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Public Act No. 25-22

***AN ACT CONCERNING MINOR REVISIONS TO THE HIGHER
EDUCATION STATUTES CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF
THE CONNECTICUT STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND THE
BOARD OF REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION.***

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

Section 1. Section 3-27a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

There is hereby created a Short Term Investment Fund to be administered by the State Treasurer. The State Treasurer may sell participation certificates of the Short Term Investment Fund for investment to the General Fund, bond funds, the Special Transportation Fund, the Local Bridge Revolving Fund, the Educational Excellence Trust Fund, the Residential Property Tax Revaluation Relief Fund, the Municipal Abandoned Vehicle Trust Fund, the Special Abandoned Property Fund, trust funds administered by the Treasurer and all such other funds the moneys of which by law the Treasurer is responsible for investing. [Said] Such participation certificates shall bear and pay such interest and be issued subject to such terms and conditions as shall be determined and established by the State Treasurer. The interest derived from the investment or reinvestment of funds of The University of Connecticut Operating Fund and The University of Connecticut Health

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Center Operating Fund, The University of Connecticut Research Foundation, The University of Connecticut Health Center Research Foundation, the Connecticut State University System Operating Fund, the Connecticut State University System Research Foundation, and the [Regional Community-Technical Colleges] Connecticut State Community College Operating Fund, as authorized by sections 10a-105, 10a-110a, 10a-130, 10a-99 and 10a-77, as amended by this act, respectively, and the Board of Regents for Higher Education for Charter Oak State College educational services account, as authorized by section 10a-143, shall be paid to each board or board of trustees respectively.

Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 3-31b of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(a) Notwithstanding any [contrary] provision of [law] the general statutes, the State Treasurer may establish one or more combined investment funds for the purpose of investing funds for which the Treasurer is custodian or trustee, or funds [which] that the [Boards] Board of Trustees of The University of Connecticut [, the Connecticut State University System or the Regional Community-Technical Colleges] or the Board of Regents for Higher Education request the Treasurer to invest pursuant to this section, provided the Treasurer shall adopt appropriate accounting procedures from which the exact interest of such funds so combined for investment can be determined. The State Treasurer is authorized to sell to all agencies, instrumentalities and political subdivisions of the state, participation units in any such combined investment fund established by him pursuant to this section. Such participation units issued by the Treasurer under the provisions of this section are made legal investments for all the funds of, held by or administered by all agencies, instrumentalities and political subdivisions of the state. The Treasurer may adopt such rules and regulations as may be necessary to administer the provisions of this

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section.

Sec. 3. Section 4-29 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

Any state appropriation or the proceeds of any bond issue authorized by the General Assembly for the purpose of erecting a building or buildings for the use of any state institution, any [institution under the jurisdiction of the Board of Trustees of] state university within the Connecticut State University System enumerated in section 10a-87, as amended by this act, any technical education and career school or The University of Connecticut, for the development of aviation and for other purposes, may be used in whole or in part as the state's share of the cost of the work involved in conjunction with any funds made available by any branch of the federal government if the Governor so determines and directs.

Sec. 4. Subsection (a) of section 4-31a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(a) Any gift, contribution, income from trust funds, or other aid from any private source or from the federal government, except federal aid for highway and bridge purposes or federal funds in the possession of the Board of Control of the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station, the Board of Trustees of The University of Connecticut, the Board of [Trustees of the Connecticut State University System, the Board of Trustees of the Community-Technical Colleges] Regents for Higher Education, or the Employment Security Division of the Labor Department, or any other gift, grant or trust fund in the possession of any of said boards, shall be entered upon the records of the General Fund in the manner prescribed by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management. When so recorded, such amounts shall be deemed to be appropriated to the purposes of such gift, contribution or other aid

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and shall be allotted in accordance with law. No gift, contribution, income from trust funds, or other aid from any private source or from the federal government that is subject to this subsection shall require allotment, except upon a notice by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management that the state agency receiving such funding has failed to consistently provide the notifications required in subsection (e) of section 4-66a.

Sec. 5. Subdivisions (3) to (5), inclusive, of section 4-37e of the general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(3) "Executive authority" means (A) a department head, as defined in section 4-5, (B) the executive secretary or president of a constituent unit, (C) the chief executive officer of a public institution of higher education and, if such public institution of higher education is [an accredited state community-technical college] the Connecticut State Community College, the chief executive officer of a campus of such college, and (D) the chief executive officer of any other state agency.

(4) "Constituent unit" means a constituent unit as defined in section 10a-1, as amended by this act.

(5) "Public institution of higher education" means a public college or university in the state system of higher education, any campus of [an accredited state community-technical college] the Connecticut State Community College, or The University of Connecticut School of Law.

Sec. 6. Subdivisions (3) and (4) of section 4-37f of the general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(3) If the constituent unit is the [regional community-technical colleges] Connecticut State Community College or the Connecticut State University System, the purposes of the foundation shall be limited to

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providing funding for (A) scholarships or other direct student financial aid, and (B) programs, services or activities at one or more of the institutions within its jurisdiction;

(4) If the state agency is a public institution of higher education, the following persons shall serve as nonvoting members of the governing board of the foundation unless the bylaws of the foundation provide that they be voting members: The executive authority of the institution, or his designee, a student enrolled at the institution, who shall be elected by the students enrolled in the institution and a member of the faculty of the institution, who shall be elected by the faculty of the institution. Elections pursuant to this subdivision shall be conducted in accordance with procedures for such elections established by the governing board [of trustees] of the constituent unit which has jurisdiction over the institution;

Sec. 7. Section 4-124z of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(a) Not later than January 1, 2022, and as necessary thereafter, the board of the Technical Education and Career System, in consultation with the Chief Workforce Officer, the Labor Commissioner, the Commissioners of Economic and Community Development, Education and Social Services, the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management and the chancellor of the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities and one member of industry representing each of the economic clusters identified by the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development pursuant to section 32-1m shall (1) review, evaluate and, as necessary, recommend improvements for certification and degree programs offered by the Technical Education and Career System and the [community-technical college system] Connecticut State Community College to ensure that such programs meet the employment needs of business and industry, (2) develop strategies to strengthen the linkage between skill standards for education and

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training and the employment needs of business and industry, (3) assess the unmet demand from employers in the state to hire graduates of trade programs from technical education and career schools and the unmet demand from students in the state to enroll in a trade program at a technical education and career school, and (4) assess opportunities to increase utilization of technical education and career schools during after school hours and on weekends.

(b) Not later than January [1, 2002, and] first annually, [thereafter,] the superintendent of the Technical Education and Career System shall report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a, to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education, commerce, labor and higher education and employment advancement on any certification or degree programs offered by technical education and career schools or [community-technical colleges] the Connecticut State Community College that do not meet current industry standards.

Sec. 8. Section 4-124gg of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

The board of the Technical Education and Career System, in consultation with the Labor Commissioner, shall create an integrated system of state-wide industry advisory committees for each career cluster offered as part of the Technical Education and Career System and [regional community-technical college system. Said] the Connecticut State Community College. Such committees shall include industry representatives of the specific career cluster. Each committee for a career cluster shall, with support from the Office of Workforce Strategy, Labor Department, Technical Education and Career System, [regional community-technical college system] Connecticut State Community College and [the] Department of Education, establish specific skills standards, corresponding curriculum and a career ladder for the cluster which shall be implemented as part of the schools' core curriculum.

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Sec. 9. Subsection (b) of section 4a-11 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(b) The proceeds of the sale of said bonds, to the extent of the amount stated in subsection (a) of this section, shall be deposited in the Capital Equipment Purchase Fund created by section 4a-9. Any such proceeds shall be allocated to the Board of Regents for Higher Education as follows: (1) For The University of Connecticut, not exceeding six million three hundred ninety-five thousand dollars; (2) for The University of Connecticut Health Center, not exceeding one million two hundred thirty-five thousand dollars; (3) for the Connecticut State University System, not exceeding two million five hundred forty thousand dollars; (4) for the [regional community-technical colleges] Connecticut State Community College, not exceeding two million seven hundred fifty thousand dollars; and (5) for the Board of Regents for Higher Education, not exceeding thirty thousand dollars.

Sec. 10. Subdivision (10) of section 4b-55 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(10) "Downtown Hartford higher education center project" means a project to develop a higher education center, as defined in subparagraph (B) of subdivision (2) of section 32-600, and as described in subsection (a) of section 32-612, as amended by this act, for the [regional community-technical college system] Connecticut State Community College;

Sec. 11. Section 5-177 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

Any person in the unclassified service employed full time by the Board of Trustees of The University of Connecticut, the State Board of

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Education, the Technical Education and Career System, the Department of Rehabilitative Services, the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station, the American School for the Deaf, the Connecticut Institute for the Blind, the Newington Children's Hospital [] or the Board of [Trustees of the Connecticut State University System or the Board of Trustees of the Community-Technical Colleges] Regents for Higher Education, as a teacher or administrator in a position directly involved in educational activities in any state-operated institution, [or the Board of Regents for Higher Education,] who served prior to such person's employment by the state in a full-time teaching, administrative or research position in an educational institution in or under the authority of a state department of education or a department of education for the blind in the United States approved by the Retirement Commission, or who was employed by such institution but served all or part of such service time in a foreign country, for which service such person has received or will receive no retirement benefit or pension, may gain credit for such prior service, not to exceed ten years in the aggregate, by making retirement contributions for each year of such prior service equal to six per cent of such person's annual rate of compensation when such person first became a full-time employee of this state, [;] provided such payment shall be made [within] not later than one year after the date of such person's first full-time employment with the state, or before July 1, 1968, whichever is later, but for the Board of Higher Education and Technical Colleges, July 1, 1974. When a person who has gained credit for such prior service retires, not more than one year of such service may be counted for each two years of state service; provided, if such person has purchased more of such service than can be counted, refund on the amount paid on the extra years of service shall be made.

Sec. 12. Section 5-199d of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

The Department of Administrative Services or any other state agency

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which seeks to contract for training for their employees shall, prior to entering into a contract, contact the chancellor of the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities, or the chancellor's designee, to determine if an appropriate training program exists or can be designed at [a regional community-technical college] the Connecticut State Community College. Nothing in this section shall preclude an agency from considering or choosing other providers to meet such training need.

Sec. 13. Subsection (a) of section 7-313c of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(a) Any town, city or borough subject to the approval of its legislative body, shall indemnify any paid or volunteer member of its fire department who, after October 1, 1969, has commenced and has successfully completed a course or courses in fire technology and administration offered by the [state regional community-technical colleges] Connecticut State Community College. Such indemnification shall be limited to expenses incurred by such member for tuition and textbook charges.

Sec. 14. Subsection (a) of section 10-4p of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(a) The State Board of Education shall develop a five-year implementation plan with appropriate goals and strategies to achieve resource equity and equality of opportunity, increase student achievement, reduce racial, ethnic and economic isolation, improve effective instruction and encourage greater parental and community involvement in all public schools of the state. The implementation plan shall: (1) Include methods for significantly reducing over a five-year period any disparities among school districts in terms of resources, staff, programs and curriculum, student achievement and community

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involvement that negatively impact student learning, (2) provide for monitoring by the Department of Education of the progress made in reducing such disparities, and (3) include proposals for minority staff recruitment, including but not limited to, alternative certification, mentoring programs, involvement of the [community-technical colleges] Connecticut State Community College and efforts by regional educational service centers.

Sec. 15. Subsection (b) of section 10-15h of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(b) The pilot program shall require the local or regional board of education for a priority school district to partner with the Board of Regents for Higher Education on behalf of [a regional community-technical college] the Connecticut State Community College or a state university, the Board of Trustees for The University of Connecticut on behalf of the university or the governing board of an independent institution of higher education on behalf of such institution to (1) evaluate and align curricula, (2) evaluate students in grade ten or eleven using a college readiness assessment developed or adopted by the Department of Education, (3) use the results of such evaluations to assess college readiness, and (4) offer a plan of support to any student in grade twelve who is found to be not ready for college based on such student's results on the college readiness assessment. Such local or regional board of education shall annually report such test results and assessments to the Department of Education, the Board of Regents for Higher Education, the Office of Financial and Academic Affairs for Higher Education and The University of Connecticut.

Sec. 16. Subsection (a) of section 10-21j of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

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(a) The Commissioner of Education, in collaboration with the Board of Regents for Higher Education, shall establish the Connecticut Apprenticeship and Education Committee to coordinate and identify (1) potential preapprenticeship and apprenticeship training program integration, and (2) leveraged funding identification of career technical education programs within high schools and programs within higher education institutions for careers in various industries. Such committee shall include, but need not be limited to, (A) representatives from the Department of Economic and Community Development, the Labor Department, the Connecticut Center for Advanced Technology, the Connecticut Manufacturers Collaborative, the Technical Education and Career System, the advanced manufacturing centers at the [regional community-technical colleges] Connecticut State Community College, independent institutions of higher education in the state that offer training in the field of manufacturing, the Office of Workforce Strategy, companies and employee organizations that represent manufacturing workers, and (B) teachers, guidance counselors, school counselors, principals and superintendents.

Sec. 17. Section 10-98b of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

The executive director of the Technical Education and Career System shall consult with [each] (1) [regional community-technical college] the Connecticut State Community College, and (2) each local or regional board of education (A) for a town in which a technical education and career school is located, and (B) that offers any career technical education programs, for the purpose of establishing partnerships, reducing redundancies and consolidating programmatic offerings and to fulfill workforce needs in the state.

Sec. 18. Section 10-155 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

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The Board of [Trustees for] Regents for Higher Education, on behalf of the Connecticut State University System, may maintain an emergency training program to prepare graduates of approved four-year colleges and universities to teach in the elementary schools of the state. In carrying out such program, the board may [(a)] (1) establish regulations governing the admission of students to the program; [(b)] (2) fix tuition rates to be paid by such students, and [(c)] (3) enter into such contracts and agreements as it finds necessary to secure the necessary facilities.

Sec. 19. Subsection (a) of section 10-264h of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(a) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012, and each fiscal year thereafter, a local or regional board of education, a regional educational service center, a cooperative arrangement pursuant to section 10-158a, or any of the following entities that operate an interdistrict magnet school that assists the state in meeting its obligations pursuant to the decision in *Sheff v. O'Neill*, 238 Conn. 1 (1996), or any related stipulation or order in effect, as determined by the Commissioner of Education: (1) The Board of [Trustees of the Community-Technical Colleges] Regents for Higher Education on behalf of [a regional community-technical college, (2) the Board of Trustees of] the Connecticut State Community College and the Connecticut State University System, [on behalf of a state university, (3)] (2) the Board of Trustees for The University of Connecticut on behalf of the university, [(4)] (3) the board of governors for an independent institution of higher education, as defined in subsection (a) of section 10a-173, as amended by this act, or the equivalent of such a board, on behalf of the independent institution of higher education, and [(5)] (4) any other third-party not-for-profit corporation approved by the Commissioner of Education, shall be eligible to apply for and accept grants for a school building project, as defined in section 10-282, as provided in chapter 173, and may be

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eligible for reimbursement, except as otherwise provided for, up to eighty per cent of the eligible cost of the school building project for an interdistrict magnet school facility, including any expenditure for the purchase of equipment, in accordance with this section. To be eligible for reimbursement under this section a school building project for an interdistrict magnet school facility shall meet the requirements for a school building project established in chapter 173, except that the Commissioner of Administrative Services, in consultation with the Commissioner of Education, may waive any requirement in said chapter for good cause.

Sec. 20. Subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 10-264i of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(a) (1) (A) A local or regional board of education, (B) a regional educational service center, (C) the Board of [Trustees of the Community-Technical Colleges] Regents for Higher Education, on behalf of the Quinebaug Valley [Community College] and Three Rivers [Community College] campuses, (D) a cooperative arrangement pursuant to section 10-158a, or (E) to assist the state in meeting its obligations pursuant to the decision in *Sheff v. O'Neill*, 238 Conn. 1 (1996), or any related stipulation or order in effect, as determined by the Commissioner of Education, (i) the Board of [Trustees of the Community-Technical Colleges] Regents for Higher Education, on behalf of [a regional community-technical college, (ii) the Board of Trustees of] the Connecticut State Community College and the Connecticut State University System, [on behalf of a state university, (iii)] (ii) the Board of Trustees for The University of Connecticut, on behalf of the university, [(iv)] (iii) the board of governors for an independent institution of higher education, as defined in subsection (a) of section 10a-173, as amended by this act, or the equivalent of such a board, on behalf of the independent institution of higher education, and [(v)] (iv) any other

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third-party not-for-profit corporation approved by the commissioner which transports a child to an interdistrict magnet school program, as defined in section 10-264l, as amended by this act, in a town other than the town in which the child resides shall be eligible pursuant to section 10-264e to receive a grant for the cost of transporting such child in accordance with this section.

Sec. 21. Subsections (a) to (c), inclusive, of section 10-264l of the general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(a) The Department of Education shall, within available appropriations, establish a grant program (1) to assist (A) local and regional boards of education, (B) regional educational service centers, (C) the Board of [Trustees of the Community-Technical Colleges] Regents for Higher Education, on behalf of the Quinebaug Valley [Community College] and Three Rivers [Community College] campuses, and (D) cooperative arrangements pursuant to section 10-158a, and (2) in assisting the state in meeting its obligations pursuant to the decision in *Sheff v. O'Neill*, 238 Conn. 1 (1996), or any related stipulation or order in effect, as determined by the commissioner, to assist (A) the Board of [Trustees of the Community-Technical Colleges] Regents for Higher Education, on behalf of [a regional community-technical college, (B) the Board of Trustees of] the Connecticut State Community College and the Connecticut State University System, [on behalf of a state university, (C)] (B) the Board of Trustees of The University of Connecticut, on behalf of the university, [(D)] (C) the board of governors for an independent institution of higher education, as defined in subsection (a) of section 10a-173, as amended by this act, or the equivalent of such a board, on behalf of the independent institution of higher education, and [(E)] (D) any other third-party not-for-profit corporation approved by the commissioner with the operation of interdistrict magnet school programs. All interdistrict magnet schools

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shall be operated in conformance with the same laws and regulations applicable to public schools. For the purposes of this section "an interdistrict magnet school program" means a program [which] that (i) supports racial, ethnic and economic diversity, (ii) offers a special and high quality curriculum, and (iii) requires students who are enrolled to attend at least half-time. An interdistrict magnet school program does not include a regional agricultural science and technology school, a technical education and career school or a regional special education center. For the school year commencing July 1, 2017, and each school year thereafter, the governing authority for each interdistrict magnet school program shall (I) restrict the number of students that may enroll in the school from a participating district to seventy-five per cent of the total school enrollment, and (II) maintain a total school enrollment that is in accordance with the enrollment standards for interdistrict magnet school programs, developed by the Commissioner of Education pursuant to section 10-264r.

(b) (1) Applications for interdistrict magnet school program operating grants awarded pursuant to this section shall be submitted annually to the Commissioner of Education at such time and in such manner as the commissioner prescribes, except that on and after July 1, 2009, applications for such operating grants for new interdistrict magnet schools, other than those that the commissioner determines will assist the state in meeting its obligations pursuant to the decision in *Sheff v. O'Neill*, 238 Conn. 1 (1996), or any related stipulation or order in effect, as determined by the commissioner, shall not be accepted until the commissioner develops a comprehensive state-wide interdistrict magnet school plan. The commissioner shall submit such comprehensive state-wide interdistrict magnet school plan on or before October 1, 2016, to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education and appropriations.

