

Higher Education
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Office of Fiscal Analysis

	Page #	Analyst	Actual FY 23	Actual FY 24	Appropriation FY 25	Governor Recommended		Committee	
						FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27
General Fund									
Office of Higher Education	217	DD	38,047,851	13,723,774	36,807,637	31,494,177	32,898,392	51,749,963	52,749,963
University of Connecticut	221	DD	254,604,158	256,315,868	219,637,564	234,560,002	239,823,874	306,620,002	296,483,874
University of Connecticut Health Center	224	DD	190,829,164	146,388,592	113,889,981	123,053,275	126,851,644	188,304,890	166,303,259
Connecticut State Colleges and Universities	227	DD	436,045,180	476,928,547	440,159,942	471,703,455	485,087,084	478,404,063	548,887,692
Total - General Fund			919,526,353	893,356,781	810,495,124	860,810,909	884,660,994	1,025,078,918	1,064,424,788
Cannabis Regulatory Fund									
University of Connecticut Health Center	224	DD	-	178,385	178,385	-	-	178,385	178,385
Total - Appropriated Funds			919,526,353	893,535,166	810,673,509	860,810,909	884,660,994	1,025,257,303	1,064,603,173

Office of Higher Education

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Permanent Full-Time Positions

Fund	Actual FY 23	Actual FY 24	Appropriation FY 25	Governor Recommended		Committee	
				FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27
General Fund	26	27	28	29	29	28	28

Budget Summary

Account	Actual FY 23	Actual FY 24	Appropriation FY 25	Governor Recommended		Committee	
				FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27
Personal Services	1,699,766	1,626,550	1,811,589	1,855,031	1,855,031	1,855,031	1,855,031
Other Expenses	482,183	1,227,589	1,081,175	781,175	781,175	781,175	781,175
Other Current Expenses							
Minority Advancement Program	2,127,566	1,690,528	1,659,292	1,674,835	1,674,835	1,674,835	1,674,835
National Service Act	234,779	454,740	296,810	320,151	320,151	320,151	320,151
Minority Teacher Incentive Program	505,280	446,669	570,134	570,134	570,134	570,134	570,134
CT Loan Forgiveness	-	-	6,000,000	-	-	5,000,000	6,000,000
AmeriCorps State Matching Funds	-	-	-	1,404,214	2,808,429	-	-
Other Than Payments to Local Governments							
Roberta B. Willis Scholarship Fund	32,998,277	8,017,698	24,888,637	24,888,637	24,888,637	41,288,637	41,288,637
Health Care Adjunct Grant Program	-	260,000	500,000	-	-	260,000	260,000
Agency Total - General Fund	38,047,851	13,723,774	36,807,637	31,494,177	32,898,392	51,749,963	52,749,963

Account	Governor Recommended		Committee		Difference from Governor	
	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27

Policy Revisions

Provide Funding for Willis Scholarship

Roberta B. Willis Scholarship Fund	-	-	16,400,000	16,400,000	16,400,000	16,400,000
Total - General Fund	-	-	16,400,000	16,400,000	16,400,000	16,400,000

Background

The Roberta B. Willis Scholarship provides need-based and need-merit grants to eligible Connecticut high school graduates. The Office of Higher Education (OHE) awards need-merit grants directly to students based on academic achievement and the student aid index (a measure of a student's family's ability to contribute to their education) as reported on the federal Free Application for Federal Student Aid. OHE provides funding for need-based grants to participating institutions of higher education in the state to award to their enrolled students based on the student aid index. The appropriation also funds \$100,000 for scholarships to students to attend Charter Oak State College. In FY 24 and FY 25, General Fund appropriations to the Willis Scholarship were supplemented by ARPA funding.

Committee

Provide funding of \$16.4 million in both FY 26 and FY 27 to fund the Willis Scholarship at FY 24 expenditure levels.

