



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 6580**

LCO No. 4358



Referred to Committee on HIGHER EDUCATION AND  
EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT

Introduced by:  
(HED)

***AN ACT CONCERNING AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS.***

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) The University of Connecticut  
2 shall study the feasibility of establishing or expanding programs of  
3 study and community outreach programs related to food and  
4 agricultural literacy by increasing opportunities for interactions with  
5 farms in rural, suburban and urban communities. Such study shall  
6 include, but need not be limited to, an examination of the feasibility of  
7 (1) developing certificate, degree or extension programs or programs for  
8 independent study related to best management practices for  
9 agricultural or aquaculture sustainability, ecosystem health concerning  
10 plants and animals, urban farming and gardening and food product  
11 development and marketing, (2) developing community outreach  
12 programs for students in grades kindergarten to twelve, inclusive,  
13 through agriculture and aquaculture science programs or through  
14 participation with organizations such as Future Farmers of America, a  
15 local 4-H organization or an independent farm that provides

16 agricultural education programs, (3) developing community outreach  
17 programs to support state residents in identifying means of accessing  
18 fresh food products, exploring healthy eating and interacting with local  
19 farms, and (4) using grants or other funding opportunities to establish  
20 such programs or support existing programs.

21 (b) Not later than January 1, 2022, The University of Connecticut shall  
22 submit a report on the findings of the feasibility study, in accordance  
23 with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint  
24 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
25 matters relating to higher education.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

**HED**      *Joint Favorable*