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(2) In determining whether an application shall be approved and funds awarded pursuant to this section, the commissioner shall consider, but such consideration shall not be limited to: (A) Whether the program offered by the school is likely to increase student achievement; (B) whether the program is likely to reduce racial, ethnic and economic isolation; (C) the percentage of the student enrollment in the program from each participating district; and (D) the proposed operating budget and the sources of funding for the interdistrict magnet school. For a magnet school not operated by a local or regional board of education, the commissioner shall only approve a proposed operating budget that, on a per pupil basis, does not exceed the maximum allowable threshold established in accordance with this subdivision. The maximum allowable threshold shall be an amount equal to one hundred twenty per cent of the state average of the quotient obtained by dividing net current expenditures, as defined in section 10-261, by average daily membership, as defined in said section, for the fiscal year two years prior to the fiscal year for which the operating grant is requested. The Department of Education shall establish the maximum allowable threshold no later than December fifteenth of the fiscal year prior to the fiscal year for which the operating grant is requested. If requested by an applicant that is not a local or regional board of education, the commissioner may approve a proposed operating budget that exceeds the maximum allowable threshold if the commissioner determines that there are extraordinary programmatic needs. For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2017, to June 30, 2025, inclusive, in the case of an interdistrict magnet school that will assist the state in meeting its obligations pursuant to the decision in *Sheff v. O'Neill*, 238 Conn. 1 (1996), or any related stipulation or order in effect, as determined by the commissioner, the commissioner shall also consider whether the school is meeting the enrollment standards for interdistrict magnet school programs, developed by the commissioner pursuant to section 10-264r. If such school has not met such enrollment standards, it shall not be entitled to receive a grant pursuant to this section unless the

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commissioner finds that it is appropriate to award a grant for an additional year or years and approves a plan to bring such school into compliance with such enrollment standards. If requested by the commissioner, the applicant shall meet with the commissioner or the commissioner's designee to discuss the budget and sources of funding.

(3) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2018, to June 30, 2025, inclusive, the commissioner shall not award a grant to an interdistrict magnet school program that (A) has more than seventy-five per cent of the total school enrollment from one school district, or (B) does not maintain a total school enrollment that is in accordance with the enrollment standards for interdistrict magnet school programs, developed by the Commissioner of Education pursuant to section 10-264r, except the commissioner may award a grant to such school for an additional year or years if the commissioner finds it is appropriate to do so and approves a plan to bring such school into compliance with such residency or enrollment standards.

(4) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2018, to June 30, 2025, inclusive, if an interdistrict magnet school program does not maintain a total school enrollment that is in accordance with the enrollment standards for interdistrict magnet school programs, developed by the commissioner pursuant to section 10-264r, for two or more consecutive years, the commissioner may impose a financial penalty on the operator of such interdistrict magnet school program, or take any other measure, in consultation with such operator, as may be appropriate to assist such operator in complying with such enrollment standards.

(5) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, for the purposes of equalization aid under section 10-262h, a student enrolled in an interdistrict magnet school program shall be counted as a resident student, as defined in section 10-262f, of the town in which such student resides.

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(c) (1) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, each interdistrict magnet school operator shall be paid a grant equal to the amount the operator is entitled to receive under the provisions of section 10-252a.

(2) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2003, and each fiscal year thereafter, the commissioner may, within available appropriations, provide supplemental grants for the purposes of enhancing educational programs in such interdistrict magnet schools, as the commissioner determines. Such grants shall be made after the commissioner has conducted a comprehensive financial review and approved the total operating budget for such schools, including all revenue and expenditure estimates.

(3) Within available appropriations, the commissioner may make grants to the following entities that operate an interdistrict magnet school that assists the state in meeting its obligations pursuant to the decision in *Sheff v. O'Neill*, 238 Conn. 1 (1996), or any related stipulation or order in effect, as determined by the commissioner and that provide academic support programs and summer school educational programs approved by the commissioner to students participating in such interdistrict magnet school program: (A) Regional educational service centers, (B) local and regional boards of education, (C) the Board of ~~[Trustees of the Community-Technical Colleges]~~ Regents for Higher Education, on behalf of [a regional community-technical college, (D) the Board of Trustees of] the Connecticut State Community College and the Connecticut State University System, [on behalf of a state university, (E)] (D) the Board of Trustees for The University of Connecticut on behalf of the university, [(F)] (E) the board of governors for an independent institution of higher education, as defined in subsection (a) of section 10a-173, as amended by this act, or the equivalent of such a board, on behalf of the independent institution of higher education, [(G)] (F) cooperative arrangements pursuant to section 10-158a, and [(H)] (G) any other third-party not-for-profit corporation approved by the

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commissioner.

(4) Within available appropriations, the Commissioner of Education may make grants, in an amount not to exceed seventy-five thousand dollars, for start-up costs associated with the development of new interdistrict magnet school programs that assist the state in meeting its obligations pursuant to the decision in *Sheff v. O'Neill*, 238 Conn. 1 (1996), or any related stipulation or order in effect, as determined by the commissioner, to the following entities that develop such a program: (A) Regional educational service centers, (B) local and regional boards of education, (C) the Board of [Trustees of the Community-Technical Colleges] Regents for Higher Education, on behalf of [a regional community-technical college, (D) the Board of Trustees of] the Connecticut State Community College and the Connecticut State University System, [on behalf of a state university, (E)] (D) the Board of Trustees for The University of Connecticut, on behalf of the university, [(F)] (E) the board of governors for an independent institution of higher education, as defined in subsection (a) of section 10a-173, as amended by this act, or the equivalent of such a board, on behalf of the independent institution of higher education, [(G)] (F) cooperative arrangements pursuant to section 10-158a, and [(H)] (G) any other third-party not-for-profit corporation approved by the commissioner.

Sec. 22. Section 10-264n of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

The Commissioner of Education shall consult with (1) the Board of [Trustees for Community-Technical Colleges, (2) the Board of Trustees of the Connecticut State University System, (3)] Regents for Higher Education, (2) the boards of trustees [for higher education institutions licensed and accredited] of independent institutions of higher education authorized by the [Board of Regents for Higher Education or] Office of Higher Education, or [(4)] (3) the Board of Trustees for The University of Connecticut and may consult with any not-for-profit corporation

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approved by the Commissioner of Education to initiate collaborative planning for establishing additional interdistrict magnet schools in the Sheff region, as defined in subsection (q) of section 10-266aa.

Sec. 23. Subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 10-283 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(a) (1) Each town or regional school district shall be eligible to apply for and accept grants for a school building project as provided in this chapter. Any town desiring a grant for a public school building project may, by vote of its legislative body, authorize the board of education of such town to apply to the Commissioner of Administrative Services and to accept or reject such grant for the town. Any regional school board may vote to authorize the supervising agent of the regional school district to apply to the Commissioner of Administrative Services for and to accept or reject such grant for the district. Applications for such grants under this chapter shall be made by the superintendent of schools of such town or regional school district on the form provided and in the manner prescribed by the Commissioner of Administrative Services. The application form shall require the superintendent of schools to affirm that the school district considered the maximization of natural light, the use and feasibility of wireless connectivity technology and, on and after July 1, 2014, the school safety infrastructure criteria, described in section 10-292r, in projects for new construction and alteration or renovation of a school building. The Commissioner of Administrative Services shall review, in consultation with the Commissioner of Education, each grant application for a school building project for compliance with educational specifications. The Commissioner of Education shall evaluate, if appropriate, whether the project will assist the state in meeting its obligations pursuant to the decision in *Sheff v. O'Neill*, 238 Conn. 1 (1996), or any related stipulation or order in effect, as determined by the Commissioner of Education. The Commissioner of

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Administrative Services shall consult with the Commissioner of Education in reviewing grant applications submitted for purposes of subsection (a) of section 10-65 or section 10-76e on the basis of the educational needs of the applicant. The Commissioner of Administrative Services shall review each grant application for a school building project for compliance with standards for school building projects pursuant to regulations, adopted in accordance with section 10-287c, and, on and after July 1, 2014, the school safety infrastructure criteria, described in section 10-292r. Notwithstanding the provisions of this chapter, the Board of [Trustees of the Community-Technical Colleges] Regents for Higher Education, on behalf of the Quinebaug Valley [Community College] and Three Rivers [Community College] campuses and the following entities that will operate an interdistrict magnet school that will assist the state in meeting its obligations pursuant to the decision in *Sheff v. O'Neill*, 238 Conn. 1 (1996), or any related stipulation or order in effect, as determined by the Commissioner of Education, may apply for and shall be eligible to receive grants for school building projects pursuant to section 10-264h, as amended by this act, for such a school: (A) The Board of [Trustees of the Community-Technical Colleges] Regents for Higher Education, on behalf of [a regional community-technical college, (B) the Board of Trustees of] the Connecticut State Community College and the Connecticut State University System, [on behalf of a state university, (C)] (B) the Board of Trustees for The University of Connecticut, on behalf of the university, [(D)] (C) the board of governors for an independent institution of higher education, as defined in subsection (a) of section 10a-173, as amended by this act, or the equivalent of such a board, on behalf of the independent institution of higher education, [(E)] (D) cooperative arrangements pursuant to section 10-158a, and [(F)] (E) any other third-party not-for-profit corporation approved by the Commissioner of Education.

Sec. 24. Section 10a-1 of the general statutes is repealed and the

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following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

There shall be a state system of public higher education to consist of (1) The University of Connecticut and all campuses thereof, and (2) the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities [, which] that include (A) the state universities, which shall be known collectively as the Connecticut State University System, (B) the [regional community-technical colleges, which shall be known collectively as the regional community-technical college system] Connecticut State Community College and all campuses thereof, and (C) Charter Oak State College. "Constituent units" as used in the general statutes means those units in subdivisions (1) and (2) of this section.

Sec. 25. Subsection (a) of section 10a-1a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(a) There shall be a Board of Regents for Higher Education that shall serve as the governing body for the [regional community-technical college system] Connecticut State Community College, the Connecticut State University System and Charter Oak State College. The board shall consist of twenty-three members who shall be distinguished leaders of the community in Connecticut. The board shall reflect the state's geographic, racial and ethnic diversity. The voting members shall not be employed by or be a member of a board of trustees for any independent institution of higher education in this state or the Board of Trustees for The University of Connecticut nor shall they be public officials or state employees, as such terms are defined in section 1-79, during their term of membership on the Board of Regents for Higher Education. The Governor shall appoint nine members to the board as follows: Three members for a term of two years; three members for a term of four years; and three members for a term of six years. Thereafter, the Governor shall appoint members of the board to succeed such appointees whose terms expire and each member so appointed shall hold office for a period of

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six years from the first day of July in the year of [his or her] such member's appointment. Four members of the board shall be appointed as follows: One appointment by the president pro tempore of the Senate, who shall be an alumnus of the regional community-technical college system or Connecticut State Community College, for a term of four years; one appointment by the minority leader of the Senate, who shall be a specialist in the education of children in grades kindergarten to twelve, inclusive, for a term of three years; one appointment by the speaker of the House of Representatives, who shall be an alumnus of the Connecticut State University System, for a term of four years; and one appointment by the minority leader of the House of Representatives, who shall be an alumnus of Charter Oak State College, for a term of three years. Thereafter, such members of the General Assembly shall appoint members of the board to succeed such appointees whose terms expire and each member so appointed shall hold office for a period of four years from the first day of July in the year of [his or her] such member's appointment. The chairperson and vice-chairperson of the student advisory committee created under section 10a-3, as amended by this act, shall serve as members of the board. The chairperson and vice-chairperson of the faculty advisory committee created under section 10a-3a, as amended by this act, shall serve as ex-officio, nonvoting members of the board for a term of two years and, in their respective roles as chairperson and vice-chairperson, may be invited to any executive session, as defined in section 1-200, of the board by the chairperson of the board. The Commissioners of Education, Economic and Community Development and Public Health, the Labor Commissioner, the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, or the secretary's designee, and the Chief Workforce Officer shall serve as ex-officio, nonvoting members of the board.

Sec. 26. Section 10a-1b of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

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(a) The Board of Regents for Higher Education shall appoint a chancellor of the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities who shall serve at the pleasure of the board. The chancellor of the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities shall (1) have the authority to implement the policies, directives and rules of the board and any additional responsibilities as the board may prescribe, (2) implement the goals identified in section 10a-11c and recommendations made pursuant to section 10a-11b, as amended by this act, (3) build interdependent support among the Connecticut State University System, the [regional community-technical college system] Connecticut State Community College and Charter Oak State College, (4) balance central authority with institutional differentiation, autonomy and creativity, and (5) facilitate cooperation and synergy among the Connecticut State University System, the [regional community-technical college system] Connecticut State Community College and Charter Oak State College. The chancellor may designate an alternate to serve as a member of any commission, foundation or committee upon which the general statutes require the chancellor to serve. Such designee may vote on behalf of the chancellor. There shall be an executive staff responsible for the operation of the Board of Regents for Higher Education. The executive staff shall be under the direction of the chancellor of the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities, who shall be the chief executive officer of the Board of Regents for Higher Education.

(b) The chancellor may employ staff as is deemed necessary, including, but not limited to, temporary assistants and consultants. The board shall establish terms and conditions of employment of the chancellor and the board's staff, prescribe their duties and fix the compensation of the chancellor and the board's professional and technical personnel.

(c) Upon recommendation of the chancellor, the Board of Regents for Higher Education shall appoint two vice-chancellors. One vice-

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chancellor shall represent the Connecticut State University System and the other vice-chancellor shall represent the [regional community-technical college system] Connecticut State Community College. Each vice-chancellor shall perform such duties and responsibilities as the board and chancellor shall prescribe, so that each said constituent unit fulfills its mission. Such duties shall include, but not be limited to, oversight of academic programs, student support services and institutional support.

(d) Not later than October 1, 2017, the chancellor of the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities shall establish the position of outreach coordinator within the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities system. Such outreach coordinator shall act as a liaison between institutions within the system and businesses in the state to develop workforce education and job training opportunities including Early College Opportunity programs. Such position may be full time or part time and may be held by an individual who also holds another position within said system as part of such individual's regular duties and without additional compensation.

Sec. 27. Section 10a-1c of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

The Board of Regents for Higher Education shall develop and implement [, not later than December 1, 2011,] a plan for maintaining the distinct missions of the Connecticut State University System, the [regional community-technical college system] Connecticut State Community College and Charter Oak State College and report on such plan to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to higher education and appropriations in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a not later than January [1, 2012, and] first annually. [thereafter.]

Sec. 28. Section 10a-3 of the general statutes is repealed and the

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following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(a) There shall be a student advisory committee to the Board of Regents for Higher Education to assist the board in performing its statutory functions. The committee shall consist of the following student members: One member from each of the institutions within the [jurisdiction of the] Connecticut State University System, one member from each campus of the [regional community-technical colleges] Connecticut State Community College and one member from Charter Oak State College. For the term commencing on July 1, 2015, the members from six of the [regional community-technical colleges] campuses of the Connecticut State Community College and two of the institutions within the [jurisdiction of the] Connecticut State University System, as selected by the student members whose terms expire on or before June 30, 2015, shall serve a term of one year. For the term commencing on July 1, 2016, and every term thereafter, the members from such selected [colleges] campuses and institutions shall serve a term of two years. All remaining members shall serve a term of two years. If any member ceases to be a matriculating student in good standing, either as a full-time or part-time undergraduate or graduate student at the institution within the constituent unit system that elected such student, the membership of such student shall terminate. If the membership of any such student member terminates, the student government organization of the institution of higher education or campus that elected such member shall, not later than thirty days after the membership terminates and in such a manner as the council determines, elect a student member who shall serve for the remainder of the term.

(b) The members of the committee and alternates for such members shall be elected by the student government organization of the institution of higher education they are to represent. The alternate members of the committee may serve in the absence of the regularly

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elected member.

(c) The committee shall, on a rotating basis among its members and by a consensus vote of all its members, elect its own chairperson and vice-chairperson, one of whom shall be a member from the Connecticut State University System or Charter Oak State College and the other of whom shall be a member from the [regional community-technical colleges] Connecticut State Community College, and such other officers as it deems necessary, to serve for a term of one year. The committee shall be deemed to be a public agency within the scope of the Freedom of Information Act, as defined in section 1-200, and shall keep such records as may be appropriate.

(d) The committee, established pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, shall meet at least biannually with the Board of Regents for Higher Education. Agendas shall be prepared for such meetings and shall be distributed by the board prior thereto and shall consist of matters recommended for inclusion by the chairperson of the Board of Regents for Higher Education and the committee. Such meetings shall be chaired by the chairperson of the Board of Regents for Higher Education and the committee members shall have the right to participate in all discussions and deliberations, but shall not have the right to vote at such meetings.

Sec. 29. Section 10a-3a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(a) There shall be a faculty advisory committee to the Board of Regents for Higher Education to assist the board in performing its statutory functions. The committee shall consist of the following members: Three teaching faculty members and one administrative faculty member who provides direct student services from the Connecticut State University System, three teaching faculty members and one administrative faculty member who provides direct student

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services from the [regional community-technical college system] Connecticut State Community College and one teaching faculty member and one administrative faculty member who provides direct student services from Charter Oak State College. Such members shall serve a term of two years. If the membership of any such faculty member terminates, the constituent unit that elected such member shall, not later than thirty days after the membership terminates and in such manner as the council determines, elect a faculty member who shall serve for the remainder of the term.

(b) Not later than October 1, 2013, the members of the committee and alternates for such members shall be elected pursuant to a uniform, fair and open system-wide election by the faculty governance body of each of the constituent units they are to represent and, in the case of Charter Oak State College, by a majority vote of the Academic Council at Charter Oak State College. The alternate members of the committee may serve in the absence of the regularly elected member. Nothing in this section shall be construed to require a labor union representing faculty members to participate in any election held pursuant to this subsection.

(c) The committee shall, on a rotating basis among its members, elect its own chairperson and vice-chairperson, one of whom shall be a member from the Connecticut State University System and the other of whom shall be a member from the [regional community-technical colleges] Connecticut State Community College, and such other officers as it deems necessary, to serve for a term of two years. The committee shall be deemed to be a public agency within the scope of the Freedom of Information Act, as defined in section 1-200, and shall keep such records as may be appropriate.

(d) The committee, established pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, shall meet at least biannually with the Board of Regents for Higher Education. Agendas shall be prepared for such meetings and shall be distributed by the board prior thereto and shall consist of

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matters recommended for inclusion by the chairperson of the Board of Regents for Higher Education and the committee. Such meetings shall be chaired by the chairperson of the Board of Regents for Higher Education and the committee members shall have the right to participate in all discussions and deliberations, but shall not have the right to vote at such meetings.

(e) [Beginning on January 1, 2012, and] Not later than January first annually, [thereafter,] the faculty advisory committee shall report to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to higher education and appropriations, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a, regarding the performance of its statutory functions and its biannual meetings with the Board of Regents for Higher Education.