Account	Governor Recommended		Committee		Difference from Governor	
	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27

Adjust Funding for Newer Programs, Including Student Loan Assistance

CT Loan Forgiveness	(6,000,000)	(6,000,000)	(1,000,000)	-	5,000,000	6,000,000
Health Care Adjunct Grant Program	(240,000)	(240,000)	-	-	240,000	240,000
Total - General Fund	(6,240,000)	(6,240,000)	(1,000,000)	-	5,240,000	6,240,000

Background

PA 23-204, the FY 24 and FY 25 Budget, established two new programs within the Office of Higher Education (OHE):

CT Loan Forgiveness: Sec. 174 of PA 23-204 established the CT Loan Forgiveness Program, which OHE has named the Student Loan Reimbursement Program. Funding began in FY 25. This program provides grants of up to \$5,000 annually for up to four years to eligible Connecticut residents. The grants are reimbursements for student loan payments. To receive a grant, recipients must: (1) have outstanding student loans; (2) have graduated from an in-state college or university; (3) meet certain income requirements; and (4) perform at least 50 hours of volunteer work during each year they receive a grant. Funding began in FY 25. OHE has received 1,430 applications to date and plans to begin awarding grants after March 31.

Health Care Adjunct Grant Program: Sec. 133 of PA 23-204 established the Health Care Adjunct Grant Program, which provides grants of \$20,000 to health care providers who accept positions as adjunct professors in health care related fields at a public institution of higher education and remain in such positions for one year. Each grant recipient who remains in the position for a second year may receive an additional \$20,000 grant. Funding began in FY 24. There were 13 applicants in FY 24, each of whom received a grant, for a total of \$260,000 in awards. The FY 25 application deadline is April 30.

Governor

Eliminate funding of \$6,240,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect the elimination of the health care adjunct and student loan assistance grant programs.

Committee

Do not eliminate funding of \$6,240,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27 for the health care adjunct and student loan assistance grant programs.

Adjust Funding for AmeriCorps Expansion

	1,404,214	2,808,429	-	-	(1,404,214)	(2,808,429)
AmeriCorps State Matching Funds	1,404,214	2,808,429	-	-	(1,404,214)	(2,808,429)
Total - General Fund	1,404,214	2,808,429	-	-	(1,404,214)	(2,808,429)
Positions - General Fund	1	1	-	-	(1)	(1)

Background

AmeriCorps is a federal program that provides a wide range of volunteer and service opportunities across the country in the areas of disaster relief, economic development, education, environment, physical and mental health, and veterans' services. There are approximately 2,400 volunteers in AmeriCorps programs across Connecticut. Each program has its own sponsor responsible for 24 % of the program budget; the federal government provides funding up to 76% of the remaining budget on a competitive basis.

Governor

Provide one position and funding of \$1,404,214 in FY 26 and \$2,808,429 in FY 27 to expand AmeriCorps opportunities for Connecticut residents. It is anticipated that this would result in matching federal funding of up to \$4.4 million in FY 26 and up to \$8 million in FY 27, supporting an additional 500 volunteers by FY 27.

Committee

Do not provide one position and funding of \$1,404,214 in FY 26 and \$2,808,429 in FY 27 to expand AmeriCorps.

Current Services

Annualize the Cost of Existing Wage Agreements

Personal Services	143,442	143,442	143,442	143,442	-	-
Minority Advancement Program	15,543	15,543	15,543	15,543	-	-
National Service Act	23,341	23,341	23,341	23,341	-	-
Total - General Fund	182,326	182,326	182,326	182,326	-	-

Account	Governor Recommended		Committee		Difference from Governor	
	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27

Background

The Governor's Recommended Budget provides funding of \$124.4 million in FY 26 and FY 27, across nine appropriated funds, to reflect current wage-related adjustments resulting from existing wage agreements.

Governor

Provide funding of \$182,326 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect this agency's increased wage costs.

Committee

Same as Governor

Adjust Funding to Reflect Current Requirements

Personal Services	(100,000)	(100,000)	(100,000)	(100,000)	-	-
Total - General Fund	(100,000)	(100,000)	(100,000)	(100,000)	-	-

Governor

Reduce funding by \$100,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect current agency requirements.

Committee

Same as Governor

Reduce Funding for Adjunct Professor Grant Program

Health Care Adjunct Grant Program	(260,000)	(260,000)	(240,000)	(240,000)	20,000	20,000
Total - General Fund	(260,000)	(260,000)	(240,000)	(240,000)	20,000	20,000

Governor

Reduce funding by \$260,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27 for the Health Care Adjunct Grant Program to reflect actual FY 24 expenditures. (The Governor also proposes to eliminate the program; see Policy Revisions.)

Committee

Reduce funding by \$240,000 in FY 26 and FY 27. This ensures that \$260,000 is available for grants in FY 26 and FY 27, matching FY 24 spending levels.

