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Referred to Committee on HIGHER EDUCATION AND
EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT

Introduced by:
(HED)

***AN ACT CONCERNING TUITION WAIVERS FOR DEPENDENT
CHILDREN OF PERMANENTLY DISABLED VETERANS AT PUBLIC
INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.***

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (d) of section 10a-77 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
3 *2020*):

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 (A) veteran who
12 performed service in time of war, as defined in section 27-103, or (B)
13 person with a qualifying condition, as defined in said section, who has
14 received a discharge other than bad conduct or dishonorable from active

15 service in the armed forces and who performed service in time of war,
16 except that for purposes of this subsection, "service in time of war" shall
17 not include time spent in attendance at a military service academy,
18 which veteran or person has been accepted for admission to such
19 institution and is domiciled in this state at the time such veteran or
20 person is accepted for admission to such institution, (3) for any resident
21 of the state sixty-two years of age or older, provided, at the end of the
22 regular registration period, there are enrolled in the course a sufficient
23 number of students other than those residents eligible for waivers
24 pursuant to this subdivision to offer the course in which such resident
25 intends to enroll and there is space available in such course after
26 accommodating all such students, (4) for any student attending the
27 Connecticut State Police Academy who is enrolled in a law enforcement
28 program at said academy offered in coordination with a regional
29 community-technical college which accredits courses taken in such
30 program, (5) for any active member of the Connecticut Army or Air
31 National Guard who (A) has been certified by the Adjutant General or
32 such Adjutant General's designee as a member in good standing of the
33 guard, and (B) is enrolled or accepted for admission to such institution
34 on a full-time or part-time basis in an undergraduate degree-granting
35 program, (6) for any dependent child of a (A) police officer, as defined
36 in section 7-294a, or supernumerary or auxiliary police officer, (B)
37 firefighter, as defined in section 7-323j, or member of a volunteer fire
38 company, (C) municipal employee, or (D) state employee, as defined in
39 section 5-154, killed in the line of duty, (7) for any resident of the state
40 who is a dependent child or surviving spouse of a specified terrorist
41 victim who was a resident of this state, (8) for any dependent child of a
42 resident of the state who was killed in a multivehicle crash at or near the
43 intersection of Routes 44 and 10 and Nod Road in Avon on July 29, 2005,
44 [and] (9) for any resident of the state who is a dependent child or
45 surviving spouse of a person who was killed in action while performing
46 active military duty with the armed forces of the United States on or
47 after September 11, 2001, and who was a resident of this state, and (10)
48 for any resident of the state who is a dependent child or surviving
49 spouse of a veteran who is permanently and totally disabled, as

50 determined by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, for an
51 injury incurred while performing active military duty with the armed
52 forces of the United States and who is a resident of the state, provided
53 any waiver of tuition under this subdivision shall be for tuition in excess
54 of any assistance received by such resident pursuant to the Survivors'
55 and Dependents' Educational Assistance Program of said department.
56 If any person who receives a tuition waiver in accordance with the
57 provisions of this subsection also receives educational reimbursement
58 from an employer, such waiver shall be reduced by the amount of such
59 educational reimbursement. Veterans and persons described in
60 subdivision (2) of this subsection and members of the National Guard
61 described in subdivision (5) of this subsection shall be given the same
62 status as students not receiving tuition waivers in registering for courses
63 at regional community-technical colleges. Notwithstanding the
64 provisions of section 10a-30, as used in this subsection, "domiciled in
65 this state" includes domicile for less than one year.

66 Sec. 2. Subsection (d) of section 10a-99 of the general statutes is
67 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
68 *2020*):

69 (d) Said board shall waive the payment of tuition fees at the
70 Connecticut State University System (1) for any dependent child of a
71 person whom the armed forces of the United States has declared to be
72 missing in action or to have been a prisoner of war while serving in such
73 armed forces after January 1, 1960, which child has been accepted for
74 admission to such institution and is a resident of the state at the time
75 such child is accepted for admission to such institution, (2) subject to the
76 provisions of subsection (e) of this section, for any (A) veteran who
77 performed service in time of war, as defined in section 27-103, or (B)
78 person with a qualifying condition, as defined in said section, who has
79 received a discharge other than bad conduct or dishonorable from active
80 service in the armed forces and who performed service in time of war,
81 except that for purposes of this subsection, "service in time of war" shall
82 not include time spent in attendance at a military service academy,
83 which veteran or person has been accepted for admission to such

84 institution and is domiciled in this state at the time such veteran or
85 person is accepted for admission to such institution, (3) for any resident
86 of the state sixty-two years of age or older who has been accepted for
87 admission to such institution, provided (A) such resident is enrolled in
88 a degree-granting program, or (B) at the end of the regular registration
89 period, there are enrolled in the course a sufficient number of students
90 other than those residents eligible for waivers pursuant to this
91 subdivision to offer the course in which such resident intends to enroll
92 and there is space available in such course after accommodating all such
93 students, (4) for any student attending the Connecticut Police Academy
94 who is enrolled in a law enforcement program at said academy offered
95 in coordination with the university which accredits courses taken in
96 such program, (5) for any active member of the Connecticut Army or
97 Air National Guard who (A) has been certified by the Adjutant General
98 or such Adjutant General's designee as a member in good standing of
99 the guard, and (B) is enrolled or accepted for admission to such
100 institution on a full-time or part-time basis in an undergraduate or
101 graduate degree-granting program, (6) for any dependent child of a (A)
102 police officer, as defined in section 7-294a, or supernumerary or
103 auxiliary police officer, (B) firefighter, as defined in section 7-323j, or
104 member of a volunteer fire company, (C) municipal employee, or (D)
105 state employee, as defined in section 5-154, killed in the line of duty, (7)
106 for any resident of this state who is a dependent child or surviving
107 spouse of a specified terrorist victim who was a resident of the state, (8)
108 for any dependent child of a resident of the state who was killed in a
109 multivehicle crash at or near the intersection of Routes 44 and 10 and
110 Nod Road in Avon on July 29, 2005, [and] (9) for any resident of the state
111 who is a dependent child or surviving spouse of a person who was
112 killed in action while performing active military duty with the armed
113 forces of the United States on or after September 11, 2001, and who was
114 a resident of this state, and (10) for any resident of the state who is a
115 dependent child or surviving spouse of a veteran who is permanently
116 and totally disabled, as determined by the United States Department of
117 Veterans Affairs, for an injury incurred while performing active military
118 duty with the armed forces of the United States and who is a resident of

