rate of thirty per cent.

160 (g) The Connecticut State Community College Operating Fund shall
161 be reimbursed for the total amount [by which] of the tuition and
162 extension fee waivers granted under subsection (d) of this section
163 [exceed five per cent of tuition and extension fee revenue] through an
164 annual state appropriation. The Board of Regents for Higher Education
165 shall request such an appropriation and such appropriation shall be
166 based upon an estimate of tuition and extension fee revenue loss using
167 tuition and extension fee rates in effect for the fiscal year in which such
168 appropriation will apply.

169 (h) The Board of Regents for Higher Education shall allow any
170 student who is a member of the armed forces called to active duty
171 during any semester to enroll in any course for which such student had
172 remitted tuition but which was not completed due to active duty status.
173 Such course reenrollment shall be offered to any qualifying student for
174 a period not exceeding four years after the date of release from active
175 duty without additional tuition, student fee or related charge, except if
176 such student has been fully reimbursed for the tuition, fees and charges
177 for the course that was not completed.

178 (i) The Board of Regents for Higher Education shall not assess or
179 charge a graduation fee to any student enrolled in the Connecticut State
180 Community College for the purpose of graduating from said college.

181 Sec. 2. Section 10a-99 of the 2026 supplement to the general statutes
182 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
183 *1, 2026*):

184 (a) Subject to the provisions of section 10a-26, the Board of Regents
185 for Higher Education shall fix fees for tuition and for such other
186 purposes as the board deems necessary for each state university within
187 the Connecticut State University System, and may make refunds of the
188 same.

189 (b) The Board of Regents for Higher Education shall establish and
190 administer a fund to be known as the Connecticut State University
191 System Operating Fund. Appropriations from general revenues of the
192 state and upon request by the Connecticut State University System and
193 with the annual review and approval by the Secretary of the Office of
194 Policy and Management, the amount of the appropriations for fringe
195 benefits pursuant to subsection (a) of section 4-73, shall be transferred
196 from the State Comptroller and all tuition revenue received by the
197 Connecticut State University System in accordance with the provisions
198 of subsection (a) of this section shall be deposited in said fund. Income
199 from student fees or related charges, the proceeds of auxiliary activities
200 and business enterprises, gifts and donations, federal funds and grants,
201 subject to the provisions of sections 10a-98 to 10a-98g, inclusive, and all
202 receipts derived from the conduct by a state university of its education
203 extension program and its summer school session shall be credited to
204 said fund but shall be allocated to the central office and institutional
205 operating accounts which shall be established and maintained for the
206 central office and each state university. Any such gifts and donations,
207 federal funds and grants for purposes of research shall be allocated to
208 separate accounts within such central office and institutional operating
209 accounts. If the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management

210 disapproves such transfer, the secretary may require the amount of the
211 appropriation for operating expenses to be used for personal services
212 and fringe benefits to be excluded from said fund. The State Treasurer
213 shall review and approve the transfer prior to such request by the
214 university. The board shall establish an equitable policy, in accordance
215 with section 10a-8, for allocation of appropriations from general
216 revenues of the state, fringe benefits transferred from the State
217 Comptroller and tuition revenue deposited in the Connecticut State
218 University System Operating Fund. At the beginning of each quarter of
219 the fiscal year, the board shall allocate and transfer, in accordance with
220 said policy, moneys for expenditure in such institutional operating
221 accounts, exclusive of amounts retained for central office operations and
222 reasonable reserves for future distribution. All costs of waiving or
223 remitting tuition pursuant to subsection (f) of this section shall be
224 charged to the Connecticut State University System Operating Fund.
225 Repairs, alterations or additions to facilities supported by the
226 Connecticut State University System Operating Fund and costing one
227 million dollars or more shall require the approval of the General
228 Assembly, or when the General Assembly is not in session, of the
229 Finance Advisory Committee. Any balance of receipts above
230 expenditures shall remain in said fund, except such sums as may be
231 required for deposit into a debt service fund or the General Fund for
232 further payment by the Treasurer of debt service on general obligation
233 bonds of the state issued for purposes of the Connecticut State
234 University System.