Eliminate Funding for IT Functions Performed by DAS

Other Expenses	(300,000)	(300,000)	(300,000)	(300,000)	-	-
Total - General Fund	(300,000)	(300,000)	(300,000)	(300,000)	-	-

Background

The Bureau of Information Technology Solutions within the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) has provided IT services to the Office of Higher Education since FY 23.

Governor

Eliminate funding of \$300,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27 for agency IT needs that are now fulfilled by DAS. This funding was for software maintenance for the financial aid processing system used for the Willis Scholarship program.

Committee

Same as Governor

Totals

Budget Components	Governor Recommended		Committee		Difference from Governor	
	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27
FY 25 Appropriation - GF	36,807,637	36,807,637	36,807,637	36,807,637	-	-
Policy Revisions	(4,835,786)	(3,431,571)	15,400,000	16,400,000	20,235,786	19,831,571
Current Services	(477,674)	(477,674)	(457,674)	(457,674)	20,000	20,000
Total Recommended - GF	31,494,177	32,898,392	51,749,963	52,749,963	20,255,786	19,851,571

Positions	Governor Recommended		Committee		Difference from Governor	
	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27
FY 25 Appropriation - GF	28	28	28	28	-	-
Policy Revisions	1	1	-	-	(1)	(1)
Total Recommended - GF	29	29	28	28	(1)	(1)

University of Connecticut
UOC67000

Permanent Full-Time Positions

Fund	Actual FY 23	Actual FY 24	Appropriation FY 25	Governor Recommended		Committee	
				FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27
General Fund	2,413	2,413	2,413	2,413	2,413	2,413	2,413

Budget Summary

Account	Actual FY 23	Actual FY 24	Appropriation FY 25	Governor Recommended		Committee	
				FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27
Other Current Expenses							
Operating Expenses	254,204,158	253,505,868	216,977,564	231,900,002	237,163,874	299,160,002	284,323,874
Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory	-	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000
Institute for Municipal and Regional Policy	400,000	700,000	550,000	550,000	550,000	550,000	550,000
UConn Veterans Program	-	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000
Health Services - Regional Campuses	-	1,400,000	1,400,000	1,400,000	1,400,000	1,400,000	1,400,000
Puerto Rican Studies Initiative	-	210,000	210,000	210,000	210,000	210,000	210,000
Expanded PACT at UConn	-	-	-	-	-	4,800,000	9,500,000
Agency Total - General Fund	254,604,158	256,315,868	219,637,564	234,560,002	239,823,874	306,620,002	296,483,874

Account	Governor Recommended		Committee		Difference from Governor	
	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27

Policy Revisions

Provide Funding for Block Grant

Operating Expenses	-	-	65,000,000	44,900,000	65,000,000	44,900,000
Total - General Fund	-	-	65,000,000	44,900,000	65,000,000	44,900,000

Background

The constituent units of higher education, including UConn, receive block grants from the state to fund operating expenses. UConn also receives General Fund line-item appropriations for various programs and initiatives. All General Fund funding is in addition to other sources of funds received by the institutions, such as tuition and other student charges, federal funding, and foundation support.

Committee

Provide block grant funding of \$65 million in FY 26 and \$44.9 million in FY 27 for deficit mitigation.

Provide Funding for Expanded PACT

Expanded PACT at UConn	-	-	4,800,000	9,500,000	4,800,000	9,500,000
Total - General Fund	-	-	4,800,000	9,500,000	4,800,000	9,500,000

Committee

Provide funding of \$4.8 million in FY 26 and \$9.5 million in FY 27 for expanded PACT (Debt-Free Community College) at UConn. This includes: (1) \$4.3 million in FY 26 and \$8.5 million in FY 27 to extend PACT through a bachelor's degree at UConn for eligible students who participated in PACT at CT State; and (2) \$500,000 in FY 26 and \$1 million in FY 27 to expand PACT to students enrolled in any of the three Associates' degree programs at UConn.

Account	Governor Recommended		Committee		Difference from Governor	
	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27

Adjust Block Grant Funding

Operating Expenses	(2,260,000)	(2,260,000)	-	-	2,260,000	2,260,000
Total - General Fund	(2,260,000)	(2,260,000)	-	-	2,260,000	2,260,000

Governor

Reduce funding by \$2,260,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27 in the block grant account to achieve savings. The intent of this adjustment is to maintain support for the line-item programs and initiatives and reduce block grant funding by approximately the total of those line-items.

