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sHB-5301

AN ACT CONCERNING WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION.

As Amended by House "A" (LCO 5011)

House Calendar No.: 181

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 23 \$	FY 24 \$
UConn	Tuition Fund - Potential Revenue Loss	Potential Minimal	Potential Minimal

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill contains several provisions regarding higher education and results in a potential minimal annual revenue loss to the University of Connecticut (UConn), beginning in FY 23.

Section 1 results in a potential minimal annual revenue loss to UConn, beginning in FY 23. This potential revenue loss on a per-student basis is equal to the difference between in- and out-of-state tuition at UConn, which in FY 23 will be \$22,668 for full-time undergraduate students. The number of students affected is anticipated to be small because the populations affected by the bill are narrow. It is anticipated that fewer than ten students annually may be affected by the bill. The section's impact on UConn's tuition revenues, which are budgeted to total \$473 million in FY 22, will be minimal. This section is not anticipated to have a fiscal impact to the Board of Regents, under current financial aid practices.

Section 2 extends the reporting date for the task force studying the costs and benefits of creating a Postsecondary Prison Education Program Office within the Department of Correction and makes various task force changes resulting in no fiscal impact.

Section 3 creates a task force to make recommendations for proposed changes to the Roberta B. Willis Scholarship program, which results in no fiscal impact as PA 17-236 prohibits transportation allowances for task force members.

Sections 4 through 7 require the constituent units to perform survey, reporting, program, and other activities regarding food insecurity among their students. These requirements result in no fiscal impact because the constituent units have sufficient expertise and resources to implement them. Section 6 is not anticipated to result in a fiscal impact to the Department of Social Services associated with the consideration of work-study requirements for purposes of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) eligibility for students. The bill's change (from eligibility based on participation in a work-study program to approval for one) conforms to current practice as allowed under the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021, for the duration of the public health emergency. SNAP benefits are federally funded and the provision of such is subject to federal regulations.

Section 8 requires the Office of Early Childhood and the Board of Regents to develop and submit a child care center expansion plan, which has no fiscal impact as the agencies have sufficient expertise to create the plan.

House "A" eliminates the original bill and its associated fiscal impact and results in the impact described above.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to changes in the difference between in- and out-of-state tuition at UConn.