



General Assembly

February Session, 2026

Substitute Bill No. 423



AN ACT CONCERNING OVERSIGHT OVER HIGHER EDUCATION.

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

1 Section 1. Section 10a-78a of the 2026 supplement to the general
2 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
3 (*Effective from passage*):

4 (a) Not later than July 1, [2024] 2026, and annually thereafter until and
5 including July 1, 2030, the Board of Regents for Higher Education shall
6 submit a report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a, to
7 the joint standing [committee] committees of the General Assembly
8 having cognizance of matters relating to higher education and
9 employment advancement and government oversight concerning the
10 results achieved from the consolidation of the regional community-
11 technical colleges into the Connecticut State Community College. Such
12 report shall include, but need not be limited to, a comparison of the
13 following performance metrics from July 1, [2023] 2019, to the date of
14 such report:

15 (1) Percentage of students enrolled for the first time in credit-bearing
16 courses who:

17 (A) [complete] Complete introductory math and English course
18 requirements not later than one year after enrollment; [.]

19 (B) Enroll for more than six credits during their first semester;

20 (C) Complete more than twenty-four credits during their first year of
21 enrollment;

22 ~~[(B) enroll]~~ (D) Enroll for a full semester and subsequently (i) reenroll
23 for the following semester, (ii) reenroll for the next fall or spring
24 semester after attending a fall or spring semester during the preceding
25 academic year, or (iii) graduate; ~~[,]~~ and

26 ~~[(C) within]~~ (E) Within the first three years of enrollment, (i) graduate,
27 (ii) transfer to a four-year institution of higher education, or (iii) are still
28 enrolled in a course of study, ~~[(2) ratios]~~ categorized by demographic;

29 (2) Percentage of students who attend multiple campuses;

30 (3) Ratios of students to (A) student counselors or advisors, (B) full-
31 time faculty, and (C) part-time or adjunct faculty;

32 ~~[(3) the]~~ (4) The number of executive positions at each campus of the
33 Connecticut State Community College; and

34 ~~[(4) the]~~ (5) The number of personnel by location or functional area at
35 each campus and type of position including, but not limited to, faculty,
36 direct student support staff, building operations, clerical or
37 administrative staff and executive positions.

38 (b) On and after July 1, 2026, such report shall also provide additional
39 information concerning the effects of the consolidation, and shall:

40 (1) Detail the financial impact of the consolidation and whether it has
41 saved money or resulted in additional costs, including, but not limited
42 to, the average per student costs of the admission department, financial
43 aid departments, student registration process and student records
44 process, from July 1, 2019, to the year preceding the report;

45 (2) Specify whether there are any administrative services that cannot
46 be efficiently redistributed;

47 (3) Include a cost-benefit analysis of eliminating the central office and
48 having an administrative office on each campus;

49 (4) Compare the numbers of faculty and direct student support staff
50 at the time of the report to prior to the consolidation;

51 (5) Include the increase or decrease of administrative positions,
52 faculty and direct student support staff by percentage since the
53 consolidation;

54 (6) After conducting a survey of students and faculty annually,
55 include the results of the survey of students concerning the impact on
56 students' ability to access classes necessary for their major and of faculty
57 concerning the impact on their ability to teach classes;

58 (7) Detail how the consolidation has or has not created a seamless
59 transition between the regional-technical community colleges and the
60 Connecticut State University System;

61 (8) Analyze whether the different missions of two-year and four-year
62 colleges have been impacted by the consolidation, and if there has been
63 an impact, an explanation of such impact;

64 (9) Provide a detailed comparison of the budgets of the Connecticut
65 State University System compared to separate regional-technical
66 community colleges before and after the consolidation; and

67 (10) Compare student outcomes at the Connecticut State University
68 System to outcomes at The University of Connecticut.

69 (c) As used in this section, "executive position" includes any [(A)] (1)
70 person with a title such as president, director or chief executive officer,
71 [(B)] (2) administrative head of an office or department, [(C)] (3) deputy
72 to an administrative head, [(D)] (4) executive or personal secretary of
73 such person, administrative head or deputy, and [(E)] (5) other person
74 in an equivalent position.

75 Sec. 2. (Effective from passage) Not later than December 31, 2026, the

76 chancellor of the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities shall
77 submit a report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the
78 general statutes, to the joint standing committees of the General
79 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to higher education
80 and government oversight. Such report shall compare the number of full
81 time and part-time personnel performing each of the following
82 administrative functions at the system office of the Connecticut State
83 Colleges and Universities, the central office of the Connecticut State
84 Community College and each campus of the regional and technical
85 community colleges as of June 30, 2026, compared to June 30, 2019, and
86 June 30, 2011: (1) Academic and student affairs, (2) accounting, (3) board
87 affairs, (4) finance and budget, (5) compliance and audit, (6) chancellor's
88 office, (7) external affairs, (8) facilities, (9) human resources and labor
89 relations, (10) decision support and institutional research, (11)
90 information technology, (12) legal, and (13) business services and
91 procurement.

92 Sec. 3. Subsections (d) and (e) of section 10a-11b of the 2026
93 supplement to the general statutes are repealed and the following is
94 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

95 (d) Not later than September 1, 2025, the commission shall submit a
96 preliminary report on the development of the update of the higher
97 education strategic master plan and, not later than December 1, 2025,
98 the commission shall submit the higher education strategic master plan,
99 including specific goals and benchmarks for the years ending 2026 and
100 2030, together with any recommendations for appropriate legislation
101 and funding to the Governor and the joint standing committees of the
102 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to higher
103 education and employment advancement, education, commerce, labor
104 and appropriations and the budgets of state agencies, in accordance
105 with the provisions of section 11-4a. Not later than July 1, 2026, the
106 commission shall submit a copy of such plan to the joint standing
107 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
108 relating to government oversight.

109 (e) Not later than January 1, 2027, and annually thereafter, the
110 commission shall submit a report to the Governor and the joint standing
111 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
112 relating to higher education and employment advancement, education,
113 commerce, labor, [and] appropriations and the budgets of state agencies
114 and government oversight, in accordance with section 11-4a, on the
115 implementation of the plan and progress made toward achieving the
116 goals specified in the plan. The commission may periodically suggest
117 changes to the goals as necessary.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	10a-78a
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	10a-11b(d) and (e)

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In Section 1(a), "[2) ratios]" was moved for consistency with standard drafting conventions.

GOS *Joint Favorable Subst. -LCO*