Sec. 30. Subsection (a) of section 10a-6 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(a) The Board of Regents for Higher Education shall: (1) Establish policies and guidelines for the Connecticut State University System, the [regional community-technical college system] Connecticut State Community College and Charter Oak State College; (2) develop a master plan for higher education and postsecondary education at the Connecticut State University System, the [regional community-technical college system] Connecticut State Community College and Charter Oak State College consistent with the goals identified in section 10a-11c; (3) establish tuition and student fee policies for the Connecticut State University System, the [regional community-technical college system] Connecticut State Community College and Charter Oak State College; (4) monitor and evaluate the effectiveness and viability of the state universities, the [regional community-technical colleges] Connecticut State Community College and Charter Oak State College in accordance with criteria established by the board; (5) merge or close institutions

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within the Connecticut State University System, campuses within the [regional community-technical college system] Connecticut State Community College and Charter Oak State College in accordance with criteria established by the board, provided (A) such recommended merger or closing shall require a two-thirds vote of the board, and (B) notice of such recommended merger or closing shall be sent to the committee having cognizance over matters relating to education and to the General Assembly; (6) review and approve mission statements for the Connecticut State University System, the [regional community-technical college system] Connecticut State Community College and Charter Oak State College and role and scope statements for the individual institutions and campuses of such constituent units; (7) review and approve any recommendations for the establishment of new academic programs submitted to the board by the state universities within the Connecticut State University System, the [regional community-technical colleges] Connecticut State Community College and Charter Oak State College, and, in consultation with the affected constituent units, provide for the initiation, consolidation or termination of academic programs; (8) develop criteria to ensure acceptable quality in (A) programs at the Connecticut State University System, the [regional community-technical college system] Connecticut State Community College and Charter Oak State College, and (B) institutions within the Connecticut State University System and campuses within the [regional community-technical college system] Connecticut State Community College and enforce standards through licensing and accreditation; (9) prepare and present to the Governor and General Assembly, in accordance with section 10a-8, as amended by this act, consolidated operating and capital expenditure budgets for the Connecticut State University System, the [regional community-technical college system] Connecticut State Community College, Charter Oak State College and the central office of the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities developed in accordance with the provisions of said section 10a-8; (10) review and make recommendations on plans received from

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the Connecticut State University System, the [regional community-technical college system] Connecticut State Community College and Charter Oak State College to implement the goals identified in section 10a-11c; (11) appoint advisory committees with representatives from public and independent institutions of higher education to study methods and proposals for coordinating efforts of the public institutions of higher education under its jurisdiction with The University of Connecticut and the independent institutions of higher education to implement the goals identified in section 10a-11c; (12) evaluate (A) means of implementing the goals identified in section 10a-11c, and (B) any recommendations made by the Planning Commission for Higher Education in implementing the strategic master plan pursuant to section 10a-11b, as amended by this act, through alternative and nontraditional approaches such as external degrees and credit by examination; (13) coordinate programs and services among the Connecticut State University System, the [regional community-technical college system] Connecticut State Community College and Charter Oak State College; (14) assess opportunities for collaboration with The University of Connecticut and the independent institutions of higher education to implement the goals identified in section 10a-11c; (15) make or enter into contracts, leases or other agreements in connection with its responsibilities under this part, provided all acquisitions of real estate by lease or otherwise shall be subject to the provisions of section 4b-23; (16) be responsible for the care and maintenance of permanent records of institutions of higher education dissolved after September 1, 1969; (17) prepare and present to the Governor and General Assembly legislative proposals affecting the Connecticut State University System, the [regional community-technical college system] Connecticut State Community College and Charter Oak State College; (18) develop and maintain a central higher education information system and establish definitions and data requirements for the Connecticut State University System, the [regional community-technical college system] Connecticut State Community College and Charter Oak State College; [(19) until

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June 30, 2024, report all new programs and program changes at the Connecticut State University System, the regional community-technical college system and Charter Oak State College to the Office of Higher Education; and (20)] and (19) undertake such studies and other activities as will best serve the higher educational interests of the Connecticut State University System, the [regional community-technical college system] Connecticut State Community College and Charter Oak State College.

Sec. 31. Section 10a-8 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(a) The provisions of sections 4-77 and 4-78 shall not apply to the constituent units of the state system of higher education, and for the purposes of said sections only, the Board of Regents for Higher Education shall be deemed the budgeted agency for the Connecticut State University System, the [regional community-technical college system] Connecticut State Community College, Charter Oak State College and the central office of the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities. The Board of Regents for Higher Education shall develop a formula or program-based budgeting system to be used by each institution and campus of the Connecticut State Community College in preparing operating budgets. The Board of Regents for Higher Education shall prepare a single budget request itemized by the Connecticut State University System, the [regional community-technical college system] Connecticut State Community College, Charter Oak State College and the central office of the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities using the formula or program-based budgeting system and shall submit such budget request displaying all operating funds to the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management in accordance with sections 4-77 and 4-78, subject to procedures developed by the Board of Regents for Higher Education and approved by said secretary. The budget request shall set forth, in the form prescribed by the Board of

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Regents for Higher Education, a proposed expenditure plan which shall include: (1) The total amount requested for such appropriation account; (2) the amount to be appropriated from the General Fund; and (3) the amount to be paid from the tuition revenues of the [regional community-technical college system] Connecticut State Community College, the Connecticut State University System and Charter Oak State College. After review and comment by the Board of Regents for Higher Education, the proposed expenditure plans shall be incorporated into the single public higher education budget request including recommendations, if any, by said board. Any tuition increase proposed by the [regional community-technical college system] Connecticut State Community College, the Connecticut State University System and Charter Oak State College for the fiscal year to which the budget request relates shall be included in the single public higher education budget request submitted by the Board of Regents for Higher Education for such fiscal year, provided if the General Assembly does not appropriate the amount requested by any such system or college, such system or college may increase tuition and fees by an amount greater than that included in the budget request in response to which the appropriation was made. The General Assembly shall make appropriations directly to the constituent units. Allotment reductions made pursuant to the provisions of subsections (b) and (c) of section 4-85 shall be applied by the Board of Regents for Higher Education among the appropriations to the constituent units and the central office of the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities without regard to the limitations on reductions provided in said section, except that said limitations shall apply to the total of the amounts appropriated. The Board of Regents for Higher Education shall apply such reductions after consultation with the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management. Any reductions of more than five per cent of the appropriations of any constituent units shall be submitted to the appropriations committee which shall, within thirty days, approve or reject such reduction.

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(b) The Board of Regents for Higher Education may transfer to or from any specific appropriation of a constituent unit a sum or sums totaling up to fifty thousand dollars or ten per cent of any such specific appropriation, whichever is less, in any fiscal year without the consent of the Finance Advisory Committee. Any such transfer shall be reported to the Finance Advisory Committee within thirty days of such transfer and such report shall be a record of said committee.

Sec. 32. Subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 10a-11b of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(1) The commission shall consist of the following voting members: (A) The chancellor of the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities, the president of The University of Connecticut, or their designees from the Board of Regents for Higher Education and Board of Trustees of The University of Connecticut, respectively; (B) the provost of the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities and the provost of The University of Connecticut; (C) the chairperson of the Board of Regents for Higher Education, and the Board of Trustees of The University of Connecticut, or the chairs' designees; (D) the president, provost or chair of the board of a large independent institution of higher education in the state, to be selected by the president pro tempore of the Senate; (E) the president, provost or chair of the board of a small independent institution of higher education in the state, to be selected by the speaker of the House of Representatives; (F) a representative from a private career school, to be selected by the Commissioner of Higher Education; (G) a teaching faculty representative from the Connecticut State University System, to be selected by the chancellor of the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities; (H) a teaching faculty representative from the [regional community-technical colleges] Connecticut State Community College, to be selected by the chancellor of the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities; (I) a teaching faculty representative

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from The University of Connecticut, to be selected by the president of The University of Connecticut; (J) a teaching faculty representative from a private career school in the state, to be selected by the Commissioner of Higher Education; (K) one member appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, who shall be a representative of a large manufacturing employer in the state; (L) one member appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives, who shall be a representative of a large financial or insurance services employer in the state; (M) one member appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, who shall be a representative of an information technology or digital media employer in the state; (N) one member appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, who shall be a representative of a small business employer in the state; (O) one member appointed by the majority leader of the House of Representatives, who shall be a representative of a health care employer in the state; (P) one member appointed by the minority leader of the House of Representatives, who shall be a representative of a small business employer in the state; and (Q) the chairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to higher education and employment advancement. The commission membership shall, where feasible, reflect the state's geographic, racial and ethnic diversity.

Sec. 33. Section 10a-19c of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(a) There is established a Connecticut nursing incentive program administered by the Board of Regents for Higher Education.

(b) The board shall provide financial assistance to up to four [regional community-technical colleges] campuses of the Connecticut State Community College that enter into partnerships with hospitals, as defined in section 19a-490, or other health care institutions, as defined in said section 19a-490, [in order] to secure nonstate funding to increase the number of faculty members at such [regional community-technical

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colleges] campuses that are qualified to teach or train students to become registered nurses.

(c) A [regional community-technical college] campus of the Connecticut State Community College seeking such assistance shall submit to the Board of Regents for Higher Education its nursing faculty expansion plan, together with a commitment agreement signed by its hospital or health care institution partner or partners and information on the amount of nonstate funding secured by the partnership. Assistance provided by the board to a [regional community-technical college] campus (1) may be provided for up to two years in accordance with this subsection, and (2) shall not exceed (A) seventy-five thousand dollars per year, or (B) the annual amount of nonstate funding secured by the partnership, whichever is less. In determining whether to provide assistance pursuant to this section for a second year, the board shall consider the success of the nursing faculty expansion plan, as measured by factors including, but not limited to, the number of persons teaching or providing training to nursing students pursuant to the nursing faculty expansion program and the number of students graduating from nursing programs.

[(d) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2005, and June 30, 2006, the Board of Regents for Higher Education may use up to two per cent of the funds appropriated for purposes of this section for program administration.]

Sec. 34. Section 10a-20 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

Notwithstanding the provisions of any general statute or special act to the contrary, the selection, appointment, assignment of duties, amount of compensation, sick leave, vacation, leaves of absence, termination of service, rank and status of the individual members of the respective professional staffs of the system of higher education shall be

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under the sole jurisdiction of the respective governing boards [of trustees] within available funds. Each constituent board shall annually submit to the Commissioner of Administrative Services a list of the positions which it has included within the professional staff.

Sec. 35. Section 10a-20a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(a) The Office of Higher Education may establish and administer a fund to be known as the Endowed Chair Investment Fund. Within the limits of funds available, the office may approve an application, submitted pursuant to subsection (b) of this section, for the establishment of an endowed chair and deposit state funds for such endowed chair to an account within said fund in an amount not less than five hundred thousand dollars.

(b) The Board of Trustees of The University of Connecticut and the Board of [Trustees of the Connecticut State University System] Regents for Higher Education may submit an application for the establishment of an endowed chair to be supported by a grant of not less than five hundred thousand and not more than one million dollars from the Endowed Chair Investment Fund and a matching nonstate contribution. Applications for endowed chairs shall be accepted on October first and April first in each year in which funds are available. To apply for the state grant, the board [of trustees] shall notify the office that it has raised a matching nonstate contribution and that it is eligible for a grant of state funds to establish an endowed chair in a specific academic discipline. The board [of trustees] shall submit for the office's review and approval evidence that the chair will be established in a center of excellence, as defined in subsection (b) of section 10a-25h.

(c) Following approval of an application for an endowed chair by the office, the governing board [of trustees] of the institution at which such endowed chair is established shall select candidates to fill such endowed

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chair and shall develop a budget for expenditures associated with such endowed chair.

(d) Any state funds deposited by the office to the Endowed Chair Investment Fund shall be invested by the State Treasurer, except a duly established foundation of The University of Connecticut or the Connecticut State University System, as appropriate, may request the office to transfer any state funds relating to an approved application for an endowed chair to such duly established foundation for the purpose of investing such state funds in accordance with the provisions of subsection (f) of this section.

(e) Any interest income earned on state funds invested by the State Treasurer pursuant to subsection (d) of this section shall be deposited to the Endowed Chair Investment Fund and, following establishment of an endowed chair under this section shall be allocated annually, upon request, to The University of Connecticut or to the Connecticut State University System, as appropriate, to support the endowed chair. Nonstate matching contributions shall be held by a duly established foundation of The University of Connecticut or the Connecticut State University System and the interest on such contributions shall be used to support the endowed chair.

(f) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, and each fiscal year thereafter, The University of Connecticut or the Connecticut State University System may request, and the office shall transfer, any state funds deposited in the Endowed Chair Investment Fund to a duly established foundation of The University of Connecticut or the Connecticut State University System, as appropriate, for an endowed chair established under this section. Such duly established foundation shall invest such state funds, and any interest income earned on such state funds shall be used to support the endowed chair. Such duly established foundation shall (1) account for such state funds separately from the nonstate matching contributions, (2) hold such state funds as a

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permanently restricted asset for the endowed chair, and (3) manage such state funds in accordance with the Connecticut Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act (UPMIFA), pursuant to sections 45a-535 to 45a-535i, inclusive, and in a manner consistent with such foundation's investment and expenditure policies. No interest income earned from the state funds in any fiscal year shall be used to support the endowed chair when, at the close of the fiscal year, the market value of such state funds is less than the principal value. At the close of the fiscal year, such duly established foundation shall restore the original amount of state funds deposited in the Endowed Chair Investment Fund to a duly established foundation of The University of Connecticut or the Connecticut State University System, as appropriate, at the beginning of the next fiscal year.

(g) The boards [of trustees] shall submit annual reports, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a, to the office and the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to higher education concerning the management of the endowed chair. For a duly established foundation administering an endowed chair in a manner described in subsection (e) of this section, such report shall include, but not be limited to, the expenditures of the endowed chair. For a duly established foundation administering an endowed chair in a manner described in subsection (f) of this section, such report shall include, but not be limited to, (1) expenditures, (2) the balance of state funds in each of the two previous fiscal years, (3) the balance of nonstate matching contributions in each of the two previous fiscal years, and (4) the amount of interest income earned for the state funds and nonstate matching contributions for the previous fiscal year.

Sec. 36. Subsection (a) of section 10a-25h of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(a) In order to develop and further encourage excellence in public

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higher education, the governing boards [of trustees] of the constituent units of the state system of higher education, not including Charter Oak State College, are hereby authorized to establish and administer centers to be known as Connecticut higher education centers of excellence. Appropriations to these centers shall be used for the development or enhancement of essential support for academic, research, or public service centers of excellence which have gained or may gain regional and national prominence or for libraries or equipment for present enhancement to existing programs deemed to have potential for excellence with such enhancement.

Sec. 37. Section 10a-25j of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

The Board of Regents for Higher Education shall, in consultation with representatives of the governing board [of trustees] of the constituent units, including faculty, develop guidelines for identifying centers of excellence. Initial proposals for funding centers of excellence shall originate within the constituent units, from faculty, staff or administration. The proposals shall be reviewed and approved by the governing board [of trustees] of the constituent unit to ensure that they conform to institutional priorities. The Board of Regents for Higher Education shall select a committee, including faculty and staff representatives from constituent units, to review proposals and make recommendations to the board. The Board of Regents for Higher Education shall: (1) Consider and select proposals; (2) request as part of its consolidated budget, pursuant to section 10a-6, as amended by this act, appropriations to support centers of excellence recommended for funding pursuant to this section; and (3) provide for the evaluation of the effectiveness of the centers of excellence in meeting the goals established in subsection (a) of section 10a-25h, as amended by this act.

Sec. 38. Subsection (a) of section 10a-35a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*

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passage):

(a) Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 10a-34 to 10a-35, inclusive, the Board of Regents for Higher Education [shall have the authority] may, in accordance with the provisions of said sections and the standards set forth in any regulations promulgated thereunder, [to (1)] review and approve recommendations for the establishment of new academic programs for the universities within the Connecticut State University System, the [regional community-technical colleges] Connecticut State Community College and Charter Oak State College. [and (2) until June 30, 2024, report all new programs and program changes to the Office of Higher Education.]

Sec. 39. Subsection (b) of section 10a-44d of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(b) There is established the Connecticut Open Educational Resource Coordinating Council, which shall be part of the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities. The chancellor shall appoint the members of the council, which shall consist of the following: (1) A state-wide coordinator, who shall collaborate with all institutions of higher education to promote open educational resources and administer grants; (2) one faculty member, one administrator and one staff member from The University of Connecticut; (3) one faculty member, one administrator and one staff member from the [regional community-technical college system] Connecticut State Community College; (4) one faculty member, one administrator and one staff member from Charter Oak State College; (5) one faculty member, one administrator and one staff member from the Connecticut State University System; (6) one faculty member, one administrator and one staff member from the independent institutions of higher education; and (7) one student from any public or independent institution of higher education in the state. All initial appointments to the council shall be made not later than

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September 1, 2019, and shall expire on August 30, 2022, regardless of when the initial appointment was made. Any member of the council may serve more than one term.

Sec. 40. Section 10a-51 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(a) The governing board [of trustees] of any constituent unit of the state system of higher education may allocate funds from its General Fund appropriation for any expenses incurred in connection with the operation of a child care center utilized in the instructional program of such constituent unit.

(b) The governing board [of trustees] of any such constituent unit may authorize the charging of a fee or schedule of fees to any person using any child care center operated by such constituent unit.

Sec. 41. Subsection (a) of section 10a-55i of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(a) There is established a Higher Education Consolidation Committee which shall be convened by the chairpersons of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to higher education or such chairpersons' designee, who shall be a member of such joint standing committee. The membership of the Higher Education Consolidation Committee shall consist of the higher education subcommittee on appropriations and the chairpersons, vice chairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to higher education and appropriations. The Higher Education Consolidation Committee shall establish a meeting and public hearing schedule for purposes of receiving updates from (1) the Board of Regents for Higher Education on the progress of the consolidation of the state system of

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higher education pursuant to this section, section 4-9c, subsection (g) of section 5-160, section 5-199d, as amended by this act, subsection (a) of section 7-323k, subsection (a) of section 7-608, subsection (a) of section 10-9, section 10-155d, subdivision (15) of section 10-183b, sections 10a-1a to 10a-1d, inclusive, as amended by this act, 10a-3, as amended by this act, and 10a-3a, as amended by this act, 10a-8, as amended by this act, 10a-10a to 10a-11a, inclusive, 10a-17d and 10a-22a, subsection (f) of section 10a-22b, subsections (c) and (d) of section 10a-22d, sections 10a-22h and 10a-22k, subsection (a) of section 10a-22n, sections 10a-22r, 10a-22s, 10a-22u, 10a-22v, 10a-22x and 10a-34 to 10a-35a, inclusive, as amended by this act, subsection (a) of section 10a-48a, [sections 10a-71 and] section 10a-72, as amended by this act, subsections (c) and (f) of section 10a-77, as amended by this act, [section 10a-88,] subsection (a) of section 10a-89, as amended by this act, subsection (c) of section 10a-99, as amended by this act, and sections 10a-102, 10a-104, 10a-105, 10a-109e, 10a-143 and 10a-168a, as amended by this act, and (2) the Board of Regents for Higher Education and The University of Connecticut on the program approval process for the constituent units. The Higher Education Consolidation Committee shall convene its first meeting on or before September 15, 2011, and meet not less than once every two months.