119 the state, provided any waiver of tuition under this subdivision shall be
120 for tuition in excess of any assistance received by such resident pursuant
121 to the Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance Program of
122 said department. If any person who receives a tuition waiver in
123 accordance with the provisions of this subsection also receives
124 educational reimbursement from an employer, such waiver shall be
125 reduced by the amount of such educational reimbursement. Veterans
126 and persons described in subdivision (2) of this subsection and members
127 of the National Guard described in subdivision (5) of this subsection
128 shall be given the same status as students not receiving tuition waivers
129 in registering for courses at Connecticut state universities.
130 Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10a-30, as used in this
131 subsection, "domiciled in this state" includes domicile for less than one
132 year.

133 Sec. 3. Subsection (e) of section 10a-105 of the general statutes is
134 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
135 *2020*):

136 (e) Said board of trustees shall waive the payment of tuition fees at
137 The University of Connecticut (1) for any dependent child of a person
138 whom the armed forces of the United States has declared to be missing
139 in action or to have been a prisoner of war while serving in such armed
140 forces after January 1, 1960, which child has been accepted for admission
141 to The University of Connecticut and is a resident of the state at the time
142 such child is accepted for admission to said institution, (2) subject to the
143 provisions of subsection (f) of this section, for any (A) veteran who
144 performed service in time of war, as defined in section 27-103, or (B)
145 person with a qualifying condition, as defined in said section, who has
146 received a discharge other than bad conduct or dishonorable from active
147 service in the armed forces and who performed service in time of war,
148 except that for purposes of this subsection, "service in time of war" shall
149 not include time spent in attendance at a military service academy,
150 which veteran or person has been accepted for admission to said
151 institution and is domiciled in this state at the time such veteran or
152 person is accepted for admission to said institution, (3) for any resident

153 of the state sixty-two years of age or older who has been accepted for
154 admission to said institution, provided (A) such resident is enrolled in
155 a degree-granting program, or (B) at the end of the regular registration
156 period, there are enrolled in the course a sufficient number of students
157 other than those residents eligible for waivers pursuant to this
158 subdivision to offer the course in which such resident intends to enroll
159 and there is space available in such course after accommodating all such
160 students, (4) for any active member of the Connecticut Army or Air
161 National Guard who (A) has been certified by the Adjutant General or
162 such Adjutant General's designee as a member in good standing of the
163 guard, and (B) is enrolled or accepted for admission to said institution
164 on a full-time or part-time basis in an undergraduate or graduate
165 degree-granting program, (5) for any dependent child of a (A) police
166 officer, as defined in section 7-294a, or supernumerary or auxiliary
167 police officer, (B) firefighter, as defined in section 7-323j, or member of
168 a volunteer fire company, (C) municipal employee, or (D) state
169 employee, as defined in section 5-154, killed in the line of duty, (6) for
170 any resident of the state who is the dependent child or surviving spouse
171 of a specified terrorist victim who was a resident of the state, (7) for any
172 dependent child of a resident of the state who was killed in a
173 multivehicle crash at or near the intersection of Routes 44 and 10 and
174 Nod Road in Avon on July 29, 2005, [and] (8) for any resident of the state
175 who is a dependent child or surviving spouse of a person who was
176 killed in action while performing active military duty with the armed
177 forces of the United States on or after September 11, 2001, and who was
178 a resident of this state, and (9) for any resident of the state who is a
179 dependent child or surviving spouse of a veteran who is permanently
180 and totally disabled, as determined by the United States Department of
181 Veterans Affairs, for an injury incurred while performing active military
182 duty with the armed forces of the United States and who is a resident of
183 the state, provided any waiver of tuition under this subdivision shall be
184 for tuition in excess of any assistance received by such resident pursuant
185 to the Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance Program of
186 said department. If any person who receives a tuition waiver in
187 accordance with the provisions of this subsection also receives

188 educational reimbursement from an employer, such waiver shall be
189 reduced by the amount of such educational reimbursement. Veterans
190 and persons described in subdivision (2) of this subsection and members
191 of the National Guard described in subdivision (4) of this subsection
192 shall be given the same status as students not receiving tuition waivers
193 in registering for courses at The University of Connecticut.
194 Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10a-30, as used in this
195 subsection, "domiciled in this state" includes domicile for less than one
196 year.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2020</i>	10a-77(d)
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2020</i>	10a-99(d)
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2020</i>	10a-105(e)

Statement of Purpose:

To waive the payment of tuition at public institutions of higher education for the dependent children of veterans who are permanently and totally disabled and reside in the state.

[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.]