

General Assembly

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Referred to Committee on HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT

Introduced by: (HED)

## AN ACT UPDATING REQUIREMENTS FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT OVERSIGHT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT AND REPEALING THE REQUIREMENT FOR A PLAN TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF FULL-TIME FACULTY AT PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

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

Section 1. Section 10a-109bb of the general statutes is repealed and
 the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

3 (a) There is established a construction management oversight 4 committee consisting of (1) four members appointed jointly by the 5 Governor, the speaker of the House of Representatives, the majority 6 leader of the House of Representatives, the minority leader of the House 7 of Representatives, the president pro tempore of the Senate, the majority 8 leader of the Senate and the minority leader of the Senate, and (2) three 9 members appointed by the Board of Trustees for The University of 10 Connecticut, who shall be members of said board. The board of trustees 11 shall replace any such committee member appointed by said board if 12 such committee member's term on the board expires or otherwise ends.

13 The members appointed pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection 14 shall have expertise in the fields of construction management, architectural design or construction project management. The 15 16 chairperson of the committee shall be designated by the board of 17 trustees. All appointments of the initial committee shall be made no later 18 than July 20, 2006. Appointments shall be for four consecutive years, 19 except that two of the initial appointments pursuant to subdivision (1) 20 of this subsection shall be for three consecutive years. Upon expiration 21 of the initial members' terms and every four years thereafter, new 22 members shall be appointed in accordance with the procedures for 23 appointment set forth in this section. A majority of the members of the 24 committee shall constitute a quorum for the conduct of business. The 25 committee shall act by a majority vote of the members. The committee 26 shall maintain a record of its proceedings in such form as it determines, 27 provided such record indicates attendance and all votes cast by each 28 member.

29 (b) The construction management oversight committee established pursuant to subsection (a) of this section] (a) The Board of Trustees of 30 31 The University of Connecticut, or a committee of the board, shall review 32 and approve the policies and procedures developed by The University 33 of Connecticut to undertake any project of UConn 2000, as defined in 34 subdivision (25) of section 10a-109c, concerning the selection of design 35 professionals and contractors, as defined in subdivision (27) of section 36 10a-109c, contract compliance, building and fire code compliance, 37 deferred maintenance, as defined in subdivision (29) of section 10a-109c, 38 and an annual budget for such maintenance prepared pursuant to 39 section 10a-109dd, as amended by this act, project and program budgets 40 and schedules and the authorization and review of contract changes. 41 The [committee] <u>university</u> shall prepare, biennially, a summary of 42 construction performance of UConn 2000 based on reports submitted at 43 least quarterly by the construction assurance office established pursuant 44 to section 10a-109cc, as amended by this act, and the board, or 45 committee of the board, shall, upon the completion of each named 46 project pursuant to section 10a-109e, conduct a review of the university's

47 management of such project for its conformance with the applicable 48 policies and procedures governing construction undertaken pursuant to 49 section 10a-109n. Such review of completed projects shall incorporate 50 information, including, but not limited to, that which is derived from 51 reviews of the reports submitted at least quarterly by the construction 52 assurance office, in accordance with section 10a-109cc, as amended by 53 <u>this act</u>.

54 [(c) The construction management oversight committee established 55 pursuant to subsection (a) of this section shall, upon] (b) Upon 56 completion of each assessment, summary and review conducted 57 pursuant to this section [,] by The University of Connecticut or a 58 committee of the board, the university or such committee, as applicable, 59 shall submit such assessment, summary and review to the [Board of 60 Trustees for The University of Connecticut] board. The board shall 61 initially review each such assessment, summary and review without the 62 presence of university staff members.

63 Sec. 2. Section 10a-109cc of the general statutes is repealed and the 64 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

65 Not later than August 1, 2006, the Board of Trustees [for] of The University of Connecticut shall establish the construction assurance 66 67 office. Positions in the office shall be paid positions. The office shall be 68 led by a director who shall be responsible for reviews of construction 69 performance of UConn 2000, as defined in subdivision (25) of section 70 10a-109c, and shall report at least quarterly to the [construction 71 management oversight committee in accordance with section 10a-72 109bb] Board of Trustees of The University of Connecticut, or a 73 committee of the board, and to the president of The University of 74 Connecticut.

Sec. 3. Section 10a-109dd of the general statutes is repealed and the
following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

77 The university, as defined in subdivision (26) of section 10a-109c, 78 shall conduct reviews of deferred maintenance needs at the university

- and annually submit to the [construction management oversight
  committee established pursuant to section 10a-109bb] <u>Board of Trustees</u>
  of The University of Connecticut, or a committee of the board, an annual
- 81 <u>of The University of Connecticut, or a committee of the board</u>, an annual
- 82 budget concerning deferred maintenance, as defined in subdivision (29)
- 83 of section 10a-109c.
- Sec. 4. Section 10a-154c of the general statutes is repealed. (*Effective July* 1, 2024)

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	July 1, 2024	10a-109bb
Sec. 2	July 1, 2024	10a-109cc
Sec. 3	July 1, 2024	10a-109dd
Sec. 4	July 1, 2024	Repealer section

## Statement of Purpose:

To remove reference to the defunct construction management oversight committee for UConn 2000 projects and repeal the requirement for the state universities to develop a plan to increase the number of full-time faculty.

[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.]