Sec. 42. Subdivision (8) of subsection (b) of section 10a-55r of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(8) Two designated by the Board of Regents for Higher Education, one of whom represents the Connecticut State University System and one of whom represents the [regional community-technical college system] Connecticut State Community College;

Sec. 43. Subsection (b) of section 10a-55v of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

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(b) Subject to the guidelines established by the Board of Regents for Higher Education, the Go Back to Get Ahead program shall provide, within available resources, an incentive of up to three free three-credit courses necessary for the completion of an associate's or bachelor's degree to any resident of this state who previously enrolled in an associate's or bachelor's degree program at any public or independent institution of higher education, who either (1) left such program prior to completing it, or (2) received an associate's degree and seeks to enroll in a bachelor's degree program, and who has not attended any institution of higher education for at least eighteen months as of June 30, 2014. Said program shall be limited to individuals who enroll, not later than September 30, 2016, in an associate's or bachelor's degree program at a state college within the Connecticut State University System, a former regional community-technical college or Charter Oak State College.

Sec. 44. Subsection (b) of section 10a-55w of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(b) The Connecticut State Colleges and Universities shall provide any student who has been accepted for admission to [an institution within the jurisdiction of the regional community-technical college system] the Connecticut State Community College with information about the existing transfer and articulation programs between [the regional technical-community colleges] said college and four-year public institutions of higher education.

Sec. 45. Subsection (a) of section 10a-57d of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(a) The Board of Regents for Higher Education, under the direction of its chief academic officer, shall establish a working group comprised of deans of continuing education programs, or their designees, at the

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[regional community-technical colleges] Connecticut State Community College to review all of the noncredit sub-baccalaureate certificate programs offered by [each regional community-technical college] the Connecticut State Community College for purposes of designing a uniform naming convention for such programs. Not later than January 1, 2019, the working group shall design the uniform naming convention to enable students to distinguish between noncredit certificate programs with similar yet varied requirements within the same field of study. Any programs that vary shall be uniformly designated with indications of different, enhanced or more demanding requirements.

Sec. 46. Section 10a-62 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

The members of the New England Board of Higher Education shall be appointed as follows: (1) The Governor shall appoint two members, who shall be the Commissioner of Education and the Chief Workforce Officer, or their designees; (2) the president pro tempore of the Senate shall appoint three members who are residents of the state, one of whom shall be a member of the Senate and, upon the recommendation of the chancellor of the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities, one of whom shall represent the Connecticut State University System and one of whom shall represent the [regional community-technical college system] Connecticut State Community College; and (3) the speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint three members who are residents of the state, one of whom shall be a member of the House of Representatives, one of whom shall represent The University of Connecticut based on the recommendation of the president of said university and one of whom shall represent the independent institutions of higher education in the state. The two persons appointed by the Governor shall be appointed for a term of four years from October twenty-fourth in the year of their appointment, except that in 1969 the Governor shall appoint one member for a term of six years from October

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24, 1969. Persons first appointed by the president pro tempore and the speaker shall serve until February 1, 1971, and persons appointed as their successors shall serve for terms of two years each commencing as of the first day of February in the year of their appointment. Persons appointed as of July 1, 2021, may continue to serve the remainder of their terms. Vacancies shall be filled for the remainder of unexpired terms in the same manner as original appointments are made.

Sec. 47. Section 10a-67 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

Notwithstanding any provisions of the general statutes to the contrary, the [Boards] Board of Trustees of [the Community-Technical Colleges, the Connecticut State University System and] The University of Connecticut and the Board of Regents for Higher Education shall fix fees for tuition for nonresident students who are enrolled in institutions under the jurisdiction of said boards through the New England Regional Student Program of not less than the tuition rate charged of resident students enrolled in similar programs plus fifty per cent of that rate, such revenue to be deposited to the revenues of the tuition funds of the respective constituent units.

Sec. 48. Section 10a-72 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(a) [Subject to state-wide policy and guidelines established by the Board of Regents for Higher Education, said board of trustees] The Board of Regents for Higher Education shall administer the [regional community-technical colleges] Connecticut State Community College and plan for the expansion and development of [the institutions within its jurisdiction] said college. The Commissioner of Administrative Services, [on] upon request of [the] said board, [of trustees] shall, in accordance with section 4b-30, negotiate and execute leases on such physical facilities as [the] said board [of trustees] may deem necessary

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for proper operation of [such institutions] the campuses of said college, and said board [of trustees] may expend capital funds therefor, if such leasing is required during the planning and construction phases of [institutions within its jurisdiction] the campuses of said college for which such capital funds were authorized. The [board of trustees] Board of Regents for Higher Education may appoint and remove the chief executive officer of each [institution within its jurisdiction] campus of the Connecticut State Community College. [The] Said board [of trustees] may employ the faculty and other personnel needed to operate and maintain the [institutions within its jurisdiction] campuses of said college. Within the limitation of appropriations, [the] said board [of trustees] shall fix the compensation of such personnel, establish terms and conditions of employment and prescribe their duties and qualifications. Said board [of trustees] shall determine who constitutes its professional staff and establish compensation and classification schedules for its professional staff. Said board shall annually submit to the Commissioner of Administrative Services a list of the positions which it has included within the professional staff. [The] Said board shall establish a division of technical and technological education. [The board of trustees] Said board shall confer such certificates and degrees as are appropriate to the curricula of [community-technical colleges] a community college. [The] Said board [of trustees] shall prepare plans for the development of a [regional community-technical college] campus of the Connecticut State Community College and submit [the same] such plans to the Commissioner of Administrative Services and request said commissioner to select the site for such [college] campus. Within the limits of the bonding authority therefor, the Commissioner of Administrative Services, subject to the provisions of section 4b-23, may acquire such site and construct such buildings as are consistent with the plan of development.

(b) [Subject to state-wide policy and guidelines established by the] The Board of Regents for Higher Education [, the board of trustees] shall:

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(1) Make rules for the governance of the [regional community-technical colleges] Connecticut State Community College, determine the general policies of said [colleges] college, including [those] such policies concerning the admission of students, and direct the expenditure of said [colleges'] college's funds within the amounts available;

(2) Develop mission statements for the [regional community-technical colleges] Connecticut State Community College: The mission statement for the [regional community-technical colleges] Connecticut State Community College shall include, but need not be limited to, the following elements: (A) The educational needs of and constituencies served by said [colleges] college; (B) the degrees offered by said [colleges] college, and (C) the role and scope of each [institution within the community-technical college system] campus of said college, which shall include each [institution's] campus's particular strengths and specialties;

(3) Establish policies for the [regional community-technical colleges] Connecticut State Community College;

(4) Establish policies [which] that protect academic freedom and the content of courses and degree programs;

(5) Establish new academic programs;

(6) Make institutional mergers or closures;

(7) Coordinate the programs and services of the [institutions under its jurisdiction] campuses of the Connecticut State Community College;

(8) Promote fund-raising by the [institutions under its jurisdiction in order] campuses of the Connecticut State Community College to assist such [institutions] campuses, provided the board shall not directly engage in fund-raising except for purposes of providing funding for (A) scholarships or other direct student financial aid and (B) programs,

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services or activities at one or more of [the institutions within its jurisdiction] such campuses and report to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to higher education [by January 1, 1994, and] not later than January first, biennially, [thereafter,] on all such fund-raising; and

(9) Charge the direct costs for a building project under its jurisdiction to the bond fund account for such project; provided, (A) such costs are charged in accordance with a procedure approved by the Treasurer and (B) nothing in this subdivision shall permit the charging of working capital costs, as defined in the applicable provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or any subsequent corresponding internal revenue code of the United States, as from time to time amended, or costs originally paid from sources other than the bond fund account.

(c) The [board of trustees] Board of Regents for Higher Education may request authority from the Treasurer to issue payment for claims against [said colleges] the Connecticut State Community College, other than a payment for payroll, debt service payable on state bonds to bondholders, paying agents, or trustees, or any payment the source of which includes the proceeds of a state bond issue.

Sec. 49. Section 10a-72a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(a) Except when specifically prohibited by the conditions, if any, upon which a gift was created or by a conditional sales agreement, the Board of [Trustees for the Community-Technical Colleges is authorized to] Regents for Higher Education may sell, trade, or otherwise dispose of any unwanted, duplicate, out-of-date or irrelevant materials within the [regional community-technical college] Connecticut State Community College libraries, [under the jurisdiction of the board,] provided the monetary proceeds of such a transaction, if any, shall be deemed to be funds from private sources and, as such funds, shall be

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held in the manner prescribed by section 4-31a, as amended by this act, for use in furthering any purpose the board considers to be in harmony with the original purpose of the gift or purchase of such materials.

(b) Fines collected by any [regional community-technical college] campus of the Connecticut State Community College library [under the jurisdiction of the board] shall be deposited in the [institutional] operating account of [such] the campus of said college on which such library is located.

Sec. 50. Section 10a-72c of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

There is established a council to advise the Board of [Trustees of the Community-Technical Colleges] Regents for Higher Education in the performance of its statutory functions relating to technical and technological education. The council shall consist of: (1) The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development and the Labor Commissioner, (2) one technical or technological education faculty member from each campus of the [community-technical colleges] Connecticut State Community College appointed by the chief executive officer of each such [institution] campus, (3) one technical or technological education student from each campus of the [community-technical colleges] Connecticut State Community College elected by the student body of each such [institution] campus.

Sec. 51. Section 10a-72d of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

The Board of [Trustees for the Community-Technical Colleges] Regents for Higher Education shall establish procedures for (1) the development of articulation agreements between the [regional community-technical colleges] Connecticut State Community College or a campus of said college and the Technical Education and Career

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System in order to ensure a successful transition to higher education for students attending a technical education and career school, and (2) the awarding of appropriate college credit for persons enrolled in and registered under the terms of a qualified apprenticeship training program, certified in accordance with regulations adopted by the Labor Commissioner and registered with the Labor Department under section 31-22r.

Sec. 52. Section 10a-72e of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(a) [Not later than July 1, 2002, the Boards] The Board of Trustees [for the Connecticut Community-Technical Colleges, the Connecticut State University System,] of The University of Connecticut, [Charter Oak State College,] the Board of Regents for Higher Education and the governing boards of the Bridgeport Hospital School of Nursing and Connecticut's [Independent Colleges] independent institutions of higher education shall develop a plan to ensure that there are articulation agreements for their nursing programs to assist nurses in advancing their education and nursing credentials.

(b) Not later than July 1, 2004, such boards [of trustees] shall implement the plan developed pursuant to subsection (a) of this section.

Sec. 53. Section 10a-72f of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

Within available appropriations, the Board of [Trustees for Community-Technical Colleges] Regents for Higher Education may establish up to three pilot programs to provide for student household and family expenses of students with dependents while such students are attending [a community-technical college] the Connecticut State Community College. Participation in the pilot program shall be limited to students who are eligible for a federal Pell grant.

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Sec. 54. Section 10a-72g of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

The Board of [Trustees for Community-Technical Colleges] Regents for Higher Education shall take all feasible steps to maximize available federal funds in order to establish a nursing program at the Northwestern campus of the Connecticut State Community College.

Sec. 55. Section 10a-72h of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(a) On or before September 1, 2009, the Board of [Trustees of the Community-Technical Colleges] Regents for Higher Education shall appoint and convene an oversight board for the purposes of carrying out the provisions of subsection (b) of this section. Such oversight board shall include: (1) A representative of the faculty of the Norwalk campus of the Connecticut State Community College; (2) a representative of the faculty of the J. M. Wright Technical High School; (3) four representatives from trade vocations; (4) two representatives of the business community; and (5) a representative of a chamber of commerce. The [president] chief executive officer of the Norwalk campus of the Connecticut State Community College shall serve as the oversight board's chairperson.

(b) On or before January 1, 2010, the oversight board established pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, in consultation with the Board of [Trustees of the Community-Technical Colleges] Regents for Higher Education and the Commissioner of Education, shall establish, within existing budgetary resources and staffing levels, a pilot program to operate during the school year commencing July 1, 2010, and each school year thereafter, to allow students to complete courses at the J. M. Wright Technical High School for college credit at the Norwalk campus of the Connecticut State Community College. Such program shall coordinate courses between the J. M. Wright Technical High School and

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the Norwalk campus of the Connecticut State Community College and provide students with access to vocational employment or postsecondary education.

(c) On or before June 30, 2011, and annually thereafter, the Board of [Trustees of the Community-Technical Colleges] Regents for Higher Education and the Commissioner of Education shall report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a, to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education and higher education and employment advancement on the curriculum offered as part of the pilot program and the number of students who have earned course credit under the program established in subsection (b) of this section.

Sec. 56. Section 10a-72i of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(a) The Board of [Trustees of the Community-Technical Colleges] Regents for Higher Education shall develop a program to meet the educational and training needs of unemployed state residents by providing access to short-term, noncredit programs of study at the Connecticut State Community College that lead to the acquisition of job-related skills and workforce credentials.

(b) The [board of trustees] Board of Regents for Higher Education shall establish an advisory committee to identify workforce needs, education and training requirements, support services and partnerships in fields with available or growing employment opportunities and in priority regions enduring high levels of unemployment. The advisory committee shall include representatives from the Labor Department, the Workforce Investment Boards, the Department of Economic and Community Development, the Connecticut Center for Advanced Technology, the Connecticut Business and Industry Association and labor organizations. The advisory committee shall examine the use of

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individual educational training accounts to assist [these individuals] participants, recommend eligibility requirements for participants, including, but not limited to, verification of unemployment and demonstration of financial need, and consider establishing pilot programs, the number and participants of which shall be determined by available funding resources. The advisory committee shall submit its recommendations to the [board of trustees] Board of Regents for Higher Education on or before November 1, 2010.

(c) The [board of trustees] Board of Regents for Higher Education shall examine the costs associated with program delivery and modification for existing programs or the development of new noncredit programs focused on high-need, high-growth fields along with support for student tuition, fees, books, materials and academics.

(d) The [community-technical colleges] Connecticut State Community College shall leverage state funding dedicated to this initiative in applications for federal funding included in the Student Aid and Fiscal Responsibility Act, the United States Department of Education's college access challenge grant program and other available grants for educational and career training programs to sustain and expand the individual educational training grants program throughout the [system of community colleges] Connecticut State Community College.

Sec. 57. Section 10a-72j of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

[Each regional community-technical college] The chief executive officer of each campus of the Connecticut State Community College shall consult with the school counselors and school administrators at public high schools located within the region of the state in which such [college] campus is located for the purpose of establishing collaborative partnerships between such schools and such [college] campus. Such

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partnerships may include, but not be limited to, collaborative counseling programs for students interested in specific careers, evaluation and alignment of curricula and offering support or educational programs to improve student outcomes.

Sec. 58. Section 10a-73 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

The Board of [Trustees of the Community-Technical Colleges] Regents for Higher Education, upon the recommendation of the chief executive [officers] officer of [the regional community-technical colleges] a campus of the Connecticut State Community College, shall appoint for [each regional community-technical college] such campus a regional council, representative of the geographical area served. Each such council shall advise the board and the chief executive officer [of each regional community-technical college] with respect to appropriate educational programs to meet the needs of the communities in the region which it represents.

Sec. 59. Section 10a-77 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(a) Subject to the provisions of section 10a-26, the Board of [Trustees of the Community-Technical Colleges] Regents for Higher Education shall fix fees for tuition at the [regional community-technical colleges] Connecticut State Community College and shall fix fees for such other purposes as the board deems necessary at the [regional community-technical colleges] college, and may make refunds to the same.

(b) The Board of Regents for Higher Education shall establish and administer a fund to be known as the [Regional Community-Technical Colleges] Connecticut State Community College Operating Fund. Appropriations from general revenues of the state and, upon request by the board and with an annual review and approval by the Secretary of

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the Office of Policy and Management, the amount of the appropriations for fringe benefits and workers' compensation applicable to the [regional community-technical colleges] Connecticut State Community College pursuant to subsection (a) of section 4-73, shall be transferred from the Comptroller, and all tuition revenue received by the [regional community-technical colleges] Connecticut State Community College in accordance with the provisions of subsection (a) of this section shall be deposited in said fund. Income from student fees or related charges; the proceeds of auxiliary activities and business enterprises, gifts and donations; federal funds and grants for purposes other than research, and all receipts derived from the conduct by the [colleges] college of their education extension programs and summer school sessions shall be credited to said fund but shall be allocated to the central office and [institutional] campus operating accounts which shall be established and maintained for the central office and each [community-technical college] campus of the Connecticut State Community College. If the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management disapproves such transfer, the secretary may require the amount of the appropriation for operating expenses to be used for personal services and fringe benefits to be excluded from said fund. The State Treasurer shall review and approve the transfer prior to such request by the board. The board shall establish an equitable policy, in accordance with section 10a-8, as amended by this act, for allocation of appropriations from general revenues of the state, fringe benefits transferred from the Comptroller and tuition revenue deposited in the [Regional Community-Technical Colleges] Connecticut State Community College Operating Fund. At the beginning of each quarter of the fiscal year, the board shall allocate and transfer, in accordance with said policy, moneys for expenditure in such [institutional] campus operating accounts, exclusive of amounts retained for central office operations and reasonable reserves for future distribution. All costs of waiving or remitting tuition pursuant to subsection (f) of this section shall be charged to the [Regional Community-Technical Colleges] Connecticut State Community College

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Operating Fund. Repairs, alterations or additions to facilities supported by operating funds and costing one million dollars or more shall require the approval of the General Assembly, or when the General Assembly is not in session, of the Finance Advisory Committee. Any balance of receipts above expenditures shall remain in said fund, except such sums as may be required for deposit into a debt service fund or the General Fund for further payment by the Treasurer of debt service on general obligation bonds of the state issued for purposes of the regional community-technical colleges, or after July 1, 2023, for the purposes of the Connecticut State Community College.

(c) Commencing December 1, 1984, and thereafter not later than sixty days after the close of each quarter, the [board of trustees] Board of Regents for Higher Education shall submit to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and the budgets of state agencies, the Office of Higher Education and the Office of Policy and Management a report on the actual expenditures of the [Regional Community-Technical Colleges] Connecticut State Community College Operating Fund.

(d) [Said board of trustees] The Board of Regents for Higher Education shall waive the payment of tuition at [any of the regional community-technical colleges] the Connecticut State Community College (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] said college and is a resident of the state at the time such child is accepted for admission to [such institution] said college, (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

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military service academy, which veteran has been accepted for admission to [such institution] said college and is domiciled in this state at the time such veteran is accepted for admission to [such institution] said college, (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] the Connecticut State Community 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] said college on a full-time or part-time basis in an undergraduate degree-granting program, (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

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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] the Connecticut State Community College. 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] Board of Regents for Higher Education shall waive the payment of tuition at [any of] the [regional community-technical colleges] Connecticut State Community College 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 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] the Connecticut State Community College on behalf of a veteran that represents payment for tuition. 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] said college on behalf of such veteran by (ii) an amount obtained by dividing (I) the actual tuition charged by [such] said college to such veteran by (II) the sum of the actual tuition and fees charged by [such] said college to such veteran.