Committee

Do not reduce funding by \$2,260,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27 for the block grant.

Current Services

Annualize FY 25 RSA Transfers

Operating Expenses	10,197,946	10,197,946	10,197,946	10,197,946	-	-
Total - General Fund	10,197,946	10,197,946	10,197,946	10,197,946	-	-

Background

In FY 25, OPM provided \$26.3 million across the constituent units from the Reserve for Salary Adjustments (RSA) account for SEBAC wage increases. The constituent unit block grant accounts traditionally pay for personnel costs. The Governor's Recommended Budget provides the units \$34.3 million to annualize this amount. Each unit receives an amount 30.6% greater in both FY 26 and FY 27 than its FY 25 RSA transfer amount.

Governor

Provide funding of \$10,197,946 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to annualize UConn's FY 25 RSA transfer.

Committee

Same as Governor

Provide Inflationary Increases for Block Grants

Operating Expenses	6,984,492	12,248,364	6,984,492	12,248,364	-	-
Total - General Fund	6,984,492	12,248,364	6,984,492	12,248,364	-	-

Background

The Governor's Recommended Budget includes \$23.5 million in FY 26 and \$46 million in FY 27 for additional block grant funding across the constituent units. The funding provides inflationary increases (above the Governor's recommended RSA annualization) of 3.1% in FY 26 and increases (above FY 25) ranging from 5.4% to 6.3% in FY 27.

Governor

Provide funding of \$6,984,492 in FY 26 and \$12,248,364 in FY 27 for additional block grant funding.

Committee

Same as Governor

Totals

Budget Components	Governor Recommended		Committee		Difference from Governor	
	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27
FY 25 Appropriation - GF	219,637,564	219,637,564	219,637,564	219,637,564	-	-
Policy Revisions	(2,260,000)	(2,260,000)	69,800,000	54,400,000	72,060,000	56,660,000
Current Services	17,182,438	22,446,310	17,182,438	22,446,310	-	-
Total Recommended - GF	234,560,002	239,823,874	306,620,002	296,483,874	72,060,000	56,660,000

University of Connecticut Health Center
UHC72000

Permanent Full-Time Positions

Fund	Actual FY 23	Actual FY 24	Appropriation FY 25	Governor Recommended		Committee	
				FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27
General Fund	1,698	1,698	1,698	1,700	1,700	1,698	1,698
Cannabis Regulatory Fund	-	2	2	-	-	2	2

Budget Summary

Account	Actual FY 23	Actual FY 24	Appropriation FY 25	Governor Recommended		Committee	
				FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27
Other Current Expenses							
Operating Expenses	190,408,357	145,965,137	113,460,246	122,623,540	126,421,909	187,875,155	163,873,524
AHEC	420,807	423,455	429,735	429,735	429,735	429,735	429,735
Neuromodulation Treatment	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,000,000
Agency Total - General Fund	190,829,164	146,388,592	113,889,981	123,053,275	126,851,644	188,304,890	166,303,259
Operating Expenses	-	178,385	178,385	-	-	178,385	178,385
Agency Total - Cannabis Regulatory Fund	-	178,385	178,385	-	-	178,385	178,385
Total - Appropriated Funds	190,829,164	146,566,977	114,068,366	123,053,275	126,851,644	188,483,275	166,481,644

Account	Governor Recommended		Committee		Difference from Governor	
	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27

Policy Revisions

Provide Funding for Block Grant

Operating Expenses	-	-	65,000,000	37,200,000	65,000,000	37,200,000
Total - General Fund	-	-	65,000,000	37,200,000	65,000,000	37,200,000

Committee

Provide block grant funding of \$65 million in FY 26 and \$37.2 million in FY 27 for deficit mitigation.

Provide Funding for Neuromodulation Treatment

Neuromodulation Treatment	-	-	-	2,000,000	-	2,000,000
Total - General Fund	-	-	-	2,000,000	-	2,000,000

Background

Neuromodulation refers to the alteration of nerve activity by electrical or pharmaceutical methods in order to treat various health conditions.

Committee

Provide \$2 million in FY 27 to establish the Center of Excellence for Neuromodulation Treatment, to be available to all patients.

