



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 5352

LCO No. 2154



Referred to Committee on HIGHER EDUCATION AND
EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT

Introduced by:
(HED)

***AN ACT CONCERNING CLIMATE ADAPTATION STRATEGIES AT
PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.***

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2020*) (a) Not later than January
2 2021, and annually thereafter, the Board of Trustees of The University
3 of Connecticut and the Board of Regents for Higher Education shall
4 develop and update a plan to reduce greenhouse gas emissions on the
5 campuses of each public institution of higher education governed by
6 such board by forty-five per cent by January 1, 2030, in accordance with
7 the state's greenhouse gas reduction goals established in section 22a-
8 200a of the general statutes. Such plan shall include, but not be limited
9 to, (1) an evaluation of existing policies and strategies aimed at
10 mitigating greenhouse gas emissions, (2) identification and adoption of
11 strategies to reduce or mitigate the effect of greenhouse gas emissions,
12 as recommended in the report released in December 2018 by the
13 Governor's Council on Climate Change, (3) a description of the way in
14 which such strategies are or will be integrated into the plans for campus
15 maintenance or development at each public institution of higher

16 education, and (4) an inventory of high-cost or irreplaceable assets or
17 operations of each public institution of higher education that are
18 vulnerable to climate change.

19 (b) Not later than January 1, 2021, and annually thereafter, the Board
20 of Trustees of The University of Connecticut and the Board of Regents
21 for Higher Education shall submit, in accordance with the provisions of
22 section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committee of
23 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to higher
24 education and to the Governor the plan developed or updated pursuant
25 to subsection (a) of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2020</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To require public institutions of higher education to develop and implement strategies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions on their campuses by forty-five per cent by the January 1, 2030.

[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.]