(B) Said board [of trustees] shall waive the payment of tuition in

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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] the anticipated [regional community-technical college] tuition revenue from the Connecticut State Community College, 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] the Connecticut State Community College 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 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] Connecticut State Community College Operating Fund shall be reimbursed for the amount by which the tuition waivers granted under subsection (d) of this section exceed five per cent of tuition revenue through an annual state appropriation. The [board of trustees] Board of Regents for Higher Education shall request such an appropriation and said appropriation shall be based upon an estimate of tuition revenue loss using tuition rates in effect for the fiscal year in which such appropriation will apply.

(h) [Said board of trustees] The Board of Regents for Higher Education shall allow any student who is a member of the armed forces

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called to active duty during any semester to enroll in any course for which such student had remitted tuition but which was not completed due to active duty status. Such course reenrollment shall be offered to any qualifying student for a period not exceeding four years after the date of release from active duty without additional tuition, student fee or related charge, except if such student has been fully reimbursed for the tuition, fees and charges for the course that was not completed.

(i) The Board of Regents for Higher Education shall not assess or charge a graduation fee to any student enrolled in [a regional community-technical college] the Connecticut State Community College for the purpose of graduating from [such regional community-technical] said college.

Sec. 60. Section 10a-77a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(a) (1) The Board of [Trustees of the Community-Technical Colleges] Regents for Higher Education shall establish a permanent Endowment Fund for the [Community-Technical College System] Connecticut State Community College to encourage donations from the private sector, with an incentive in the form of an endowment fund state grant, the net earnings on the principal of which are dedicated and made available to [a regional community-technical college or the community-technical college system as a whole] a campus of the Connecticut State Community College or said college, for endowed professorships, scholarships and programmatic enhancements. The fund shall be administered by the board, [of trustees,] or by a nonprofit entity entrusted for such purpose and qualified as a Section 501(c)(3) organization under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or any subsequent corresponding internal revenue code of the United States, as from time to time amended, and preferably constituted and controlled independent of the state and board [of trustees] so as to qualify the interest on state bonds the proceeds of which have been

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granted for deposit in the endowment fund as excludable from taxation under such code and shall, in any event, be held in a trust fund separate and apart from all other funds and accounts of the state and the [community-technical college system] Connecticut State Community College. There shall be deposited into the fund: (A) Endowment fund state grants; and (B) interest or other income earned on the investment of moneys in the endowment fund pending transfer of the principal of the fund for the purposes identified in this subdivision. Endowment fund eligible gifts made on behalf of a [regional community-technical college or the system] campus of the Connecticut State Community College or said college as a whole shall be deposited in a permanent endowment fund created for each [regional community-technical college and the system] campus of said college and said college as a whole in the appropriate foundation established pursuant to sections 4-37e, as amended by this act, and 4-37f, as amended by this act. A portion of the endowment fund state grant and a portion of earnings on such grant, including capital appreciation, shall be transferred, annually, within thirty days of the receipt of the endowment fund state grant by the permanent Endowment Fund for the [Community-Technical College System] Connecticut State Community College, to such [a regional community-technical college] endowment fund for a campus of said college based on the ratio of the total amount of such gifts made to such [regional community-technical college] campus to the total amount of all such gifts made to [all the regional community-technical colleges and the system as a whole] the Connecticut State Community College, provided the provisions of section 4-37f, as amended by this act, are satisfied.

[(2) (A) For each of the fiscal years ending June 30, 2000, to June 30, 2006, inclusive, as part of the state contract with donors of endowment fund eligible gifts, the Office of Higher Education, in accordance with section 10a-8b, shall deposit in the Endowment Fund for the Community-Technical College System a grant in an amount equal to

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half of the total amount of endowment fund eligible gifts received by or for the benefit of the community-technical college system as a whole and each regional community-technical college for the calendar year ending the December thirty-first preceding the commencement of such fiscal year, as certified by the chairperson of the board of trustees by February fifteenth to (i) the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, (ii) the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and the budgets of state agencies, and (iii) the Commissioner of Higher Education, provided such sums do not exceed the endowment fund state grant maximum commitment for the fiscal year in which the grant is made.

(B) For each of the fiscal years ending June 30, 2007, to June 30, 2014, inclusive, as part of the state contract with donors of endowment fund eligible gifts, the Office of Higher Education, in accordance with section 10a-8b, shall deposit in the Endowment Fund for the Community-Technical College System a grant in an amount equal to one-quarter of the total amount of endowment fund eligible gifts, except as provided in this subdivision, received by or for the benefit of the community-technical college system as a whole and each regional community-technical college for the calendar year ending the December thirty-first preceding the commencement of such fiscal year, as certified by the chairperson of the board of trustees by February fifteenth to (i) the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, (ii) the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and the budgets of state agencies, and (iii) the Commissioner of Higher Education, provided such sums do not exceed the endowment fund state grant maximum commitment for the fiscal year in which the grant is made. Endowment fund eligible gifts that meet the criteria set forth in this subdivision, made by donors during the period from January 1, 2005, to June 30, 2005, shall continue to be matched by the Office of Higher Education in an amount equal to one-half of the total amount of endowment fund eligible gifts received.

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Commitments by donors to make endowment fund eligible gifts for two or more years that meet the criteria set forth in this subdivision and that are made for the period prior to December 31, 2004, but ending before December 31, 2012, shall continue to be matched by the Office of Higher Education in an amount equal to one-half of the total amount of endowment fund eligible gifts received through the commitment.

(C) In any such fiscal year in which the total of the eligible gifts received by the community-technical colleges exceeds the endowment fund state grant maximum commitment for such fiscal year the amount in excess of such endowment fund state grant maximum commitment shall be carried forward and be eligible for a matching state grant in any succeeding fiscal year from the fiscal year ending June 30, 2000, to the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014, inclusive, subject to the endowment fund state grant maximum commitment. Any endowment fund eligible gifts that are not included in the total amount of endowment fund eligible gifts certified by the chairperson of the board of trustees pursuant to this subdivision may be carried forward and be eligible for a matching state grant in any succeeding fiscal year from the fiscal year ending June 30, 2000, to the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014, inclusive, subject to the endowment fund state matching grant commitment for such fiscal year.]

[(3)] (2) The Board of [Trustees of the Community-Technical Colleges] Regents for Higher Education shall adopt [, by October 1, 1997,] guidelines with respect to (A) the solicitation of endowment fund eligible gifts from private donors, and (B) governing the acceptance of gifts made by a foundation established pursuant to sections 4-37e, as amended by this act, and 4-37f, as amended by this act, to a [community-technical college] campus of the Connecticut State Community College or its employees for reimbursement of expenditures or payment of expenditures on behalf of [a community-technical college] such campus or its employees. Private donations shall not be construed to include

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proceeds of municipal grants.

(b) For the purposes of this section: (1) "Endowment fund eligible gift" means a gift to or for the benefit of a [regional community-technical college or the community-technical college system] campus of the Connecticut State Community College or said college as a whole of cash or assets [which] that may be reduced to cash or [which] that has a value that is ascertainable by such [regional community-technical college or the community-technical college system as a whole which] campus or said college that the donor has specifically designated for deposit in the endowment fund or [which] that explicitly or implicitly by the terms of the gift [the regional community-technical college or community-technical college system as a whole] such campus or said college may and does deposit or permit to be deposited in the endowment funds; [. (2) "Endowment fund state grant"] and (2) "endowment fund state grant" means moneys that are transferred by the Office of Higher Education from the fund established pursuant to section 10a-8b to the endowment fund established pursuant to this section in an aggregate amount not exceeding the endowment fund state grant maximum commitment. [(3) "Endowment fund state grant maximum commitment" means an amount not exceeding two million dollars for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2000, two and one-half million dollars for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2001, three million dollars for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2002, three and one-half million dollars for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2003, and five million dollars for each of the fiscal years ending June 30, 2004, to June 30, 2014, inclusive.

(c) Notwithstanding the endowment fund state grant maximum commitment levels for each fiscal year pursuant to subsection (b) of this section, the total of the endowment fund state grant maximum commitments for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2000, to June 30, 2014, inclusive, shall not exceed thirty-nine million five hundred thousand dollars.]

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Sec. 61. Section 10a-78 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(a) The Board of [Trustees for Regional Community-Technical Colleges] Regents for Higher Education shall establish a [regional community-technical college] campus to serve the southeastern area of Connecticut [as approved by the Board of Regents for Higher Education] to be part of the [state system of community-technical colleges] Connecticut State Community College.

(b) The Board of [Trustees for Regional Community-Technical Colleges] Regents for Higher Education shall establish a [regional community-technical college] campus to serve the New Britain-Bristol area [as approved by the Board of Regents for Higher Education] to be part of the [state system of community-technical colleges] Connecticut State Community College.

(c) The Board of [Trustees for Regional Community-Technical Colleges] Regents for Higher Education shall establish a [regional community-technical college] campus to serve the northeastern Connecticut area [as approved by the Board of Regents for Higher Education] to be part of the [state system of community-technical colleges] Connecticut State Community College.

(d) The Board of [Trustees for Regional Community-Technical Colleges] Regents for Higher Education shall establish a [regional community-technical college] campus to serve the northern Connecticut area comprising the towns of East Granby, East Windsor, Ellington, Enfield, Somers, Stafford, Suffield and Windsor Locks [as approved by the Board of Regents for Higher Education] to be part of the [state system of community-technical colleges] Connecticut State Community College.

(e) The Board of [Trustees for Regional Community-Technical

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Colleges] Regents for Higher Education shall establish a [regional community-technical college] campus to serve the lower Naugatuck Valley area comprising the towns of Ansonia, Derby, Shelton, Seymour, Oxford, Beacon Falls and Naugatuck [as approved by the Board of Regents for Higher Education] to be part of the [state system of community-technical colleges] Connecticut State Community College.

(f) Repealed by P.A. 78-331, S. 3, 58.

(g) The Board of [Trustees for Regional Community-Technical Colleges] Regents for Higher Education shall establish a [regional community-technical college] campus to serve the greater Waterbury area [as approved by the Board of Regents for Higher Education] to be part of the [state system of community-technical colleges] Connecticut State Community College.

Sec. 62. Section 10a-78a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

Not later than July 1, 2024, and annually thereafter until and including July 1, 2030, the Board of Regents for Higher Education shall submit a report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a, to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to higher education and employment advancement concerning the results achieved from the consolidation of the regional community-technical colleges into [a state community-technical college] the Connecticut State Community College. Such report shall include, but need not be limited to, a comparison of the following performance metrics from July 1, 2023, to the date of such report: (1) Percentage of students enrolled for the first time in credit-bearing courses who (A) complete introductory math and English course requirements not later than one year after enrollment, (B) enroll for a full semester and subsequently (i) reenroll for the following semester, (ii) reenroll for the next fall or spring semester after attending

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a fall or spring semester during the preceding academic year, or (iii) graduate, and (C) within the first three years of enrollment, (i) graduate, (ii) transfer to a four-year institution of higher education, or (iii) are still enrolled in a course of study; (2) ratios of students to (A) student counselors or advisors, (B) full-time faculty, and (C) part-time or adjunct faculty; (3) the number of executive positions at [each regional community-technical college or, upon the accreditation of a state community-technical college,] each campus of [a state community-technical college] the Connecticut State Community College; and (4) the number of personnel by location or functional area at [the college or] each campus and type of position including, but not limited to, faculty, direct student support staff, building operations, clerical or administrative staff and executive positions. As used in this section, "executive position" includes any (A) person with a title such as president, director or chief executive officer, (B) administrative head of an office or department, (C) deputy to an administrative head, (D) executive or personal secretary of such person, administrative head or deputy, and (E) other person in an equivalent position.

Sec. 63. Section 10a-79 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

The Board of [Trustees of the Community-Technical Colleges] Regents for Higher Education shall appoint a committee at each [regional community-technical college] campus of the Connecticut State Community College to establish traffic and parking regulations for passenger vehicles at such [college] campus. Such traffic committee, subject to the approval of said board and of the Office of the State Traffic Administration, may: (1) Prohibit, limit or restrict the parking of passenger vehicles; (2) determine speed limits; (3) install stop signs; (4) restrict roads or portions thereof to one-way traffic; (5) designate the location of crosswalks on any portion of any road or highway subject to the care, custody and control of said board; [of trustees;] (6) order signs

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to be erected and maintained designating such prohibitions or restrictions; and (7) impose a fine upon any person who fails to comply with any such prohibition or restriction. All fines so imposed at each [regional community-technical college] campus of the Connecticut State Community College, less an amount not to exceed the cost of enforcing traffic and parking regulations, shall be deposited in the [institutional] campus operating account of [such] said college for scholarships and library services or acquisitions. The Board of [Trustees of the Community-Technical Colleges] Regents for Higher Education shall establish at each [regional community-technical college] campus of the Connecticut State Community College a committee [which] that shall hear appeals of penalties assessed for parking or traffic violations. The membership of both the committee to establish traffic and parking regulations and the committee to hear traffic violation appeals shall include student and faculty representation.

Sec. 64. Section 10a-80 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(a) The primary responsibilities of the [regional community-technical colleges] Connecticut State Community College shall be to (1) [to] provide programs of occupational, vocational, technical and technological and career education designed to provide training for immediate employment, job retraining or upgrading of skills to meet individual, community and state manpower needs; (2) [to] provide programs of general study including, but not limited to, remediation, general and adult education and continuing education designed to meet individual student goals; (3) [to] provide programs of study for college transfer representing the first two years of baccalaureate education; (4) [to] provide community service programs as defined in subsection (b) of this section; and (5) [to] provide student support services including, but not limited to, admissions, counseling, testing, placement, individualized instruction and efforts to serve students with special

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needs.

(b) As used in this section, "community service programs" means educational, cultural, recreational and community directed services [which a community-technical college] that the Connecticut State Community College may provide in addition to its regular academic program. Such community service programs may include, but shall not be limited to, (1) activities designed to enrich the intellectual, cultural and social life of the community, (2) educational services designed to promote the development of skills for the effective use of leisure time, (3) activities and programs designed to assist in the identification and solution of community problems and (4) utilization of college facilities and services by community groups to the extent such usage does not conflict with the regular schedule of the college.

Sec. 65. Section 10a-80a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

The Board of [Trustees of the Community-Technical Colleges] Regents for Higher Education may, within available appropriations, develop manufacturing technology centers on three [community-technical college] campuses of the Connecticut State Community College in geographically diverse locations.

Sec. 66. Section 10a-80b of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

The Board of [Trustees of the Community-Technical Colleges] Regents for Higher Education shall develop a policy for the Connecticut State Community College that (1) provides for the disbursement of financial aid to students who have met all federal, state and institutional requirements for financial aid by the first day of the academic term, or (2) permits students to use financial aid that has not yet been disbursed at stores on the campuses of the [colleges under the board's jurisdiction]

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college to purchase during the first week of the academic term required textbooks for courses taught at the [colleges] college.

Sec. 67. Section 10a-80c of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

The Board of [Trustees of the Community-Technical Colleges] Regents for Higher Education shall require that green jobs certificate and degree programs offered [by] at each of the [community-technical colleges] campuses of the Connecticut State Community College be uniformly named.

Sec. 68. Section 10a-80d of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

An adjunct faculty member of [a regional community-technical college] the Connecticut State Community College or Charter Oak State College shall be permitted to irrevocably waive membership in a Connecticut retirement plan not later than sixty days after commencing employment with [such regional community-technical college or Charter Oak State College] said colleges. Once the adjunct faculty member waives membership in a Connecticut retirement plan, such faculty member is no longer eligible to elect to participate in a Connecticut retirement plan in any subsequent part-time employment with the [regional community-technical college system] Connecticut State Community College, Charter Oak State College, the Board of Regents for Higher Education or any other constituent unit, as defined in section 10a-1, as amended by this act.

Sec. 69. Section 10a-80e of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

Any person, as defined in section 1-79, who donates tangible property to a regional community-technical college or, on and after July 1, 2023, to the Connecticut State Community College, or any campus

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thereof, shall be immune from civil liability for damage or injury occurring on or after October 1, 2013, resulting from any act, error or omission by such person with respect to such donated tangible property, unless such damage or injury was caused by the reckless, wilful or wanton misconduct of such person.

Sec. 70. Subsection (d) of section 10a-80f of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(d) Beginning in the fall semester of 2020, and for each academic semester thereafter, each advanced manufacturing certificate program established at a public high school shall enroll (1) public high school students in grade eleven or twelve from the school districts of the local or regional board or boards of education that have entered into the memorandum of understanding pursuant to subsection (b) or (c) of this section, to simultaneously earn high school credits from the public high school in which the student is enrolled and college credits and an advanced manufacturing certificate from the [regional community-technical college] Connecticut State Community College or the independent institution of higher education that operates the advanced manufacturing certificate program, and (2) upon the approval of the local or regional board of education, adults for classes during the evening and weekend hours to earn an advanced manufacturing certificate from the [regional community-technical college] Connecticut State Community College or the independent institution of higher education that operates the advanced manufacturing certificate program.

Sec. 71. Section 10a-87 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

The Board of [Trustees of the Connecticut State University System] Regents for Higher Education shall maintain: Western Connecticut State

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University, Southern Connecticut State University, Eastern Connecticut State University and Central Connecticut State University. The board [of trustees] shall offer curricula [which shall prepare] that prepares persons who have successfully completed [the same] such curricula to teach in the schools of the state at any of said institutions as the board shall deem appropriate and, in addition, programs of study in academic and career fields. [, provided the board of trustees shall submit to the Board of Regents for Higher Education for review and approval recommendations for program terminations at any of said institutions in accordance with the provisions of subdivision (7) of subsection (a) of section 10a-6.] The board [of trustees] shall establish policies [which] that protect academic freedom and the content of course and degree programs. [, provided such policies shall be consistent with state-wide policy and guidelines established by the Board of Regents for Higher Education.] Each of said institutions shall confer such degrees in education and in academic and career fields as are appropriate to the curricula of said institution and as are usually conferred by the institutions. [;] Said institutions may confer honorary degrees [may be conferred by said institutions] upon approval of each honorary degree recipient by the Board of [Trustees of the Connecticut State University System] Regents for Higher Education.