235 (c) Commencing December 1, 1984, and thereafter not later than sixty
236 days after the close of each quarter, the Board of Regents for Higher
237 Education shall submit, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-
238 4a, to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
239 cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and the budgets of state
240 agencies, the Office of Higher Education and the Office of Policy and
241 Management a report on the actual expenditures of the Connecticut
242 State University System Operating Fund.

243 (d) The Board of Regents for Higher Education shall waive the
244 payment of tuition fees for undergraduate and graduate degree
245 programs at the Connecticut State University System (1) for any
246 dependent child of a person whom the armed forces of the United States
247 has declared to be missing in action or to have been a prisoner of war
248 while serving in such armed forces after January 1, 1960, which child
249 has been accepted for admission to [such] an institution within said
250 system and is a resident of the state at the time such child is accepted for
251 admission to such institution, (2) subject to the provisions of subsection
252 (e) of this section, for any veteran, as defined in section 27-103, who
253 performed service in time of war, as defined in section 27-103, except
254 that for purposes of this subsection, "service in time of war" shall not
255 include time spent in attendance at a military service academy, which
256 veteran has been accepted for admission to such institution and is
257 domiciled in this state at the time such veteran is accepted for admission
258 to such institution, or for the child of any such veteran who never
259 received a waiver of the payment of tuition fees under this subsection.
260 Said board shall also waive for any such veteran or for any such child
261 the payment of any extension fees under section 10a-26 for educational
262 extension programs, (3) for any resident of the state sixty-two years of
263 age or older who has been accepted for admission to such institution,
264 provided (A) such resident is enrolled in a degree-granting program, or
265 (B) at the end of the regular registration period, there are enrolled in the
266 course a sufficient number of students other than those residents eligible
267 for waivers pursuant to this subdivision to offer the course in which
268 such resident intends to enroll and there is space available in such
269 course after accommodating all such students, (4) for any student
270 attending the Connecticut Police Academy who is enrolled in a law
271 enforcement program at said academy offered in coordination with the
272 university which accredits courses taken in such program, (5) for any
273 active member of the Connecticut Army or Air National Guard who (A)
274 has been certified by the Adjutant General or such Adjutant General's
275 designee as a member in good standing of the guard, and (B) is enrolled
276 or accepted for admission to such institution on a full-time or part-time

277 basis in an undergraduate or graduate degree-granting program. Said
278 board shall also waive for any such member the payment of any
279 extension fees under section 10a-26 for educational extension programs,
280 (6) for any dependent child of a (A) police officer, as defined in section
281 7-294a, or supernumerary or auxiliary police officer, (B) firefighter, as
282 defined in section 7-323j, or member of a volunteer fire company, (C)
283 municipal employee, or (D) state employee, as defined in section 5-154,
284 killed in the line of duty, (7) for any resident of this state who is a
285 dependent child or surviving spouse of a specified terrorist victim who
286 was a resident of the state, (8) for any dependent child of a resident of
287 the state who was killed in a multivehicle crash at or near the
288 intersection of Routes 44 and 10 and Nod Road in Avon on July 29, 2005,
289 and (9) for any resident of the state who is a dependent child or
290 surviving spouse of a person who was killed in action while performing
291 active military duty with the armed forces of the United States on or
292 after September 11, 2001, and who was a resident of this state. If any
293 person who receives a tuition waiver in accordance with the provisions
294 of this subsection also receives educational reimbursement from an
295 employer, such waiver shall be reduced by the amount of such
296 educational reimbursement. Veterans and members of the National
297 Guard described in subdivision (5) of this subsection shall be given the
298 same status as students not receiving tuition waivers in registering for
299 courses at Connecticut state universities. Notwithstanding the
300 provisions of section 10a-30, as used in this subsection, "domiciled in
301 this state" includes domicile for less than one year.

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

310 payment of tuition and extension fees in accordance with subsection (d)
311 of this section.