Provide Funding for Migraine Study

Operating Expenses	-	-	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000
Total - General Fund	-	-	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000

Committee

Provide \$150,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27 for a migraine study.

Account	Governor Recommended		Committee		Difference from Governor	
	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27

Provide Additional Funding for Endometriosis

Operating Expenses	-	-	280,000	280,000	280,000	280,000
Total - General Fund	-	-	280,000	280,000	280,000	280,000

Background

PA 23-204, the FY 24 and FY 25 Budget, provided \$468,000 in FY 24 and \$735,000 in FY 25 for an endometriosis data and repository program.

Committee

Provide funding of \$280,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27 for additional funding for the endometriosis data and biorepository program.

Maintain Cannabis Costs in the Cannabis Regulatory Fund

Operating Expenses	178,385	178,385	-	-	(178,385)	(178,385)
Total - General Fund	178,385	178,385	-	-	(178,385)	(178,385)
Positions - General Fund	2	2	-	-	(2)	(2)
Operating Expenses	(178,385)	(178,385)	-	-	178,385	178,385
Total - Cannabis Regulatory Fund	(178,385)	(178,385)	-	-	178,385	178,385
Positions - Cannabis Regulatory Fund	(2)	(2)	-	-	2	2

Background

PA 21-1 JSS, *An Act Concerning Responsible and Equitable Regulation of Adult-Use Cannabis*, legalized recreational cannabis use for adults 21 years of age or older. Recreational cannabis sales began in January 2023.

The Governor's Recommended Budget moves the Cannabis Regulatory Fund (CRF) and the Prevention and Recovery Services Fund (PRSF) expenditures to the General Fund (GF) and the Special Transportation Fund (STF). This affects 11 agencies, 94 positions, and an appropriation of \$12.8 million in FY 26 and FY 27 across the GF and the STF.

Governor

Transfer funding of \$178,385 and two positions in both FY 26 and FY27 for the Connecticut Poison Control Center at UConn Health from the Cannabis Regulatory Fund to the General Fund.

Committee

Do not transfer funding from the Cannabis Regulatory Fund to the General Fund.

Current Services

Annualize FY 25 RSA Transfers

Operating Expenses	5,332,632	5,332,632	5,332,632	5,332,632	-	-
Total - General Fund	5,332,632	5,332,632	5,332,632	5,332,632	-	-

Background

In FY 25, OPM provided \$26.3 million across the constituent units from the Reserve for Salary Adjustments (RSA) account for SEBAC wage increases. The constituent unit block grant accounts traditionally pay for personnel costs. The Governor's Recommended Budget provides the units \$34.3 million to annualize this amount. Each unit receives an amount 30.6% greater in both FY 26 and FY 27 than its FY 25 RSA transfer amount.

Governor

Provide funding of \$5,332,632 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to annualize UConn Health's FY 25 RSA transfer.

Committee

Same as Governor

Provide Inflationary Increases for Block Grants

Operating Expenses	3,652,277	7,450,646	3,652,277	7,450,646	-	-
Total - General Fund	3,652,277	7,450,646	3,652,277	7,450,646	-	-

Account	Governor Recommended		Committee		Difference from Governor	
	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27

Background

The Governor's Recommended Budget includes \$23.5 million in FY 26 and \$46 million in FY 27 for additional block grant funding across the constituent units. The funding provides inflationary increases (above the Governor's recommended RSA annualization) of 3.1% in FY 26 and increases (above FY 25) ranging from 5.4% to 6.3% in FY 27.

Governor

Provide funding of \$3,652,277 in FY 26 and \$7,450,646 in FY 27 for additional block grant funding.

Committee

Same as Governor

Totals

Budget Components	Governor Recommended		Committee		Difference from Governor	
	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27
FY 25 Appropriation - GF	113,889,981	113,889,981	113,889,981	113,889,981	-	-
Policy Revisions	178,385	178,385	65,430,000	39,630,000	65,251,615	39,451,615
Current Services	8,984,909	12,783,278	8,984,909	12,783,278	-	-
Total Recommended - GF	123,053,275	126,851,644	188,304,890	166,303,259	65,251,615	39,451,615
FY 25 Appropriation - CRF	178,385	178,385	178,385	178,385	-	-
Policy Revisions	(178,385)	(178,385)	-	-	178,385	178,385
Total Recommended - CRF	-	-	178,385	178,385	178,385	178,385

