

General Assembly

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Introduced by: (AGE)

## Raised Bill No. 7006

LCO No. **4843** 

## AN ACT CONCERNING TUITION WAIVERS FOR NURSING HOME RESIDENTS WHO TAKE ONLINE COURSES AT REGIONAL COMMUNITY-TECHNICAL COLLEGES.

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

Section 1. Subsection (d) of section 10a-77 of the general statutes is
repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

4 (d) Said board of trustees shall waive the payment of tuition at any of 5 the regional community-technical colleges (1) for any dependent child 6 of a person whom the armed forces of the United States has declared to 7 be missing in action or to have been a prisoner of war while serving in 8 such armed forces after January 1, 1960, which child has been accepted 9 for admission to such institution and is a resident of the state at the time 10 such child is accepted for admission to such institution, (2) subject to the 11 provisions of subsection (e) of this section, for any veteran, as defined in 12 section 27-103, who performed service in time of war, as defined in 13 section 27-103, except that for purposes of this subsection, "service in 14 time of war" shall not include time spent in attendance at a military

15 service academy, which veteran has been accepted for admission to such 16 institution and is domiciled in this state at the time such veteran is 17 accepted for admission to such institution, (3) for any resident of the state sixty-two years of age or older, provided, at the end of the regular 18 19 registration period, there are enrolled in the course a sufficient number 20 of students other than those residents eligible for waivers pursuant to 21 this subdivision to offer the course in which such resident intends to 22 enroll and there is space available in such course after accommodating 23 all such students, (4) for any student attending the Connecticut State 24 Police Academy who is enrolled in a law enforcement program at said 25 academy offered in coordination with a regional community-technical 26 college which accredits courses taken in such program, (5) for any active 27 member of the Connecticut Army or Air National Guard who (A) has 28 been certified by the Adjutant General or such Adjutant General's 29 designee as a member in good standing of the guard, and (B) is enrolled 30 or accepted for admission to such institution on a full-time or part-time 31 basis in an undergraduate degree-granting program, (6) for any 32 dependent child of a (A) police officer, as defined in section 7-294a, or 33 supernumerary or auxiliary police officer, (B) firefighter, as defined in 34 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 35 36 the line of duty, (7) for any resident of the state who is a dependent child 37 or surviving spouse of a specified terrorist victim who was a resident of 38 this state, (8) for any dependent child of a resident of the state who was 39 killed in a multivehicle crash at or near the intersection of Routes 44 and 40 10 and Nod Road in Avon on July 29, 2005, [and] (9) for any resident of 41 the state who is a dependent child or surviving spouse of a person who 42 was killed in action while performing active military duty with the armed forces of the United States on or after September 11, 2001, and 43 44 who was a resident of this state, and (10) for any resident of the state 45 who (A) resides in a nursing home, as defined in section 19a-490, and 46 (B) enrolls in any online course. If any person who receives a tuition 47 waiver in accordance with the provisions of this subsection also receives 48 educational reimbursement from an employer, such waiver shall be

49 reduced by the amount of such educational reimbursement. Veterans 50 and members of the National Guard described in subdivision (5) of this 51 subsection shall be given the same status as students not receiving 52 tuition waivers in registering for courses at regional community-53 technical colleges. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10a-30, as 54 used in this subsection, "domiciled in this state" includes domicile for 55 less than one year.

| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following |              |           |
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| sections:   |              |           |
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| Section 1   | from passage | 10a-77(d) |

## Statement of Purpose:

To provide tuition waivers for nursing home residents in the state who take online courses at regional community-technical colleges.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]