Sec. 72. Section 10a-89 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(a) [Subject to state-wide policy and guidelines established by the Board of Regents for Higher Education, the board of trustees] The Board of Regents for Higher Education shall provide for the administration of the Connecticut State University System, plan for the expansion and development of the institutions within its jurisdiction, and submit such plans to the Commissioner of Administrative Services for review and recommendations. The Commissioner of Administrative Services upon request of the board [of trustees] shall, in accordance with section 4b-30,

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negotiate and execute leases on such physical facilities as the board [of trustees] may deem necessary for proper operation of such institutions, and the board [of trustees] may, with the permission of the Commissioner of Administrative Services and the State Properties Review Board, expend capital funds therefor if such leasing is required during the planning and construction phases of institutions [within its jurisdiction] within the Connecticut State University System for which such capital funds were authorized. Subject to such policies as may be established by the board, [of trustees,] the chief executive officer of each institution within the [jurisdiction of the board] Connecticut State University System may make buildings and other facilities under its control available to nonprofit and other organizations or to individuals for temporary uses not inconsistent with the educational purpose of the institution. The [board of trustees] Board of Regents for Higher Education may appoint or remove the chief executive officer of each institution within [its jurisdiction] the Connecticut State University System, and with respect to its own operation the board [of trustees] may appoint and remove executive staff. The board [of trustees] may employ faculty and other personnel needed to maintain and operate the institutions within [its jurisdiction] the Connecticut State University System. Within the limitation of appropriations, the board [of trustees] shall fix the compensation of such personnel, establish terms and conditions of employment and prescribe their duties and qualifications. The board [of trustees] shall determine who constitutes its professional staff and establish compensation and classification schedules for its professional staff. The board [of trustees] shall annually submit to the Commissioner of Administrative Services a list of the positions which it has included within the professional staff. The board [of trustees] may appoint one or more physicians for the Connecticut State University System and shall provide such physicians with suitable facilities for the performance of such duties as it prescribes. [Subject to state-wide policy and guidelines established by the Board of Regents for Higher Education, the board of trustees] The board shall: (1) Make rules for the

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government of the Connecticut State University System and shall determine the general policies of the university system, including those concerning the admission of students and the expenditure of the funds of institutions [under its jurisdiction] within the Connecticut State University System within the amounts available; (2) develop the mission statement for the university system which shall include, but not be limited to the following elements: (A) The educational needs of and constituencies served by the institutions within [its jurisdiction] the university system; (B) the degrees offered by such institutions; and (C) the role and scope of each institution within the university system, which shall include each institution's particular strengths and specialties; (3) establish policies for the university system and for the individual institutions [under its jurisdiction] within such system; (4) make institutional mergers or closures; (5) coordinate the programs and services of the institutions [under its jurisdiction] within the university system; (6) be authorized to enter into agreements, consistent with the provisions of section 5-141d, to save harmless and indemnify sponsors of research grants to institutions [under its jurisdiction] within the university system, provided such an agreement is required to receive the grant and limits liability to damages or injury resulting from acts or omissions related to such research by employees of such institutions; (7) promote fund-raising by the institutions [under its jurisdiction] within the university system in order to assist such institutions and report to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to higher education by January 1, 1994, and biennially thereafter, on all such fund-raising; and (8) charge the direct costs for a building project [under its jurisdiction] within the university system to the bond fund account for such project, provided (A) such costs are charged in accordance with a procedure approved by the Treasurer; and (B) nothing in this subdivision shall permit the charging of working capital, as defined in the applicable provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or any subsequent corresponding internal revenue code of the United States, as from time to time

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amended, or costs originally paid from sources other than the bond fund account.

(b) The [board of trustees] Board of Regents for Higher Education shall: (1) Review and approve institutional budget requests and prepare, [and submit to the Board of Governors of Higher Education,] in accordance with the provisions of section 10a-8, as amended by this act, the budget request for the Connecticut State University System; and (2) propose facility planning and capital expenditure budget priorities for the institutions [under its jurisdiction] within the university system. The board may request authority from the Treasurer to issue payment for claims against the state university system, other than a payment for payroll, debt service payable on state bonds to bondholders, paying agents, or trustees, or any payment the source of which includes the proceeds of a state bond issue.

Sec. 73. Subsection (a) of section 10a-89a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(a) Except when specifically prohibited by the conditions, if any, upon which a gift was created or by a conditional sales agreement, the Board of [Trustees of the Connecticut State University System] Regents for Higher Education is authorized to sell, trade, or otherwise dispose of any unwanted, duplicate, out-of-date or irrelevant materials within the libraries [under the jurisdiction of the board] within the Connecticut State University System, provided the monetary proceeds of such a transaction, if any, shall be deemed to be funds from private sources and, as such funds, shall be held in the manner prescribed by section 4-31a, as amended by this act, for use in furthering any purpose the board considers to be in harmony with the original purpose of the gift or purchase of such materials.

Sec. 74. Subsections (a) to (c), inclusive, of section 10a-89b of the

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general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(a) The Board of [Trustees for the Connecticut State University System is authorized to] Regents for Higher Education on behalf of the Connecticut State University System may borrow money from the Connecticut Health and Educational Facilities Authority for any project for which the authority is authorized to make loans pursuant to chapter 187 and to refinance any such borrowing, and in connection therewith the Board of [Trustees for the Connecticut State University System is authorized to] Regents for Higher Education on behalf of the Connecticut State University System may enter into any loan or other agreement and to make such covenants, representations and indemnities as the board [of trustees] deems necessary or desirable to obtain such loans from the authority or to facilitate the issue of bonds by the authority to finance such loans, including agreements with providers of letters of credit, insurance or other credit facilities for such financings. Any such agreement, covenant, representation and indemnification shall be a full faith and credit obligation of the Connecticut State University System. The Board of [Trustees of the Connecticut State University System] Regents for Higher Education may secure such obligations by a pledge of the revenues to be derived from the operation or use of a project or projects, from tuition payments, from student fees, from dormitory or dining hall income or from other general revenues of the Connecticut State University System. Any pledge made by the Connecticut State University System pursuant to this section and sections 10a-186a and 10a-187 shall be valid and binding from the time when the pledge is made. The lien of any such pledge shall be valid and binding as against all parties having claims of any kind in tort, contract or otherwise against the Connecticut State University System, irrespective of whether the parties have notice of the claims. Notwithstanding any provision of the Uniform Commercial Code, [to the contrary,] no instrument by which such a pledge is created

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need be recorded or filed. Any revenues or other receipts, funds, moneys or income so pledged and thereafter received by the Connecticut State University System shall be subject immediately to the lien of the pledge without any physical delivery thereof or further act and such lien shall have priority over all other liens, including without limitation the lien of any person who, in the ordinary course of business, furnishes services or materials to the Connecticut State University System.

(b) The obligations of the Connecticut State University System and any pledge entered into by the Connecticut State University System pursuant to this section and sections 10a-186a and 10a-187 shall be binding upon any successor body or entity and no dissolution or termination of the Connecticut State University System shall take effect unless adequate provision is made for the payment and fulfillment of any obligations entered into by the Connecticut State University System pursuant to this section and said sections 10a-186a and 10a-187.

(c) Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special act [which] that may require that any revenue from the operation of facilities of the Connecticut State University System or any revenue of all state universities from student fees and dormitory and dining hall income or any other revenue of the Connecticut State University System be paid to the State Treasurer for the payment of debt service on any bonds issued by the state, any revenues pledged by the [board of trustees] Board of Regents for Higher Education pursuant to this section and said sections 10a-186a and 10a-187 shall be applied first to the extent necessary to fulfill the obligations for which such revenues are pledged, and only thereafter to the State Treasurer.

Sec. 75. Section 10a-89c of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(a) If the General Assembly for each fiscal year following the fiscal

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year ending June 30, 1998, to the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, inclusive, does not appropriate from the General Fund for the specific purpose of debt service on self-liquidating general obligation bonds of the state or obligations of the Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System or Board of Regents for Higher Education financed through the Connecticut Health and Educational Facilities Authority for residential and other auxiliary service facilities, excluding any appropriation for such debt service to be paid from revenues from student fees and dormitory and dining hall income to be paid by the Board of [Trustees for the Connecticut State University System] Regents for Higher Education to the State Treasurer for the payment of such self-liquidating general obligation bonds of the state, (1) the amount of five million dollars, or (2) an amount equal to half the sum of revenue from student fees received by all the state universities within the Connecticut State University System from the uniform assessment of all full-time students enrolled at any time at any of the state universities within the Connecticut State University System, except for charges for tuition or dormitory or dining charges or student activity fee or other fee charged by an individual state university, commonly called the university fee, for the calendar year ending the preceding December thirty-first, as certified by the chairperson of the board [of trustees] by February fifteenth to the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, whichever amount is less, the State Bond Commission may, in accordance with the provisions of this section, from time to time authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds of the state in one or more series in principal amounts not exceeding five million dollars in any such fiscal year, to finance the design, construction or renovation of residential and other auxiliary service facilities at state universities within the Connecticut State University System, and in any event not exceeding the amount which the General Assembly failed to appropriate for debt service for that fiscal year in the manner provided in this section. For purposes of this section the term "residential and other auxiliary facilities" (A) means any residential facilities, student

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centers, dining facilities and other auxiliary service facilities at state universities within the Connecticut State University System, and (B) includes, but is not limited to, low rise dormitory code compliance renovations at Central Connecticut State University; code compliance at Central Connecticut State University, Eastern Connecticut State University, Southern Connecticut State University and Western Connecticut State University; student center addition and renovations at Central Connecticut State University; student center addition and renovations at Eastern Connecticut State University; construction of a new student center at Southern Connecticut State University; Burr Hall residence hall renovations at Eastern Connecticut State University; improvements to Connecticut Hall at Southern Connecticut State University; and Shafer Hall residence conversion at Eastern Connecticut State University.

(b) All provisions of section 3-20 or the exercise of any right or power granted thereby which are not inconsistent with the provisions of this section are hereby adopted and shall apply to all state bonds authorized by the State Bond Commission pursuant to this section, and temporary notes in anticipation of the money to be derived from the sale of any such state bonds so authorized may be issued in accordance with said section 3-20 and from time to time renewed. Such state bonds shall mature at such time or times not exceeding twenty years from their respective dates as may be provided in or pursuant to the resolution or resolutions of the State Bond Commission authorizing such state bonds. Such state bonds issued pursuant to this section shall be general obligations of the state and the full faith and credit of the state of Connecticut are pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds as the same becomes due, and accordingly and as part of the contract of the state with the holders of such state bonds, appropriation of all amounts necessary for punctual payment of such principal and interest is hereby made, and the Treasurer shall pay such principal and interest as the same become due.

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(c) None of said state bonds shall be authorized except upon a finding by the State Bond Commission that there has been filed with it a request for such authorization, which is signed by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management and stating such terms and conditions as said commission, in its discretion, may require. Each such request for an authorization of state bonds shall state an amount equal to half the sum of revenue from student fees received by all of the state universities within the Connecticut State University System for the calendar year ending prior to the last fiscal year, as certified by the chairperson of the [board of trustees] Board of Regents for Higher Education, and the amount of all state appropriations for debt service on self-liquidating general obligation bonds of the state or obligations of the Connecticut State University System financed through the Connecticut Health and Educational Facilities Authority for the prior fiscal year, as described in subsection (a) of this section.

Sec. 76. Section 10a-89e of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

The Board of [Trustees for the Connecticut State University System] Regents for Higher Education shall: (1) Consolidate the purchasing process for the [system] Connecticut State University System at the central office; (2) expedite the purchasing process by adjusting policies and utilizing enabling technologies; and (3) redesign and train central purchasing personnel to focus on customer service, vendor management activities and the establishment of system contracts.

Sec. 77. Section 10a-89f of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

The Board of [Trustees of the Connecticut State University System] Regents for Higher Education shall develop a policy for the Connecticut State University System that (1) provides for the disbursement of financial aid to students who have met all federal, state and institutional

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requirements for financial aid by the first day of the academic term, or (2) permits students to use financial aid that has not yet been disbursed at stores on the campuses of the universities [under the board's jurisdiction] within said university system to purchase during the first week of the academic term required textbooks for courses taught at the universities.

Sec. 78. Section 10a-90 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

The Board of [Trustees for the Connecticut State University System] Regents for Higher Education, with the approval of the Governor and the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, may lease state-owned land under its care, custody or control to private developers for construction of dormitory buildings, provided such developers agree to lease such buildings to [such] said board [of trustees] with an option to purchase and provided further that any such agreement to lease is subject to the provisions of section 4b-23, prior to the making of the original lease by [the] said board. [of trustees.] The plans for such buildings shall be subject to approval of such board, the Commissioner of Administrative Services and the State Properties Review Board and such leases shall be for the periods and upon such terms and conditions as the Commissioner of Administrative Services determines, and such buildings, while privately owned, shall be subject to taxation by the town in which they are located. The Board of [Trustees for the Connecticut State University System] Regents for Higher Education may also deed, transfer or lease state-owned land under its care, custody or control to the State of Connecticut Health and Educational Facilities Authority for financing or refinancing the planning, development, acquisition and construction and equipping of dormitory buildings and student housing facilities and to lease or sublease such dormitory buildings or student housing facilities and authorize the execution of financing leases of land, interests therein, buildings and fixtures in order

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to secure obligations to repay any loan from the State of Connecticut Health and Educational Facilities Authority from the proceeds of bonds issued thereby pursuant to the provisions of chapter 187 made by the authority to finance or refinance the planning, development, acquisition and construction of dormitory buildings. Any such financing lease shall not be subject to the provisions of section 4b-23 and the plans for such dormitories shall be subject only to the approval of the board. Such financing leases shall be for such periods and upon such terms and conditions that the board shall determine. Any state property so leased shall not be subject to local assessment and taxation and such state property shall be included as property of the Connecticut State University System for the purpose of computing a grant in lieu of taxes pursuant to section 12-18b.

Sec. 79. Subsection (a) of section 10a-91 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(a) The Board of [Trustees of the Connecticut State University System] Regents for Higher Education on behalf of the Connecticut State University System, with the approval of the Governor, the Commissioner of Administrative Services and the State Properties Review Board, may lease land or buildings under its care, custody or control to private developers for rental housing and commercial establishments. Such leases shall be for periods and upon such terms and conditions, including, but not limited to, provision for adequate liability insurance to be maintained by the lessee for the benefit of the state and rental terms, as may be determined by the Commissioner of Administrative Services and, in the case of a lease of land, may provide for the construction of buildings thereon to be used for rental housing and commercial establishments, the plans of which shall be subject to the approval of the board, [of trustees,] the Commissioner of Administrative Services and the State Properties Review Board. Said

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board [of trustees] may provide for water, heat and waste disposal services on a cost-reimbursement basis to such leased premises. Said board may designate the kinds of concessions for supplying goods, commodities, services and facilities to be permitted on such land and may select the permittees, or said board may delegate such functions to the private developers with which it contracts pursuant to this section.

Sec. 80. Section 10a-91b of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

The purpose of The Board of Regents for Higher Education Infrastructure Act is to enhance the intellectual capacity of the state by providing the infrastructure needed to prepare this state's present and future workforce, to contribute to the increased competitiveness of this state's businesses and to have a positive impact on economic development within this state, through a special capital improvement program established for the [regional community-technical colleges] Connecticut State Community College, the Connecticut State University System and Charter Oak State College that assures a state commitment to support the financing of the acquisition, construction, reconstruction, improvement and equipping of facilities, structures and related systems for the benefit of this state and the [regional community-technical colleges] Connecticut State Community College, the Connecticut State University System and Charter Oak State College, all to the public benefit and good, and the exercise of the powers, to the extent and manner provided in The Board of Regents for Higher Education Infrastructure Act, is declared to be for a public purpose and to be the exercise of an essential government function. Sections 10a-91c to 10a-91h, inclusive, as amended by this act, being necessary for the welfare of this state and its inhabitants, shall be liberally construed to effect the purposes thereof.

Sec. 81. Subdivision (7) of section 10a-91c of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*

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passage):

(7) "System" means the [regional community-technical colleges] Connecticut State Community College, the Connecticut State University System, Charter Oak State College and constituent units of the state system of higher education, established pursuant to sections [10a-71] 10a-72 to 10a-101, inclusive, as amended by this act, and sections 10a-143 to 10a-143b, inclusive.

Sec. 82. Subsection (f) of section 10a-91d of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(f) Not later than July 1, 2015, and biannually thereafter, the Board of Regents for Higher Education shall, in accordance with section 11-4a, report to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to higher education and finance on how the Board of Regents for Higher Education disbursed to and divided among each state university and each [regional community-technical college] campus of the Connecticut State Community College the proceeds of the general obligation bonds issued pursuant to subsection (a) of section 10a-91e for each of the projects listed under the Board of Regents for Higher Education in subsection (a) of this section.

Sec. 83. Section 10a-92 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

The Board of [Trustees of the Connecticut State University System] Regents for Higher Education shall appoint a committee at each state university campus within the Connecticut State University System to establish traffic and parking regulations for passenger vehicles on such campus. Such traffic committee, subject to the approval of said board and of the Office of the State Traffic Administration, may: (1) Prohibit, limit or restrict the parking of passenger vehicles; (2) determine speed

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limits; (3) install stop signs; (4) restrict roads or portions thereof to one-way traffic; (5) designate the location of crosswalks on any portion of any road or highway subject to the care, custody and control of said board; [of trustees;] (6) order signs to be erected and maintained designating such prohibitions or restrictions; and (7) impose a fine upon any person who fails to comply with any such prohibition or restriction. Violation of any provision of this section shall be an infraction. All fines so imposed at each state university, less an amount not to exceed the cost of enforcing traffic and parking regulations, shall be deposited in the institutional operating account of such state university for scholarships and library services or acquisitions. The Board of [Trustees of the Connecticut State University System] Regents for Higher Education shall establish at each state university campus within the Connecticut State University System a committee [which] that shall hear appeals of penalties assessed for parking or traffic violations. The membership of both the committee to establish traffic and parking regulations and the committee to hear traffic violation appeals shall include student and faculty representation.

Sec. 84. Section 10a-94 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

The Board of [Trustees of the Connecticut State University System] Regents for Higher Education on behalf of the Connecticut State University System shall maintain, as a part of its extension programs, summer sessions at such place or places as may be practicable and may fix the tuition fees to be charged.

Sec. 85. Section 10a-98 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

As used in this section and sections 10a-98a to 10a-98g, inclusive, (1) "board" means the Board of [Trustees of the Connecticut State University System;] Regents for Higher Education; (2) "foundation"

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means the research foundation established in accordance with section 10a-98a; (3) "employee" means any member of the faculty or staff of the Connecticut State University System or the foundation, or any other employee thereof; and (4) "invention" means any invention or discovery and shall be divided into the following categories: [A.] (A) Any invention conceived by one employee solely, or by employees jointly; [B.] (B) any invention conceived by one or more employees jointly with one or more other persons; [C.] or (C) any invention conceived by one or more persons who are not employees.

Sec. 86. Section 10a-99 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

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

(b) The Board of Regents for Higher Education shall establish and administer a fund to be known as the Connecticut State University System Operating Fund. Appropriations from general revenues of the state and upon request by the Connecticut State University System and with the annual review and approval by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, the amount of the appropriations for fringe benefits pursuant to subsection (a) of section 4-73, shall be transferred from the State Comptroller and all tuition revenue received by the Connecticut State University System in accordance with the provisions of subsection (a) of this section shall be deposited in said fund. Income from student fees or related charges, the proceeds of auxiliary activities and business enterprises, gifts and donations, federal funds and grants, subject to the provisions of sections 10a-98 to 10a-98g, inclusive, as amended by this act, and all receipts derived from the conduct by a state

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university of its education extension program and its summer school session shall be credited to said fund but shall be allocated to the central office and institutional operating accounts which shall be established and maintained for the central office and each state university. Any such gifts and donations, federal funds and grants for purposes of research shall be allocated to separate accounts within such central office and institutional operating accounts. If the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management disapproves such transfer, the secretary may require the amount of the appropriation for operating expenses to be used for personal services and fringe benefits to be excluded from said fund. The State Treasurer shall review and approve the transfer prior to such request by the university. The board shall establish an equitable policy, in accordance with section 10a-8, as amended by this act, for allocation of appropriations from general revenues of the state, fringe benefits transferred from the State Comptroller and tuition revenue deposited in the Connecticut State University System Operating Fund. At the beginning of each quarter of the fiscal year, the board shall allocate and transfer, in accordance with said policy, moneys for expenditure in such institutional operating accounts, exclusive of amounts retained for central office operations and reasonable reserves for future distribution. All costs of waiving or remitting tuition pursuant to subsection (f) of this section shall be charged to the Connecticut State University System Operating Fund. Repairs, alterations or additions to facilities supported by the Connecticut State University System Operating Fund and costing one million dollars or more shall require the approval of the General Assembly, or when the General Assembly is not in session, of the Finance Advisory Committee. Any balance of receipts above expenditures shall remain in said fund, except such sums as may be required for deposit into a debt service fund or the General Fund for further payment by the Treasurer of debt service on general obligation bonds of the state issued for purposes of the Connecticut State University System.