Positions	Governor Recommended		Committee		Difference from Governor	
	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27
FY 25 Appropriation - GF	1,698	1,698	1,698	1,698	-	-
Policy Revisions	2	2	-	-	(2)	(2)
Total Recommended - GF	1,700	1,700	1,698	1,698	(2)	(2)
FY 25 Appropriation - CRF	2	2	2	2	-	-
Policy Revisions	(2)	(2)	-	-	2	2
Total Recommended - CRF	-	-	2	2	2	2

Connecticut State Colleges and Universities

BOR77700

Permanent Full-Time Positions

Fund	Actual FY 23	Actual FY 24	Appropriation FY 25	Governor Recommended		Committee	
				FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27
General Fund	4,633	4,633	4,633	4,633	4,633	4,633	4,633

Budget Summary

Account	Actual FY 23	Actual FY 24	Appropriation FY 25	Governor Recommended		Committee	
				FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27
Other Current Expenses							
Charter Oak State College	4,947,602	4,811,223	3,182,468	3,634,487	3,741,029	3,434,487	3,541,029
Community Tech College System	214,552,654	228,544,234	217,494,271	234,717,627	241,998,796	234,717,627	241,998,796
Connecticut State University	204,544,326	209,322,044	178,635,888	192,782,051	198,762,338	193,717,659	248,847,946
Board of Regents	453,500	560,084	466,906	503,881	519,512	503,881	519,512
Developmental Services	9,896,460	10,042,069	10,190,984	10,190,984	10,190,984	10,190,984	10,190,984
Outcomes-Based Funding Incentive	1,335,638	1,354,341	1,374,425	1,374,425	1,374,425	1,374,425	1,374,425
O'Neill Chair	315,000	315,000	315,000	-	-	315,000	315,000
Debt Free Community College	-	21,979,552	28,500,000	28,500,000	28,500,000	34,150,000	34,150,000
Expanded PACT	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,700,000
Disabilities Study	-	-	-	-	-	-	250,000
Agency Total - General Fund	436,045,180	476,928,547	440,159,942	471,703,455	485,087,084	478,404,063	548,887,692

Account	Governor Recommended		Committee		Difference from Governor	
	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27

Policy Revisions

Provide Block Grant Funding for Connecticut State Universities

Connecticut State University	-	-	-	47,150,000	-	47,150,000
Total - General Fund	-	-	-	47,150,000	-	47,150,000

Committee

Provide funding of \$47,150,000 in FY 27 for deficit mitigation at the Connecticut State Universities.

Provide Funding for Expanded PACT

Expanded PACT	-	-	-	7,700,000	-	7,700,000
Total - General Fund	-	-	-	7,700,000	-	7,700,000

Committee

Provide funding of \$7.7 million in FY 27 to extend PACT (debt free community college) through a bachelor's degree at the Connecticut State Universities and Charter Oak State College.

Provide Funding for PA 24-81 Expansion of PACT (Debt Free Community College)

Debt Free Community College	-	-	5,650,000	5,650,000	5,650,000	5,650,000
Total - General Fund	-	-	5,650,000	5,650,000	5,650,000	5,650,000

Account	Governor Recommended		Committee		Difference from Governor	
	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27

Background

Sec. 75 of PA 24-81 expanded PACT (debt free community college) in FY 25 by: (1) doubling minimum grant awards from \$250 to \$500 for full time students and \$150 to \$300 for part-time students; (2) allowing out-of-state high school graduates to receive grant awards; and (3) making transitional program students eligible for grant awards.

Committee

Provide funding of \$5,650,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to expand PACT (debt free community college) pursuant to PA 24-81.

Provide Funding for Law Enforcement Training

Connecticut State University	-	-	-	2,000,000	-	2,000,000
Total - General Fund	-	-	-	2,000,000	-	2,000,000

Committee

Provide funding of \$2 million in FY 27 to establish: (1) a social work and law enforcement project at Southern Connecticut State University, and (2) a police training center at Central Connecticut State University.

Provide Funding to Assist Students with Accessibility Accommodations

Connecticut State University	-	-	935,608	935,608	935,608	935,608
Total - General Fund	-	-	935,608	935,608	935,608	935,608

Committee

Provide funding of \$935,608 in both FY 26 and FY 27 for four staff for a pilot program to support students with accessibility accommodations at two Connecticut State Universities. Of this amount, \$467,804 in both FY 26 and FY 27 is provided to Central and \$467,804 in both FY 26 and FY 27 is provided to Southern.

