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Referred to Committee on HIGHER EDUCATION AND
EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT

Introduced by:
(HED)

**AN ACT FUNDING THE DEBT-FREE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
PROGRAM.**

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2020*) The sum of sixteen million
2 dollars is appropriated to the Board of Regents for Higher Education,
3 from the General Fund, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, for the
4 debt-free community college program established pursuant to section
5 10a-174 of the general statutes.

6 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2020*) (a) For the purposes of this
7 section, "net revenue" means the revenue generated from an online
8 offering of lottery draw games less all cancelled sales, amounts paid as
9 prizes and amounts paid for other expenses incurred in such online
10 offering.

11 (b) There is established an account to be known as the "debt-free
12 community college account" which shall be a separate, nonlapsing
13 account within the General Fund. The account shall contain any moneys
14 required by law to be deposited in the account, including, but not
15 limited to, (1) state appropriations for the debt-free community college

16 program, (2) deposits from the Connecticut Lottery Corporation in
17 accordance with subsection (c) of section 12-812 of the general statutes,
18 as amended by this act, or the net revenue of any lottery draw games
19 offered by any other entity through its Internet web site, online service
20 or mobile application, and (3) any advance deposit paid by said
21 corporation or other entity in anticipation of providing such online
22 offering. Moneys in the account shall be expended by the Board of
23 Regents for Higher Education for the purposes of the debt-free
24 community college program established pursuant to section 10a-174 of
25 the general statutes.

26 (c) Not later than thirty days after the initial online offering of any
27 lottery draw game by the Connecticut Lottery Corporation or other
28 entity, and on January first annually thereafter, the president of said
29 corporation or other entity shall estimate and report to the Board of
30 Regents for Higher Education the anticipated amount of the deposit
31 required pursuant to subsection (c) of section 12-812 of the general
32 statutes, as amended by this act, or the anticipated net revenue from
33 such online offering during the current and next fiscal year.

34 Sec. 3. Subsection (c) of section 12-812 of the 2020 supplement to the
35 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
36 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2020*):

37 (c) On a weekly basis, the president shall estimate, and certify to the
38 State Treasurer, that portion of the balance in the lottery fund which
39 exceeds the current needs of the corporation for the payment of prizes,
40 the payment of current operating expenses and funding of approved
41 reserves of the corporation. The corporation shall transfer the amount
42 so certified from the lottery fund of the corporation to the General Fund
43 upon notification of receipt of such certification by the Treasurer, except
44 that (1) if the amount on deposit in the Connecticut Teachers' Retirement
45 Fund Bonds Special Capital Reserve Fund, established in section 10-
46 183vv, is less than the required minimum capital reserve, as defined in
47 subsection (b) of said section, the corporation shall pay such amount so
48 certified to the trustee of the fund for deposit in the fund, and (2) any

49 portion of the amount so certified that is generated from an offering of
50 lottery draw games through the corporation's Internet web site, online
51 service or mobile application shall be deposited into the debt-free
52 community college account established pursuant to section 2 of this act.
53 If the corporation transfers any moneys to the General Fund at any time
54 when the amount on deposit in said capital reserve fund is less than the
55 required minimum capital reserve, the amount of such transfer shall be
56 deemed appropriated from the General Fund to the Connecticut
57 Teachers' Retirement Fund Bonds Special Capital Reserve Fund.

58 Sec. 4. Section 12-801 of the 2020 supplement to the general statutes
59 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
60 *1, 2020*):

61 As used in section 12-563a and sections 12-800 to 12-818, inclusive,
62 the following terms shall have the following meanings unless the
63 context clearly indicates another meaning:

64 (1) "Board" or "board of directors" means the board of directors of the
65 corporation;

66 (2) "Corporation" means the Connecticut Lottery Corporation as
67 created under section 12-802;

68 (3) "Division" means the former Division of Special Revenue in the
69 Department of Revenue Services;

70 (4) "Lottery" means (A) the Connecticut state lottery conducted prior
71 to the transfer authorized under section 12-808 by the Division of Special
72 Revenue, (B) after such transfer, the Connecticut state lottery conducted
73 by the corporation pursuant to sections 12-563a and 12-800 to 12-818,
74 inclusive, (C) the state lottery referred to in subsection (a) of section 53-
75 278g, and (D) keno conducted by the corporation pursuant to section 12-
76 806c;

77 (5) "Keno" means a lottery game in which a subset of numbers are
78 drawn from a larger field of numbers by a central computer system

79 using an approved random number generator, wheel system device or
80 other drawing device. "Keno" does not include a game operated on a
81 video facsimile machine;

82 (6) "Lottery fund" means a fund or funds established by, and under
83 the management and control of, the corporation, into which all lottery
84 revenues of the corporation are deposited, from which all payments and
85 expenses of the corporation are paid and from which transfers to the
86 General Fund, [or] the Connecticut Teachers' Retirement Fund Bonds
87 Special Capital Reserve Fund, established in section 10-183vv, and the
88 debt-free community college account established pursuant to section 2
89 of this act are made pursuant to section 12-812, as amended by this act;
90 and

91 (7) "Operating revenue" means total revenue received from lottery
92 sales less all cancelled sales and amounts paid as prizes but before
93 payment or provision for payment of any other expenses.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2020</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2020</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2020</i>	12-812(c)
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2020</i>	12-801

Statement of Purpose:

To appropriate sixteen million dollars to the debt-free community college program and to establish an account for such program into which will be deposited state appropriations and any moneys received from any online offering of lottery draw games.

[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.]