General Assembly	*Committee Bill No. 5829*

Referred to Committee on HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT

Introduced by:
  (HED)

AN ACT INCREASING THE STUDENT MEMBERSHIP ON THE BOARD OF REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION.

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 10a-1a of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
3 *1, 2019*):

4   (a) There shall be a Board of Regents for Higher Education who
5 shall serve as the governing body for the regional community-technical
6 college system, the Connecticut State University System and Charter
7 Oak State College. The board shall consist of **[**twenty-one**]** twenty-
8 three members who shall be distinguished leaders of the community in
9 Connecticut. The board shall reflect the state's geographic, racial and
10 ethnic diversity. The voting members shall not be employed by or be a
11 member of a board of trustees for any independent institution of
12 higher education in this state or the Board of Trustees for The
13 University of Connecticut nor shall they be public officials or state
14 employees, as such terms are defined in section 1-79, during their term
15 of membership on the Board of Regents for Higher Education. The

16 Governor shall appoint nine members to the board as follows: Three
17 members for a term of two years; three members for a term of four
18 years; and three members for a term of six years. Thereafter, the
19 Governor shall appoint members of the board to succeed such
20 appointees whose terms expire and each member so appointed shall
21 hold office for a period of six years from the first day of July in the year
22 of his or her appointment. Four members of the board shall be
23 appointed as follows: One appointment by the president pro tempore
24 of the Senate, who shall be an alumnus of the regional community-
25 technical college system, for a term of four years; one appointment by
26 the minority leader of the Senate, who shall be a specialist in the
27 education of children in grades kindergarten to twelve, inclusive, for a
28 term of three years; one appointment by the speaker of the House of
29 Representatives, who shall be an alumnus of the Connecticut State
30 University System, for a term of four years; and one appointment by
31 the minority leader of the House of Representatives, who shall be an
32 alumnus of Charter Oak State College, for a term of three years.
33 Thereafter, such members of the General Assembly shall appoint
34 members of the board to succeed such appointees whose terms expire
35 and each member so appointed shall hold office for a period of four
36 years from the first day of July in the year of his or her appointment.
37 The **[**chairperson and vice-chairperson**]** following members of the
38 student advisory committee created under section 10a-3 shall serve as
39 members of the board: (1) The chairperson, (2) the vice-chairperson,
40 and (3) two members elected by a consensus vote of the members of
41 the student advisory committee, one of whom shall be a student of the
42 Connecticut State University System or Charter Oak State College and
43 the other of whom shall be a student of the regional community-
44 technical colleges. The chairperson and vice-chairperson of the faculty
45 advisory committee created under section 10a-3a shall serve as ex-
46 officio, nonvoting members of the board for a term of two years and, in
47 their respective roles as chairperson and vice-chairperson, may be
48 invited to any executive session, as defined in section 1-200, of the
49 board by the chairperson of the board. The Commissioners of
50 Education, Economic and Community Development and Public Health

51 and the Labor Commissioner shall serve as ex-officio, nonvoting
52 members of the board.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	*July 1, 2019*	10a-1a(a)

HED   *Joint Favorable*