Provide Funding to Study Expanded Programming for Students with Disabilities

Disabilities Study	-	-	-	250,000	-	250,000
Total - General Fund	-	-	-	250,000	-	250,000

Committee

Provide funding of \$250,000 in FY 27 for a study of inclusive programming for students with intellectual or developmental disabilities at the CSUs.

Maintain Funding for the O'Neill Endowed Chair

O'Neill Chair	(315,000)	(315,000)	-	-	315,000	315,000
Total - General Fund	(315,000)	(315,000)	-	-	315,000	315,000

Background

The Governor William A. O'Neill Endowed Chair in Public Policy and Practical Politics was established in 2000 to promote understanding of Connecticut state government. The chair is housed within Central Connecticut State University's Center for Community Engagement and Social Research.

Governor

Eliminate funding of \$315,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27 for the O'Neill Chair.

Committee

Do not eliminate funding of \$315,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27 for the O'Neill Chair.

Adjust Funding for LADDERS Initiative at Charter Oak State College

Charter Oak State College	200,000	200,000	-	-	(200,000)	(200,000)
Total - General Fund	200,000	200,000	-	-	(200,000)	(200,000)

Background

The proposed Leveraging Academic Degrees to Drive Employment Readiness and Success (LADDERS) initiative is intended to allow CT State Community College online students to transfer to online courses at Charter Oak State College in order to continue their education in a bachelor's degree program.

Account	Governor Recommended		Committee		Difference from Governor	
	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27

Governor

Provide funding of \$200,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to establish the LADDERS initiative. The funding would support communication and student outreach, dual enrollment between CT State and Charter Oak, tuition assistance, and employer partnerships.

Committee

Do not provide funding of \$200,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27 for the LADDERS initiative.

Current Services

Annualize FY 25 RSA Transfer

Charter Oak State College	149,576	149,576	149,576	149,576	-	-
Community Tech College System	10,222,231	10,222,231	10,222,231	10,222,231	-	-
Connecticut State University	8,395,887	8,395,887	8,395,887	8,395,887	-	-
Board of Regents	21,945	21,945	21,945	21,945	-	-
Total - General Fund	18,789,639	18,789,639	18,789,639	18,789,639	-	-

Background

In FY 25, OPM provided \$26.3 million across the constituent units from the Reserve for Salary Adjustments (RSA) account for SEBAC wage increases. The constituent unit block grant accounts traditionally pay for personnel costs. The Governor's Recommended Budget provides the units \$34.3 million to annualize this amount. Each unit receives an amount 30.6% greater in both FY 26 and FY 27 than its FY 25 RSA transfer amount.

Governor

Provide funding of \$18,789,639 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to annualize CSCU's FY 25 RSA transfer.

Committee

Same as Governor

Provide Inflationary Increases for Block Grants

Charter Oak State College	102,443	208,985	102,443	208,985	-	-
Community Tech College System	7,001,125	14,282,294	7,001,125	14,282,294	-	-
Connecticut State University	5,750,276	11,730,563	5,750,276	11,730,563	-	-
Board of Regents	15,030	30,661	15,030	30,661	-	-
Total - General Fund	12,868,874	26,252,503	12,868,874	26,252,503	-	-

Background

The Governor's Recommended Budget includes \$23.5 million in FY 26 and \$46 million in FY 27 for additional block grant funding across the constituent units. The funding provides inflationary increases (above the Governor's recommended RSA annualization) of 3.1% in FY 26 and increases (above FY 25) ranging from 5.4% to 6.3% in FY 27.

Governor

Provide funding of \$12,868,874 in FY 26 and \$26,252,503 in FY 27 for additional block grant funding.

Committee

Same as Governor

Totals

Budget Components	Governor Recommended		Committee		Difference from Governor	
	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27
FY 25 Appropriation - GF	440,159,942	440,159,942	440,159,942	440,159,942	-	-
Policy Revisions	(115,000)	(115,000)	6,585,608	63,685,608	6,700,608	63,800,608
Current Services	31,658,513	45,042,142	31,658,513	45,042,142	-	-
Total Recommended - GF	471,703,455	485,087,084	478,404,063	548,887,692	6,700,608	63,800,608