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

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

327 (f) The Board of Regents for Higher Education shall set aside from its
328 anticipated tuition revenue, an amount not less than that required by
329 the tuition policy established under subdivision (3) of subsection (a) of
330 section 10a-6. Such funds shall be used to provide tuition waivers,
331 tuition remissions, grants for educational expenses and student
332 employment for any undergraduate or graduate student who is enrolled
333 as a full or part-time matriculated student in a degree-granting
334 program, or enrolled in a precollege remedial program, and who
335 demonstrates substantial financial need. Said board may also set aside
336 from its anticipated tuition revenue an additional amount equal to one
337 per cent of such tuition revenue for financial assistance for students who
338 would not otherwise be eligible for financial assistance but who do have
339 a financial need as determined by the university in accordance with this
340 subsection. In determining such financial need, the university shall
341 exclude the value of equity in the principal residence of the student's

342 parents or legal guardians, or in the student's principal residence if the
343 student is not considered to be a dependent of his parents or legal
344 guardians and shall assess the earnings of a dependent student at the
345 rate of thirty per cent.

346 (g) The Connecticut State University System Operating Fund shall be
347 reimbursed for the total amount [by which] of the tuition and extension
348 fee waivers granted under subsection (d) of this section [exceed two and
349 one-half per cent of tuition and extension fee revenue] through an
350 annual state appropriation. The Board of Regents for Higher Education
351 shall request such an appropriation and such appropriation shall be
352 based upon an estimate of tuition and extension fee revenue loss using
353 tuition and extension fee rates in effect for the fiscal year in which such
354 appropriation will apply.

355 (h) The Board of Regents for Higher Education shall allow any
356 student who is a member of the armed forces called to active duty
357 during any semester to enroll in any course for which such student had
358 remitted tuition but which was not completed due to active duty status.
359 Such course reenrollment shall be offered to any qualifying student for
360 a period not exceeding four years after the date of release from active
361 duty without additional tuition, student fee or related charge, except if
362 such student has been fully reimbursed for the tuition, fees and charges
363 for the course that was not completed.

364 (i) The Board of Regents for Higher Education shall not assess or
365 charge a graduation fee to any student enrolled in the Connecticut State
366 University System for the purpose of graduating from a state university
367 within such system.

368 Sec. 3. Section 10a-105 of the 2026 supplement to the general statutes
369 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
370 *1, 2026*):

371 (a) Subject to the provisions of sections 10a-8 and 10a-26, the Board of
372 Trustees of The University of Connecticut shall fix fees for tuition and

373 shall fix fees for such other purposes as the board deems necessary at
374 The University of Connecticut, and may make refunds of the same.

375 (b) The Board of Trustees of The University of Connecticut shall
376 establish and administer a fund to be known as The University of
377 Connecticut Operating Fund, and in addition, may establish a Special
378 External Gift Fund, and an endowment fund, as defined in section 10a-
379 109c, and such other funds as may be established pursuant to
380 subdivision (13) of subsection (a) of section 10a-109d. Appropriations
381 from general revenues of the state and, upon request by the university
382 and with an annual review and approval by the Secretary of the Office
383 of Policy and Management, the amount of the appropriations for fringe
384 benefits and workers' compensation applicable to the university
385 pursuant to subsection (a) of section 4-73, shall be transferred from the
386 Comptroller, and all tuition revenue received by the university in
387 accordance with the provisions of subsection (a) of this section, income
388 from student fees or related charges, the proceeds of auxiliary activities
389 and business enterprises, gifts and donations, federal funds and grants
390 for purposes other than research and all receipts derived from the
391 conduct by The University of Connecticut of its education extension
392 program and its summer school session, except funds received by The
393 University of Connecticut Health Center, shall be deposited in said
394 operating fund. If the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management
395 disapproves such transfer, he may require the amount of the
396 appropriation for operating expenses to be used for personal services
397 and fringe benefits to be excluded from said fund. The State Treasurer
398 shall review and approve the transfer prior to such request by the
399 university. All costs of waiving or remitting tuition pursuant to
400 subsection (g) of this section, except the cost of waiving or remitting
401 tuition for students enrolled in the schools of medicine or dental
402 medicine, shall be charged to said fund. Repairs, alterations or additions
403 to facilities supported by said fund costing one million dollars or more
404 shall require the approval of the General Assembly, or when the General
405 Assembly is not in session, of the Finance Advisory Committee. Any

406 balance of receipts above expenditures shall remain in said fund, except
407 such sums as may be required for deposit into a debt service fund or the
408 General Fund for further payment by the Treasurer of debt service on
409 general obligation bonds of the state issued for purposes of The
410 University of Connecticut.