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

(d) [Said board] The Board of Regents for Higher Education 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, (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

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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, (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

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Educational Assistance Act of 2008, the [board of trustees] Board of Regents for Higher Education shall waive the payment of tuition 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 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. 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 actual tuition charged by the Connecticut State University System to such veteran by (II) the sum of the actual tuition and fees charged by the Connecticut State University System to such veteran.

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

(f) [Said board] The Board of Regents for Higher Education 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, as amended by this act. 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

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financial need. Said board may also set aside from its anticipated tuition revenue an additional amount equal to one per cent of said 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 waivers granted under subsection (d) of this section exceed two and one-half per cent of tuition revenue through an annual state appropriation. The [board of trustees] Board of Regents for Higher Education shall request such an appropriation and said appropriation shall be based upon an estimate of tuition revenue loss using tuition rates in effect for the fiscal year in which such appropriation will apply.

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

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

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Sec. 87. Section 10a-99a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(a) (1) The Board of [Trustees of the Connecticut State University System] Regents for Higher Education shall establish a permanent Endowment Fund for the Connecticut State University System to encourage donations from the private sector, with an incentive in the form of an endowment fund state grant, the net earnings on the principal of which are dedicated and made available to a state university or the Connecticut State University System as a whole, for endowed professorships, scholarships and programmatic enhancements. The fund shall be administered by the [board of trustees] Board of Regents for Higher Education, or by a nonprofit entity entrusted for such purpose and qualified as a Section 501(c)(3) organization under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or any subsequent corresponding internal revenue code of the United States, as from time to time amended, and preferably constituted and controlled independent of the state and university so as to qualify the interest on state bonds the proceeds of which have been granted for deposit in the endowment fund as excludable from federal taxation under such code and shall, in any event, be held in a trust fund separate and apart from all other funds and accounts of the state and university. There shall be deposited into the fund: (A) Endowment fund state grants; and (B) interest or other earnings from the investment of moneys in the endowment fund pending transfer of the principal of the fund for the purposes identified in this subdivision. Endowment fund eligible gifts made on behalf of a state university or the system as a whole shall be deposited in a permanent endowment fund created for each such state university and the system as a whole in the appropriate foundation established pursuant to sections 4-37e, as amended by this act, and 4-37f, as amended by this act. A portion of the endowment fund state grant and a portion of earnings on such grant, including capital appreciation, shall be transferred, annually, within thirty days of the receipt of the

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endowment fund state grant by the permanent Endowment Fund for the Connecticut State University System, to such a state university endowment fund based on the ratio of the total amount of such gifts made to such state university to the total amount of all such gifts made to all the state universities and the system as a whole, provided the provisions of section 4-37f, as amended by this act, are satisfied.

[(2) (A) For each of the fiscal years ending June 30, 2000, to June 30, 2006, inclusive, as part of the state contract with donors of endowment fund eligible gifts, the Office of Higher Education, in accordance with section 10a-8b, shall deposit in the Endowment Fund for the Connecticut State University System a grant in an amount equal to half of the total amount of endowment fund eligible gifts received by or for the benefit of the Connecticut State University System as a whole and each state university for the calendar year ending the December thirty-first preceding the commencement of such fiscal year, as certified by the chairperson of the board of trustees by February fifteenth to (i) the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, (ii) the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and the budgets of state agencies, and (iii) the Commissioner of Higher Education, provided such sums do not exceed the endowment fund state grant maximum commitment for the fiscal year in which the grant is made.

(B) For each of the fiscal years ending June 30, 2007, to June 30, 2014, inclusive, as part of the state contract with donors of endowment fund eligible gifts, the Office of Higher Education, in accordance with section 10a-8b, shall deposit in the Endowment Fund for the Connecticut State University System a grant in an amount equal to one-quarter of the total amount of endowment fund eligible gifts, except as provided for in this subdivision, received by or for the benefit of the Connecticut State University System as a whole and each state university for the calendar year ending the December thirty-first preceding the commencement of

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such fiscal year, as certified by the chairperson of the board of trustees by February fifteenth to (i) the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, (ii) the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and the budgets of state agencies, and (iii) the Commissioner of Higher Education, provided such sums do not exceed the endowment fund state grant maximum commitment for the fiscal year in which the grant is made. Endowment fund eligible gifts that meet the criteria set forth in this subdivision, made by donors during the period from January 1, 2005, to June 30, 2005, shall continue to be matched by the Office of Higher Education in an amount equal to one-half of the total amount of endowment fund eligible gifts received. Commitments by donors to make endowment fund eligible gifts for two or more years that meet the criteria set forth in this subdivision and that are made for the period prior to December 31, 2004, but ending before December 31, 2012, shall continue to be matched by the Office of Higher Education in an amount equal to one-half of the total amount of endowment fund eligible gifts received.

(C) In any such fiscal year in which the total of the eligible gifts received by the Connecticut State University System as a whole and each state university exceed the endowment fund state grant maximum commitment for such fiscal year the amount in excess of such endowment fund state grant maximum commitment shall be carried forward and be eligible for a matching state grant in any succeeding fiscal year from the fiscal year ending June 30, 2000, to the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014, inclusive, subject to the endowment fund state grant maximum commitment. Any endowment fund eligible gifts that are not included in the total amount of endowment fund eligible gifts certified by the chairperson of the board of trustees pursuant to this subdivision may be carried forward and be eligible for a matching state grant in any succeeding fiscal year from the fiscal year ending June 30, 2000, to the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014, inclusive, subject to the

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endowment fund state matching grant maximum commitment for such fiscal year.]

[(3)] (2) The Board of [Trustees of the Connecticut State University System] Regents for Higher Education shall adopt, by October 1, 1997, guidelines with respect to (A) the solicitation of endowment fund eligible gifts from private donors, and (B) governing the acceptance of gifts made by a foundation established pursuant to sections 4-37e, as amended by this act, and 4-37f, as amended by this act, to a state university or its employees for reimbursement of expenditures or payment of expenditures on behalf of a state university or its employees. Private donations shall not be construed to include proceeds of federal grants but may include proceeds of municipal grants.

(b) For the purposes of this section: (1) "Endowment fund eligible gift" means a gift to or for the benefit of any of the state universities of the Connecticut State University System or the system as a whole of cash or assets which may be reduced to cash or which has the value that is ascertainable by the state universities or the system as a whole and which the donor has specifically designated for deposit in the endowment fund or which explicitly or implicitly by the terms of the gift, the universities or the system as a whole may and does deposit or permit to be deposited in the endowment funds; [.] and (2) ["Endowment fund state grant"] "endowment fund state grant" means moneys transferred by the Office of Higher Education from the fund established pursuant to section 10a-8b to the endowment fund established pursuant to this section in an aggregate amount not exceeding the endowment fund state grant maximum commitment. [(3) "Endowment fund state grant maximum commitment" means an amount not exceeding two and one-half million dollars in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2000, five million dollars for each of the fiscal years ending June 30, 2001, and June 30, 2002, and seven million five hundred thousand dollars for each of the fiscal years ending June 30, 2003, to June

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30, 2014, inclusive.]

Sec. 88. Section 10a-144 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

There is established a higher education center for the central Naugatuck Valley region. The [regional community-technical college] Connecticut State Community College campus established for the greater Waterbury area pursuant to subsection (g) of section 10a-78, as amended by this act, shall be located at such center. The University of Connecticut shall have access to classrooms, faculty office space and concurrent and cooperative use of common student facilities including, but not limited to, library and athletic fields, at such center. The Board of Regents for Higher Education, in conjunction with the chancellor of the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities, or the chancellor's designee, shall develop an annual joint use plan for such center. On or before September 1, 1993, and annually thereafter, the chancellor of the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities shall call and convene an initial meeting for the development of such plan.

Sec. 89. Section 10a-149 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(a) In addition to other powers granted in the general statutes, authority and responsibility for the operation of the state's public institutions of higher education shall be vested in (1) the Board of Trustees of The University of Connecticut which shall have exclusive responsibility for programs leading to research doctoral, doctor of medicine, doctor of dental medicine and juris doctor degrees, (2) the Board of [Trustees of the Connecticut State University System] Regents for Higher Education on behalf of the Connecticut State University System which shall have special responsibility for the preparation of personnel for the public schools of the state including master's degree programs, education doctoral degree programs, including an education

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doctoral degree program in nursing education, and other graduate study in education, and authority for providing (A) liberal arts and career programs at the bachelors, masters and sixth year level, and (B) professional doctoral degree programs, except programs leading to research doctoral, doctor of medicine, doctor of dental medicine and juris doctor degrees, (3) the Board of [Trustees of the Community-Technical Colleges] Regents for Higher Education on behalf of the Connecticut State Community College which shall have responsibility for providing programs, as enumerated in section 10a-80, as amended by this act, leading, where appropriate, to an associate degree or occupational certificate and programs leading to the degree of associate in applied science and such other appropriate degrees or certificates [as are approved by the Board of Regents for Higher Education] and for such terminal vocational retraining and continuing education programs leading to occupational certificates as are appropriate, and (4) the Board of Regents for Higher Education which shall have responsibility for the award of external degrees and credits earned at Charter Oak State College by examination and by other forms of validation and by evaluation of learning, including transfer of credit, provided the authority of the [Boards] Board of Trustees of The University of Connecticut [, the Connecticut State University System and the Community-Technical Colleges] and the Board of Regents for Higher Education on behalf of the Connecticut State University System and the Connecticut State Community College to award degrees of the respective institutions shall not be affected.

(b) In approving programs provided under subparagraph (B) of subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of this section, the Board of [Trustees for the Connecticut State University System] Regents for Higher Education shall consider (1) the effect a proposed professional doctoral degree program would have on the budget of the state university within the Connecticut State University System seeking to offer such program, (2) whether expertise in the subject matter of such program currently

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exists at [the] such state university, (3) the current and projected accreditation standards governing such program, and (4) the current and projected professional standards in the occupational field for which students would qualify for employment upon graduation from such program.

Sec. 90. Section 10a-151a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(a) Notwithstanding the provisions of [any general statute or regulation to the contrary] the general statutes or regulations of Connecticut state agencies, the [Boards] Board of Trustees [for the Community-Technical Colleges, the Connecticut State University System and] of The University of Connecticut and the Board of Regents for Higher Education shall annually designate from the funds available to each board for equipment an amount to be spent by each institution under its jurisdiction for the purchase of equipment used for research purposes, library media and library books for each such fiscal year.

(b) Within the limitations of funds designated pursuant to subsection (a) of this section by each board [of trustees] for the purchase of equipment used for research purposes, library media and library books, the expenditure of such funds and the purposes therefor shall be in the sole jurisdiction of the chief executive officer of each institution, subject to the policies of [the] each board [of trustees] and shall not be subject to the approval of any other state agency, but shall be subject to auditing procedures required pursuant to section 2-90, provided the purchase of equipment used for research purposes and library media shall be made from the most competitive source. Such officer shall report annually to the board [of trustees] of [his] such officer's respective institution on the expenditure of funds.

Sec. 91. Subsection (a) of section 10a-151b of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*

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passage):

(a) Notwithstanding the provisions of chapter 58, and sections 4-98, 4a-4, 4a-5, 4a-6, 4d-2, and 4d-5 to the contrary, a chief executive officer may purchase equipment, supplies and contractual services, execute personal service agreements, as defined in section 4-212, or lease personal property compatible, where relevant, with standards for computer architecture established by the Department of Administrative Services, without the approval of the Comptroller, the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management or the Commissioner of Administrative Services, provided the chief executive officer consults with the commissioner and such purchases are made in accordance with this section and in accordance with policies ~~[which]~~ that are (1) adopted by the governing board ~~[of trustees]~~ of the constituent unit after reasonable opportunity for interested persons to present their views, and (2) subject to section 4-175. For purposes of this section, "chief executive officer" means the chief executive officer of a constituent unit of the state system of higher education or the chief executive officer of an institution or campus within the jurisdiction of such a constituent unit. The provisions of sections 4-212 to 4-219, inclusive, and section 9 of public act 93-336 shall not apply to personal service agreements executed pursuant to this section.

Sec. 92. Section 10a-151c of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, ~~[to the contrary,]~~ the chief executive officer of each institution within the jurisdiction of a constituent unit of the state system of higher education shall have the authority to approve travel requests and the payment of travel expenses incurred by employees of their institutions, in accordance with rates and policies approved by the governing board ~~[of trustees]~~ of the constituent unit, provided such rates and policies are (1) ~~[are]~~ approved after reasonable opportunity has been provided for

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interested persons to present their views, and (2) [are] subject to section 4-175. Travel expenses paid pursuant to this subsection shall be paid upon the order of the Comptroller.

Sec. 93. Section 10a-151d of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

On or before January 1, 2015, and annually thereafter, the governing board [of trustees] of each constituent unit of the state system of higher education shall submit a report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a, to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and the budgets of state agencies concerning expenditures pursuant to [section] sections 4a-52a, 10a-151b, as amended by this act, and 10a-151c, as amended by this act, during the preceding fiscal year.

Sec. 94. Section 10a-152 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

The governing boards [of trustees] of each constituent unit, subject to the provisions of the general statutes, may receive any federal funds made available to this state for postsecondary educational purposes and expend such funds for the purpose or purposes for which they are made available. The State Treasurer shall be the custodian of such funds. [Said] Such boards may allocate and use any appropriate or special fund to meet the matching requirements of any federal act making funds available to the state for postsecondary educational purposes.

Sec. 95. Section 10a-154a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

Any record maintained or kept on file by a governing board [of trustees] of a constituent unit of the state system of higher education [which] that is a record of the performance and evaluation of a faculty or professional staff member of such constituent unit shall not be

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deemed to be a public record and shall not be subject to disclosure under the provisions of section 1-210, unless such faculty or professional staff member consents in writing to the release of his records by the governing board [of trustees] of the constituent unit. Such consent shall be required for each request for a release of such records.

Sec. 96. Section 10a-154b of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 5-214 and 5-215 or any other provision of the general statutes or special act, [to the contrary,] the chief executive officer of a constituent unit of the state system of higher education and the chief executive officer of an institution or campus within the jurisdiction of a constituent unit of the state system of higher education may establish positions and approve the filling of all position vacancies of such constituent unit or institution within the limits of available funds and in accordance with policies approved by the governing board [of trustees] of the constituent unit.

Sec. 97. Section 10a-156a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(a) [Not later than October 1, 2013, each] Each constituent unit of the state system of higher education and each independent institution of higher education [, as defined in subsection (a) of section 10a-173,] shall submit an up-to-date security protocol plan to the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection. Such plan shall identify procedures specifically designed to heighten awareness by all faculty and staff regarding potentially at-risk students and other individuals on campus through effective educational strategies. Such procedures shall be designed to educate faculty and staff on how to recognize and respond to students and such other individuals who may be at risk of harm to themselves or others. Not later than July 1, 2015, and biennially thereafter, each constituent unit and independent institution of higher

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education shall review the security protocol plan with each of its chiefs of police or heads of campus security to determine whether such plan adequately addresses campus security concerns or requires revisions. In the event that revisions are required, the constituent unit or independent institution of higher education making revisions shall submit a revised security protocol plan to the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection not later than August first of the year in which revisions are deemed necessary.

(b) [Not later than January 1, 2014, each] Each constituent unit and independent institution of higher education shall establish a trained threat assessment team for each of its campuses. The threat assessment team shall consist of individuals selected by the president of each state college [, regional community-technical college] or university or independent institution of higher education in consultation with its chief of police or head of campus security and may include not less than one member of its special police force or campus security personnel, administration, faculty and senior and mid-level staff. The chief of police or head of campus security at each state college [, regional community-technical college] and university and independent institution of higher education shall be responsible for ensuring that every member of the threat assessment team (1) is capable of executing the security protocol plan developed in accordance with subsection (a) of this section, and (2) receives comprehensive training in identifying potentially at-risk students, other potentially at-risk individuals on campus and any other potential threats to campus safety.

Sec. 98. Section 10a-157 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(a) [Not later than July 1, 2013, the regional community-technical college system] The Connecticut State Community College and the Connecticut State University System shall develop and implement a general education core of courses for which not fewer than thirty

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academic credits shall be offered by each such constituent unit as part of its liberal arts and sciences programs and any other degree program designated as a transfer program. A student who graduates from any such liberal arts and sciences program or transfer program or transfers from such program to another of such constituent units or to another institution within the same constituent unit shall transfer any credits earned while enrolled in such program toward the general education core curriculum requirements of the constituent unit to which such student transfers.

(b) Teaching faculty from the [regional community-technical college system] Connecticut State Community College and the Connecticut State University System, elected pursuant to a uniform, system-wide election by the faculty senates representing each of such constituent units, shall be included in the development and implementation of the general education core of courses.

Sec. 99. Subsections (b) to (e), inclusive, of section 10a-157a of the general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(b) Not later than the start of the fall semester of 2014 for the Connecticut State University System and not later than the start of the fall semester of 2015 for the [regional community-technical colleges] Connecticut State Community College, and for each semester thereafter, if a public institution of higher education determines, by use of multiple commonly accepted measures of skill level, that a student is likely to succeed in college level work with supplemental support, the public institution of higher education shall offer such student remedial support that is embedded with the corresponding entry level course in a college level program. Such embedded support shall be offered during the same semester as and in conjunction with the entry level course for purposes of providing the student with supplemental support in the entry level course.

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(c) Not later than the start of the fall semester of 2015 and for each semester thereafter, if a public institution of higher education determines, by use of multiple commonly accepted measures of skill level, that a student is below the skill level required for success in college level work with supplemental support, the public institution of higher education shall offer such student one intensive semester of remedial support that (1) is designed to provide such student with the knowledge and skills necessary to be placed in an entry level course in a college level program, and (2) such student may repeat subject to the public institution of higher education's course repeat policy provided [that] such policy shall not prohibit a minimum of one repeat attempt.

(d) Not later than the start of the fall semester of 2015 and for each semester thereafter, if a public institution of higher education determines, by use of multiple commonly accepted measures of skill level, that a student is below the skill level required for success in an intensive semester of remedial support, the public institution of higher education shall offer such student the opportunity to participate in a transitional college readiness program before the start of the next semester. Such student shall complete such transitional college readiness program prior to receiving embedded remedial support, as provided in subsection (b) of this section or intensive remedial support, as provided in subsection (c) of this section. The Board of Regents for Higher Education, in consultation with Connecticut's P-20 Council and the faculty advisory committee to the Board of Regents for Higher Education, shall develop options for a transitional college readiness program.

(e) Not later than the start of the fall semester of 2014 for the Connecticut State University System and not later than the start of the fall semester of 2015 for the [regional community-technical colleges] Connecticut State Community College, and for each semester thereafter, each public institution of higher education shall offer only remedial

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support, including remedial courses, that is authorized pursuant to subsections (b), (c) and (d) of this section.

