



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 5032

LCO No. 564



Referred to Committee on HIGHER EDUCATION AND
EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT

Introduced by:
(HED)

***AN ACT CONCERNING STUDENT MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF
TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 10a-103 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

3 (a) There shall continue to be a Board of Trustees [for] of The
4 University of Connecticut to consist of [twenty-one] twenty-three
5 persons, twelve to be appointed by the Governor, who shall reflect the
6 state's geographic, racial and ethnic diversity; two to be elected by the
7 university alumni; [two] four to be elected by the students enrolled at
8 the institutions under the jurisdiction of said board; and five [members]
9 who shall serve as ex officio members.

10 (b) On or before July 1, 1983, the Governor shall appoint [members]
11 trustees to the board as follows: Four [members] trustees for a term of
12 two years from said date; four [members] trustees for a term of four
13 years from said date; and four [members] trustees for a term of six years
14 from said date. Thereafter, the Governor shall appoint trustees of said

15 university to succeed those appointees whose terms expire, and each
16 trustee so appointed shall hold office for a period of six years from the
17 first day of July in the year of his or her appointment, provided two of
18 the trustees appointed for terms commencing July 1, 1995, and their
19 successors shall be alumni of the university, one of the trustees
20 appointed for a term commencing July 1, 1997, and his or her successors
21 shall be such alumni and one of the [members] trustees appointed for a
22 term commencing July 1, 1999, and his or her successors shall be such
23 alumni.

24 (c) The Commissioner of Agriculture, the Commissioner of
25 Education, the Commissioner of Economic and Community
26 Development and the chairperson of The University of Connecticut
27 Health Center Board of Directors shall be, ex officio, members of the
28 board of trustees. The Governor shall be, ex officio, president of said
29 board.

30 (d) The graduates of all of the schools and colleges of said university
31 shall, prior to September first in the odd-numbered years, elect one
32 trustee, who shall be a graduate of the institution and who shall hold
33 office for four years from the first day of September succeeding his or
34 her election. Not less than two or more than four nominations for each
35 such election shall be made by the alumni association of said university,
36 provided no person who has served as an alumni trustee for the two full
37 consecutive terms immediately prior to the term for which such election
38 is to be held shall be nominated for any such election. Such election shall
39 be conducted by mail prior to September first under the supervision of
40 a canvassing board consisting of three members, one appointed by the
41 board of trustees, one by the board of directors of the alumni association
42 of the university and one by the president of the university. No ballot in
43 such election shall be opened until the date by which ballots must be
44 returned to the canvassing board. In such election, all graduates shall be
45 entitled to vote by signed ballots which have been circulated to them by
46 mail and which shall be returned by mail. Vacancies occurring by death
47 or resignation of either of such alumni trustees shall be filled for the
48 unexpired portion of the term by special election, if such unexpired term

49 is for more than eighteen months. When the unexpired term is eighteen
50 months or less, such vacancy shall be filled by appointment by the board
51 of directors of said alumni association.

52 (e) On or before November 1, 1975, the students of The University of
53 Connecticut shall, in such manner as the board of trustees of said
54 university shall determine, elect two trustees, each of whom shall be
55 enrolled as a full-time student of said university at the time of his or her
56 election. One such [member] trustee shall be elected for a term of one
57 year from November 1, 1975, and one for a term of two years from said
58 date. Prior to July first, annually, until and including the election held
59 on or before July 1, 2022, such students shall, in accordance with this
60 section and in such manner as the board shall determine, elect one
61 [member] trustee of [said] the board, who shall be so enrolled at said
62 university at the time of his or her election and who shall serve for a
63 term of two years from July first in the year of his or her election. On or
64 before July 1, 2023, such students shall, in accordance with this
65 subsection and in such manner as the board shall determine, elect three
66 trustees, each of whom shall be enrolled as a full-time student at said
67 university at the time of his or her election. One such trustee shall be
68 elected for a term of one year commencing July 1, 2023, and the other
69 two trustees shall be elected for a term of two years from said date. On
70 or before July 1, 2024, and annually thereafter, in accordance with this
71 subsection and in such manner as the board shall determine, such
72 students shall elect two trustees of the board who shall be enrolled as
73 full-time students at said university at the time of their election and who
74 shall serve for a term of two years from July first in the year of their
75 election. The student [member] trustee elected to fill the term expiring
76 on June 30, 2003, and the student trustee elected to fill the term expiring
77 on June 30, 2024, and [such elected member's] their successors, shall be
78 enrolled as a full-time undergraduate student at a school or college of
79 the university and shall be elected by the undergraduate students of the
80 schools and colleges of the university. The student [member] trustees
81 elected to fill the term expiring on June 30, [2004] 2025, and [such elected
82 member's] their successors, shall be enrolled as a full-time student in the
83 School of Law, the School of Medicine, the School of Dentistry, the

84 School of Social Work, or as a graduate student of a school or college of
85 the university, and shall be elected by the students of the School of Law,
86 the School of Medicine, the School of Dentistry, the School of Social
87 Work and the graduate students of the schools and colleges of the
88 university. Any student [member] trustee elected after July 1, 2013, shall
89 be enrolled as a full-time student at the time of his or her election and
90 for the duration of his or her term of service. Any vacancies in the
91 elected membership of said board shall, except as otherwise provided
92 in this section, be filled by special election for the balance of the
93 unexpired term.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>July 1, 2022</i>	10a-103
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Statement of Purpose:

To add two student members to the Board of Trustees of The University of Connecticut.

[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.]