411 (c) The Board of Trustees of The University of Connecticut shall
412 establish and administer a fund to be known as The University of
413 Connecticut Health Center Operating Fund. Appropriations from
414 general revenues of the state except the amount of the appropriation for
415 operating expenses to be used for personal services and the
416 appropriations for fringe benefits pursuant to subsection (a) of section
417 4-73, all tuition revenue received by the health center in accordance with
418 the provisions of subsection (a) of this section, income from student fees
419 or related charges, proceeds from auxiliary and business enterprises,
420 gifts and donations, federal funds and grants for purposes other than
421 research and other income relative to these activities shall be deposited
422 in said fund. All costs of waiving or remitting tuition pursuant to
423 subsection (g) of this section for students enrolled in the schools of
424 medicine or dental medicine shall be charged to said fund. Repairs,
425 alterations or additions to facilities supported by said fund costing one
426 million dollars or more shall require the approval of the General
427 Assembly, or when the General Assembly is not in session, of the
428 Finance Advisory Committee. Any balance of receipts above
429 expenditures shall remain in said fund, except such sums as may be
430 required for deposit into a debt service fund or the General Fund for
431 further payment by the Treasurer of debt service on general obligation
432 bonds of the state issued for purposes of The University of Connecticut
433 Health Center.

434 (d) Commencing December 1, 1981, and thereafter not later than sixty
435 days after the close of each quarter, the board of trustees shall submit to
436 the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
437 cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and the budgets of state
438 agencies, the Office of Higher Education and the Office of Policy and

439 Management a report on the actual expenditures of The University of
440 Connecticut Operating Fund and The University of Connecticut Health
441 Center Operating Fund containing such relevant information as the
442 Office of Policy and Management may require in the form prescribed by
443 the board of regents in accordance with subsection (a) of section 10a-8.

444 (e) Said board of trustees shall waive the payment of tuition fees for
445 any undergraduate or graduate degree program at The University of
446 Connecticut (1) for any dependent child of a person whom the armed
447 forces of the United States has declared to be missing in action or to have
448 been a prisoner of war while serving in such armed forces after January
449 1, 1960, which child has been accepted for admission to The University
450 of Connecticut and is a resident of the state at the time such child is
451 accepted for admission to said institution, (2) subject to the provisions
452 of subsection (f) of this section, for any veteran, as defined in section 27-
453 103, who performed service in time of war, as defined in section 27-103,
454 except that for purposes of this subsection, "service in time of war" shall
455 not include time spent in attendance at a military service academy,
456 which veteran has been accepted for admission to said institution and is
457 domiciled in this state at the time such veteran is accepted for admission
458 to said institution, or for the child of any such veteran who never
459 received a waiver of the payment of tuition fees under this subsection.
460 Said board shall also waive for any such veteran or for any such child
461 the payment of any extension fees under section 10a-26 for educational
462 extension programs, (3) for any resident of the state sixty-two years of
463 age or older who has been accepted for admission to said institution,
464 provided (A) such resident is enrolled in a degree-granting program, or
465 (B) at the end of the regular registration period, there are enrolled in the
466 course a sufficient number of students other than those residents eligible
467 for waivers pursuant to this subdivision to offer the course in which
468 such resident intends to enroll and there is space available in such
469 course after accommodating all such students, (4) for any active member
470 of the Connecticut Army or Air National Guard who (A) has been
471 certified by the Adjutant General or such Adjutant General's designee