Sec. 100. Subsection (b) of section 10a-158 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(b) Not later than January 1, 2014, and biennially thereafter, the Board of Regents for Higher Education shall compare (1) the salaries of the administrators at each public institution of higher education within the Connecticut State University System and the [regional-community technical college system] Connecticut State Community College with the salaries of administrators with similar responsibilities at peer public institutions of higher education in the United States, (2) the ratio of administrators to students and of administrators to faculty at each public institution of higher education within the Connecticut State University System and the [regional-community technical college system] Connecticut State Community College with the ratio of administrators to students and of administrators to faculty at peer public institutions of higher education in the United States, and (3) the salaries of the administrators in the central office of the Board of Regents for Higher Education with the salaries of administrators with similar responsibilities in the central office of similar state university systems in the United States.

Sec. 101. Subsection (b) of section 10a-168a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(b) Within available appropriations, the program shall provide grants to minority students (1) in teacher education programs for their junior or senior year, or both such years, at any four-year institution of higher education, (2) completing the requirements of such a teacher education program as a graduate student, provided such student received a grant

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pursuant to this section for one year at the undergraduate level, or (3) enrolled in the alternate route to certification program administered through the Office of Higher Education or the Department of Education. No student shall receive a grant under the program for more than two years. Maximum grants shall not exceed five thousand dollars per year. The office shall ensure that at least ten per cent of the grant recipients are minority students who transfer from [a] the Connecticut [regional community-technical college] State Community College.

Sec. 102. Subdivision (5) of subsection (a) of section 10a-173 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(5) "Public institution of higher education" means the constituent units of the state system of higher education identified in subdivisions (1) and (2) of section 10a-1, as amended by this act, except the [regional community-technical colleges] Connecticut State Community College;

Sec. 103. Section 10a-174 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(a) As used in this section:

(1) "Award" means the greater of: (A) The unpaid portion, if any, of a qualifying student's eligible institutional costs after subtracting his or her financial aid, or (B) a minimum award of five hundred dollars for a full-time student or three hundred dollars for a part-time student;

(2) "Eligible institutional costs" means the tuition and required fees incurred each semester by an individual student that are established by the Board of Regents for Higher Education for the [regional community-technical colleges] Connecticut State Community College;

(3) "Financial aid" means the sum of all scholarships, grants and federal, state and institutional aid received by a qualifying student.

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"Financial aid" does not include any federal, state or private student loans received by a qualifying student;

(4) "Qualifying student" means any person who (A) graduated from a public or nonpublic high school, (B) enrolls as a full-time or part-time student for the fall semester of 2020, or any semester thereafter, at [a regional community-technical college] the Connecticut State Community College in a program leading to a degree or certificate, (C) is classified as an in-state student pursuant to section 10a-29, (D) is making satisfactory academic progress while enrolled at [a regional community-technical college] the Connecticut State Community College, (E) has completed the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, and (F) has accepted all available financial aid or is a transition program student;

(5) "Full-time student" means a student who is enrolled at [a regional community-technical college] the Connecticut State Community College and (A) is carrying twelve or more credit hours in a semester, or (B) has a learning disability documented with the [regional community-technical college] Connecticut State Community College in which he or she is enrolled and is enrolled in the maximum number of credit hours that is feasible for such student to attempt in a semester, as determined by such student's academic advisor;

(6) "Semester" means the fall or spring semester of an academic year. "Semester" does not include a summer semester or session;

(7) "Part-time student" means a student who is enrolled at [a regional community-technical college] the Connecticut State Community College and is carrying not less than six but fewer than twelve credit hours in a semester; and

(8) "Transition program student" means any person who (A) is a resident of this state, (B) has not graduated from high school, (C) is

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enrolled in a transition program pursuant to such person's individualized education program, and (D) enrolls in one or more courses at [a regional community-technical college] the Connecticut State Community College.

(b) The Board of Regents for Higher Education shall (1) establish a debt-free community college program to make awards to qualifying students each semester, (2) adopt rules, procedures and forms necessary to implement the debt-free community college program, and (3) submit a report outlining such rules, procedures and forms, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a, to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to higher education. Awards made to qualifying students pursuant to the debt-free community college program shall be designated as the "Mary Ann Handley Award".

(c) For the fall semester of 2020, and each semester thereafter, the Board of Regents for Higher Education shall make awards to qualifying students within available appropriations. An award shall be available to a qualifying student for the first seventy-two credit hours earned by the qualifying student at [a regional community-technical college] the Connecticut State Community College, provided the qualifying student meets and continues to meet the requirements of this section. The board shall not use an award to supplant any financial aid, including, but not limited to, state or institutional aid, otherwise available to a qualifying student.

(d) Not later than November 1, 2024, and March 1, 2025, and each semester thereafter, the Board of Regents for Higher Education shall report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a, to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to higher education and employment advancement and appropriations and the budgets of the state agencies regarding the debt-free community college program, including, but not limited to, (1) the

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number of qualifying students enrolled at the [regional community-technical colleges] Connecticut State Community College during each semester, (2) the number of qualifying students receiving minimum awards and the number of qualifying students receiving awards for the unpaid portion of eligible institutional costs, (3) the average number of credit hours the qualifying students enrolled in each semester and the average number of credit hours the qualifying students completed each semester, (4) the average amount of the award made to qualifying students under this section for the unpaid portion of eligible institutional costs, and (5) the completion rates of qualifying students receiving awards under this section by degree or certificate program.

Sec. 104. Subsection (b) of section 14-73 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(b) Application for an instructor's license or a master instructor's license shall be in writing and shall contain such information as the commissioner requires. Each applicant for an instructor's license or a master instructor's license, or for any renewal thereof, shall be fingerprinted and shall furnish evidence satisfactory to the commissioner that such applicant: (1) Is of good moral character considering such person's state and national criminal history records checks conducted in accordance with section 29-17a, and record, if any, on the state child abuse and neglect registry established pursuant to section 17a-101k. If any applicant for a license or the renewal of a license has a criminal record or is listed on the state child abuse and neglect registry, the commissioner shall make a determination of whether to issue or renew an instructor's license or master instructor's license in accordance with the standards and procedures set forth in section 14-44 and the regulations adopted pursuant to said section; (2) has held a license to drive a motor vehicle for the past five consecutive years and has a driving record satisfactory to the commissioner, including no

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record of a conviction or administrative license suspension for a drug or alcohol-related offense during such five-year period; (3) has passed a physical examination, administered not more than ninety days prior to the date of application, by a physician, physician assistant or an advanced practice registered nurse licensed to practice within the state and the physician, physician assistant or advanced practice registered nurse certifies that the applicant is physically fit to operate a motor vehicle and provide instruction in driving; (4) has received a high school diploma or has an equivalent academic education; and (5) has completed an instructor training course of forty-five clock hours given by a school or agency approved by the commissioner, except that any such course given by an institution [under the jurisdiction of the board of trustees of] within the Connecticut State University System shall be approved by the commissioner and the State Board of Education. During the period of licensure, an instructor shall notify the commissioner, within forty-eight hours, of an arrest or conviction for a misdemeanor or felony, or an arrest, conviction or administrative license suspension for a drug or alcohol-related offense. Upon such notification, the commissioner may suspend, revoke or withdraw the instructor's license or master instructor's license pursuant to the provisions of section 14-79.

Sec. 105. Subsection (c) of section 20-195ttt of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(c) The Commissioner of Health Strategy, or the commissioner's designee, shall act as the chair of the Community Health Worker Advisory Body and shall appoint the following members to said body:

(1) Six members who are actively practicing as community health workers in the state;

(2) A member of the Community Health Workers Association of

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Connecticut;

(3) A representative of a community-based community health worker training organization;

(4) A representative of [a regional community-technical college] the Connecticut State Community College;

(5) An employer of community health workers;

(6) A representative of a health care organization that employs community health workers;

(7) A health care provider who works directly with community health workers; and

(8) The Commissioner of Public Health, or the commissioner's designee.

Sec. 106. Section 29-251b of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

There is established, within the Department of Administrative Services, a Building Code Training Council which shall advise the State Building Inspector and the Codes and Standards Committee on all matters pertaining to certification training programs, continuing educational programs for building officials pursuant to section 29-262 and programs for all other persons eligible to receive training pursuant to subsections (a) and (c) of section 29-251c. The council shall be composed of sixteen members, who shall be residents of this state, appointed as follows: (1) The State Building Inspector, or his designee; (2) one by the Codes and Standards Committee, who shall be a member of said committee; (3) three by the Connecticut Building Officials Association, each of whom shall be a member of said association; (4) [one] two by the Board of Regents for Higher Education, one of whom

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shall be a representative of the Connecticut State Community College;
[(5) one by the Board of Trustees of the Community-Technical Colleges;
(6)] (5) one by the Governor, who shall be a chief elected official of a
municipality; [(7)] (6) seven by the Commissioner of Administrative
Services: (A) One of whom shall be an architect licensed pursuant to
chapter 390, selected from a list of individuals submitted by the
Connecticut Chapter of the American Institute of Architects; (B) one of
whom shall be a professional engineer, licensed pursuant to chapter 391,
selected from a list of individuals submitted by the Connecticut
Engineers in Private Practice; (C) one of whom shall be a landscape
architect, licensed pursuant to chapter 396, selected from a list of
individuals submitted by the Connecticut Chapter of the American
Society of Landscape Architects; (D) one of whom shall be an interior
designer, registered pursuant to chapter 396a, selected from a list of
individuals submitted by the Connecticut Coalition of Interior
Designers; (E) one of whom shall be a member of the Connecticut State
Building Trades Council, selected from a list of individuals submitted
by said organization; and (F) two of whom shall be builders, general
contractors or superintendents of construction, one having expertise in
residential building construction, selected from a list of individuals
submitted by the Home Builders Association of Connecticut, Inc., and
one having expertise in nonresidential building construction, selected
from a list of individuals submitted by the Associated General
Contractors of Connecticut, Incorporated; and [(8)] (7) one by the
president pro tempore of the Senate, who shall be a member of the
public. The council shall elect a chairperson and vice-chairperson from
among its members. Any member who fails to attend at least fifty per
cent of all meetings held during any calendar year or fails to attend three
consecutive meetings shall be deemed to have resigned from the
council. Vacancies on the council shall be filled by the appointing
authority. Members of the council shall serve without compensation but
shall, within the limits of available funds as approved by the
Commissioner of Administrative Services, be reimbursed for necessary

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expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

Sec. 107. Section 29-298a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

There shall be established within the Department of Administrative Services a Fire Marshal Training Council which shall advise the State Fire Marshal and the Codes and Standards Committee on all matters pertaining to (1) certification training programs, (2) decertification hearings, (3) in-service training for fire marshals in the state, and (4) programs for all other persons eligible to receive training pursuant to subsections (a) to (c), inclusive, of section 29-251c. The council shall be composed of twelve members as follows: The State Fire Marshal or his designee; a member of the Codes and Standards Committee to be elected by such committee; three members appointed by the Connecticut Fire Marshals Association, one of whom shall be a volunteer, one of whom shall be a part-time paid, and one of whom shall be a full-time, local fire marshal, deputy fire marshal or fire inspector; [one member] three members appointed by the Board of Regents for Higher Education, two of whom shall be representatives of the Connecticut State Community College; [two members appointed by the Board of Trustees for the Community-Technical Colleges;] the chief elected official of a municipality having a population in excess of seventy thousand persons, appointed by the Governor; the chief elected official of a municipality having a population of less than seventy thousand persons, appointed by the Governor; and two public members, appointed by the Governor. Members shall be residents of this state and shall not be compensated for their services but shall be reimbursed for necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties. The council may elect such officers as it deems necessary.

Sec. 108. Section 32-6j of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

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In the assessment and provision of job training for employers, the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development and the chief executive officer of Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated shall request the assistance of the Labor Commissioner. Upon receipt of a request for job training pursuant to this section, the Labor Commissioner shall notify the chancellor of the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities, or the chancellor's designee, of such request. The chancellor, or the chancellor's designee, shall determine if a training program exists or can be designed at [a regional community-technical college] the Connecticut State Community College to meet such training need and shall notify the Labor Commissioner of such determination. The Labor Commissioner shall to the extent possible make arrangements for the participation of the [regional community-technical colleges] Connecticut State Community College, the Connecticut State University System, other institutions of higher education, other postsecondary institutions, adult education programs and the Technical Education and Career System in implementing the program. Nothing in this section shall preclude the Labor Commissioner from considering or choosing other providers to meet such training need.

Sec. 109. Section 32-70d of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

[Within] Not later than thirty days after the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development approves the designation of an area as an enterprise zone in a municipality under subdivision (2) of subsection (c) of section 32-70, the municipality shall establish a community enterprise zone board. The board shall establish policy for the promotion and development of the zone, coordinate economic development programs in the zone with related job training and social services programs and adopt an enterprise zone revitalization plan. The plan shall specify goals and objectives for the enterprise zone, describe strategies to attain such goals and establish an implementation

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schedule. The municipality shall submit its plan to the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development for review and comment. The board shall consist of (1) the following officials of such municipality, or designees of such officials: The official responsible for economic development programs; the chief executive official, or his designee; a representative of the legislative body, who shall be appointed by such body; the chief of police, or his designee; the housing administrator, or his designee; and a representative of the school board, who shall be appointed by such board; (2) a representative of the [regional community-technical college] Connecticut State Community College campus serving the region in which the municipality is located, if applicable, who shall be appointed by the chief executive officer of such college; (3) two representatives of the business community of the municipality, one of whom shall be a member of the chamber of commerce from the municipality; (4) two persons who own businesses located in the enterprise zone; and (5) two representatives of neighborhood community organizations serving the area in which the zone is located or, if no such organization exists, two residents of said area. The board members described in subdivisions (3), (4) and (5) of this section shall be appointed by the chief executive official of the municipality.

Sec. 110. Subsection (a) of section 32-612 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(a) A downtown higher education center project, as described in section 32-600, shall be developed by the Department of Administrative Services in consultation with the Board of [Trustees of the Community-Technical Colleges] Regents for Higher Education. Said project shall not require approval by the State Properties Review Board.

Sec. 111. Subsection (b) of section 32-615 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*

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passage):

(b) The proceeds of the sale of said bonds, to the extent of the amount stated in subsection (a) of this section, shall be used by the [regional community-technical college system] Connecticut State Community College for the purpose of development of the downtown higher education center project, as defined in section 32-600.

Sec. 112. Section 48-9 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

Subject to the provisions of section 4b-23, the state may take land, or any interest or estate therein, for the site, or for any addition to the site, of any state institution or courthouse, or for any addition to the site of any institution [under the jurisdiction of the Board of Trustees of] within the Connecticut State University System, Technical Education and Career System or technical college or for the purposes of subsection (e) of section 22a-133m, and also may take water from any river, brook, spring or springs, pond or lake for the purpose of providing such supply of water as the convenience and necessity of such institution may require. The amount of damages for any such taking shall be determined in the manner provided by section 48-10.

Sec. 113. (*Effective July 1, 2025*) (a) Wherever the words "board of trustees", "Board of Trustees of the Connecticut State University System" or "Board of Trustees of the Community-Technical Colleges" are used to denote the Board of Trustees of the Connecticut State University System or the Board of Trustees of the Community-Technical Colleges in any public act of the 2025 session, the words "Board of Regents for Higher Education" shall be substituted in lieu thereof.

(b) Wherever the words "regional community-technical colleges" or "regional community-technical college system" are used to denote a constituent unit of the state system of higher education in any public act

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of the 2025 session, the words "the Connecticut State Community College" shall be substituted in lieu thereof.

(c) The Legislative Commissioners' Office shall, in codifying such public acts of the 2025 session, make such technical, grammatical and punctuation changes as are necessary to carry out the purposes of this section.

Sec. 114. Subsection (r) of section 1-84 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

(r) (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (b) and (c) of this section, a member of the faculty or a member of a faculty bargaining unit of a constituent unit of the state system of higher education may enter into a consulting agreement or engage in a research project with a public or private entity, provided such agreement or project does not conflict with the member's employment with the constituent unit, as determined by policies established by the governing board [of trustees] for such constituent unit.

(2) The governing board [of trustees] for each constituent unit of the state system of higher education shall establish policies to ensure that any such member who enters such a consulting agreement or engages in such a research project (A) is not inappropriately using university proprietary information in connection with such agreement or project, (B) does not have an interest in such agreement or project that interferes with the proper discharge of his or her employment with the constituent unit, and (C) is not inappropriately using such member's association with the constituent unit in connection with such agreement or project. Such policies shall (i) establish procedures for the disclosure, review and management of conflicts of interest relating to any such agreement or project, (ii) require the approval by the chief academic officer of the constituent unit, or his or her designee, prior to any such member

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entering into any such agreement or engaging in any such project, and (iii) include procedures that impose sanctions and penalties on any member for failing to comply with the provisions of the policies. Annually, the internal audit office of each constituent unit shall audit the constituent unit's compliance with such policies and report its findings to the committee of the constituent unit established pursuant to subdivision (3) of this subsection. For purposes of this subsection, "consulting" means the provision of services for compensation to a public or private entity by a member of the faculty or member of a faculty bargaining unit of a constituent unit of the state system of higher education: (I) When the request to provide such services is based on such member's expertise in a field or prominence in such field, and (II) while such member is not acting in the capacity of a state employee, and "research" means a systematic investigation, including, but not limited to, research development, testing and evaluation, designed to develop or contribute to general knowledge in the applicable field of study.

(3) There is established a committee for each constituent unit of the state system of higher education to monitor the constituent unit's compliance with the policies and procedures described in subdivision (2) of this subsection governing consulting agreements and research projects with public or private entities by a member of the faculty or a member of a faculty bargaining unit of such constituent unit. Each committee shall consist of nine members as follows: (A) Three members, appointed jointly by the Governor, the speaker of the House of Representatives, the president pro tempore of the Senate, the majority leader of the House of Representatives, the majority leader of the Senate, the minority leader of the House of Representatives and the minority leader of the Senate, who shall serve as members for each such committee; (B) one member appointed by the chairperson of the constituent unit's governing board [of trustees] from the membership of such board; (C) the chief academic officer of the constituent unit, or his or her designee; (D) three members appointed by the chief executive

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officer of the constituent unit; and (E) one member appointed by the chairperson of the Citizen's Ethics Advisory Board from the membership of such board. Members shall serve for a term of two years. Any vacancies shall be filled by the appointing authority. Each committee shall (i) review the annual reports submitted by the internal audit office for the constituent unit, pursuant to subdivision (2) of this subsection, (ii) make recommendations, annually, to the governing board [of trustees] of the constituent unit concerning the policies and procedures of the constituent unit established pursuant to subdivision (2) of this subsection, including any changes to such policies and procedures, and (iii) send a copy of such recommendations, in accordance with section 11-4a, to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to higher education and government administration.

(4) The provisions of subsections (b) and (c) of this section shall apply to any member of the faculty or member of a faculty bargaining unit of a constituent unit of the state system of higher education who enters such a consulting agreement or engages in such a research project without prior approval, as described in subdivision (2) of this subsection.

Sec. 115. Sections 10a-71 and 10a-88 of the general statutes are repealed. (*Effective July 1, 2025*)

Governor's Action:

Approved June 9, 2025