472 as a member in good standing of the guard, and (B) is enrolled or
473 accepted for admission to said institution on a full-time or part-time
474 basis in an undergraduate or graduate degree-granting program. Said
475 board shall also waive for any such member the payment of any
476 extension fees under section 10a-26 for educational extension programs,
477 (5) for any dependent child of a (A) police officer, as defined in section
478 7-294a, or supernumerary or auxiliary police officer, (B) firefighter, as
479 defined in section 7-323j, or member of a volunteer fire company, (C)
480 municipal employee, or (D) state employee, as defined in section 5-154,
481 killed in the line of duty, (6) for any resident of the state who is the
482 dependent child or surviving spouse of a specified terrorist victim who
483 was a resident of the state, (7) for any dependent child of a resident of
484 the state who was killed in a multivehicle crash at or near the
485 intersection of Routes 44 and 10 and Nod Road in Avon on July 29, 2005,
486 and (8) for any resident of the state who is a dependent child or
487 surviving spouse of a person who was killed in action while performing
488 active military duty with the armed forces of the United States on or
489 after September 11, 2001, and who was a resident of this state. If any
490 person who receives a tuition waiver in accordance with the provisions
491 of this subsection also receives educational reimbursement from an
492 employer, such waiver shall be reduced by the amount of such
493 educational reimbursement. Veterans and members of the National
494 Guard described in subdivision (4) of this subsection shall be given the
495 same status as students not receiving tuition waivers in registering for
496 courses at The University of Connecticut. Notwithstanding the
497 provisions of section 10a-30, as used in this subsection, "domiciled in
498 this state" includes domicile for less than one year.

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

505 for such federal educational assistance has been denied or withdrawn,
506 said board of trustees shall waive the payment of tuition and extension
507 fees in accordance with subsection (d) of this section.

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

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

522 (g) Said board of trustees shall set aside from its anticipated tuition
523 revenue, an amount not less than that required by the board of
524 governors' tuition policy established under subdivision (3) of subsection
525 (a) of section 10a-6. Such funds shall be used to provide tuition waivers,
526 tuition remissions, grants for educational expenses and student
527 employment for any undergraduate, graduate or professional student
528 who is enrolled as a full or part-time matriculated student in a degree-
529 granting program, or enrolled in a precollege remedial program, and
530 who demonstrates substantial financial need. Said board may also set
531 aside from its anticipated tuition revenue an additional amount equal to
532 one per cent of such tuition revenue for financial assistance for students
533 who would not otherwise be eligible for financial assistance but who do
534 have a financial need as determined by the university in accordance
535 with this subsection. In determining such financial need, the university
536 shall exclude the value of equity in the principal residence of the

537 student's parents or legal guardians, or in the student's principal
538 residence if the student is not considered to be a dependent of his
539 parents or legal guardians and shall assess the earnings of a dependent
540 student at the rate of thirty per cent.

541 (h) The University of Connecticut Operating Fund shall be
542 reimbursed for the total amount [by which] of tuition and extension fee
543 waivers granted under subsection (e) of this section [exceed two and
544 one-half per cent of tuition and extension fee revenue] through an
545 annual state appropriation. The board of trustees shall request such an
546 appropriation and such appropriation shall be based upon an estimate
547 of tuition and extension fee revenue loss using tuition and extension fee
548 rates in effect for the fiscal year in which such appropriation will apply.

549 (i) Said board of trustees shall grant remission or waiver of tuition for
550 graduate assistants at the university. Assistantship payments to
551 graduate assistants shall not be considered salaries and wages under the
552 provisions of section 3-119, and shall be paid according to a schedule
553 prescribed by the university and approved by the State Comptroller.

554 (j) Said board of trustees may provide health care coverage for
555 graduate assistants, postdoctoral trainees, graduate fellows and
556 graduate student interns identified in subdivision (8) of section 3-123aaa
557 by enrolling such individuals in a partnership plan as defined in section
558 3-123aaa. All premiums and expenses resulting from the participation
559 of such individuals in the partnership plan shall be paid by the
560 university. No such premiums or expenses shall be charged to the
561 General Fund.

562 (k) Said board of trustees shall allow any student who is a member of
563 the armed forces called to active duty during any semester to enroll in
564 any course for which such student had remitted tuition but which was
565 not completed due to active duty status. Such course reenrollment shall
566 be offered to any qualifying student for a period not exceeding four
567 years after the date of release from active duty without additional

568 tuition, student fee or related charge, except if such student has been
569 fully reimbursed for the tuition, fees and charges for the course that was
570 not completed.

571 (l) The Board of Trustees of The University of Connecticut shall not
572 assess or charge a graduation fee to any student enrolled in The
573 University of Connecticut for the purpose of graduating from such
574 university.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2026</i>	10a-77
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2026</i>	10a-99
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2026</i>	10a-105

Statement of Purpose:

To allow children of veterans to use such veteran's tuition waiver and requiring state funding for tuition waivers.

[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.]