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Committee Bill No. 6101

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Referred to Committee on HIGHER EDUCATION AND
EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT

Introduced by:
(HED)

***AN ACT CONCERNING TUITION WAIVERS FOR GRADUATE DEGREE
PROGRAMS AT PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.***

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (d) of section 10a-99 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
3 *2023*):

4 (d) Said board shall waive the payment of tuition fees for
5 undergraduate and graduate degree programs at the Connecticut State
6 University System (1) for any dependent child of a person whom the
7 armed forces of the United States has declared to be missing in action or
8 to have been a prisoner of war while serving in such armed forces after
9 January 1, 1960, which child has been accepted for admission to such
10 institution and is a resident of the state at the time such child is accepted
11 for admission to such institution, (2) subject to the provisions of
12 subsection (e) of this section, for any veteran, as defined in section 27-
13 103, who performed service in time of war, as defined in section 27-103,
14 except that for purposes of this subsection, "service in time of war" shall
15 not include time spent in attendance at a military service academy,

16 which veteran has been accepted for admission to such institution and
17 is domiciled in this state at the time such veteran is accepted for
18 admission to such institution, (3) for any resident of the state sixty-two
19 years of age or older who has been accepted for admission to such
20 institution, provided (A) such resident is enrolled in a degree-granting
21 program, or (B) at the end of the regular registration period, there are
22 enrolled in the course a sufficient number of students other than those
23 residents eligible for waivers pursuant to this subdivision to offer the
24 course in which such resident intends to enroll and there is space
25 available in such course after accommodating all such students, (4) for
26 any student attending the Connecticut Police Academy who is enrolled
27 in a law enforcement program at said academy offered in coordination
28 with the university which accredits courses taken in such program, (5)
29 for any active member of the Connecticut Army or Air National Guard
30 who (A) has been certified by the Adjutant General or such Adjutant
31 General's designee as a member in good standing of the guard, and (B)
32 is enrolled or accepted for admission to such institution on a full-time
33 or part-time basis in an undergraduate or graduate degree-granting
34 program, (6) for any dependent child of a (A) police officer, as defined
35 in section 7-294a, or supernumerary or auxiliary police officer, (B)
36 firefighter, as defined in section 7-323j, or member of a volunteer fire
37 company, (C) municipal employee, or (D) state employee, as defined in
38 section 5-154, killed in the line of duty, (7) for any resident of this state
39 who is a dependent child or surviving spouse of a specified terrorist
40 victim who was a resident of the state, (8) for any dependent child of a
41 resident of the state who was killed in a multivehicle crash at or near the
42 intersection of Routes 44 and 10 and Nod Road in Avon on July 29, 2005,
43 and (9) for any resident of the state who is a dependent child or
44 surviving spouse of a person who was killed in action while performing
45 active military duty with the armed forces of the United States on or
46 after September 11, 2001, and who was a resident of this state. If any
47 person who receives a tuition waiver in accordance with the provisions
48 of this subsection also receives educational reimbursement from an
49 employer, such waiver shall be reduced by the amount of such

50 educational reimbursement. Veterans and members of the National
51 Guard described in subdivision (5) of this subsection shall be given the
52 same status as students not receiving tuition waivers in registering for
53 courses at Connecticut state universities. Notwithstanding the
54 provisions of section 10a-30, as used in this subsection, "domiciled in
55 this state" includes domicile for less than one year.

56 Sec. 2. Subsection (e) of section 10a-105 of the general statutes is
57 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
58 *2023*):

59 (e) Said board of trustees shall waive the payment of tuition fees for
60 any undergraduate or graduate degree program at The University of
61 Connecticut (1) for any dependent child of a person whom the armed
62 forces of the United States has declared to be missing in action or to have
63 been a prisoner of war while serving in such armed forces after January
64 1, 1960, which child has been accepted for admission to The University
65 of Connecticut and is a resident of the state at the time such child is
66 accepted for admission to said institution, (2) subject to the provisions
67 of subsection (f) of this section, for any veteran, as defined in section 27-
68 103, who performed service in time of war, as defined in section 27-103,
69 except that for purposes of this subsection, "service in time of war" shall
70 not include time spent in attendance at a military service academy,
71 which veteran has been accepted for admission to said institution and is
72 domiciled in this state at the time such veteran is accepted for admission
73 to said institution, (3) for any resident of the state sixty-two years of age
74 or older who has been accepted for admission to said institution,
75 provided (A) such resident is enrolled in a degree-granting program, or
76 (B) at the end of the regular registration period, there are enrolled in the
77 course a sufficient number of students other than those residents eligible
78 for waivers pursuant to this subdivision to offer the course in which
79 such resident intends to enroll and there is space available in such
80 course after accommodating all such students, (4) for any active member
81 of the Connecticut Army or Air National Guard who (A) has been
82 certified by the Adjutant General or such Adjutant General's designee

83 as a member in good standing of the guard, and (B) is enrolled or
 84 accepted for admission to said institution on a full-time or part-time
 85 basis in an undergraduate or graduate degree-granting program, (5) for
 86 any dependent child of a (A) police officer, as defined in section 7-294a,
 87 or supernumerary or auxiliary police officer, (B) firefighter, as defined
 88 in section 7-323j, or member of a volunteer fire company, (C) municipal
 89 employee, or (D) state employee, as defined in section 5-154, killed in
 90 the line of duty, (6) for any resident of the state who is the dependent
 91 child or surviving spouse of a specified terrorist victim who was a
 92 resident of the state, (7) for any dependent child of a resident of the state
 93 who was killed in a multivehicle crash at or near the intersection of
 94 Routes 44 and 10 and Nod Road in Avon on July 29, 2005, and (8) for
 95 any resident of the state who is a dependent child or surviving spouse
 96 of a person who was killed in action while performing active military
 97 duty with the armed forces of the United States on or after September
 98 11, 2001, and who was a resident of this state. If any person who receives
 99 a tuition waiver in accordance with the provisions of this subsection also
 100 receives educational reimbursement from an employer, such waiver
 101 shall be reduced by the amount of such educational reimbursement.
 102 Veterans and members of the National Guard described in subdivision
 103 (4) of this subsection shall be given the same status as students not
 104 receiving tuition waivers in registering for courses at The University of
 105 Connecticut. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10a-30, as used
 106 in this subsection, "domiciled in this state" includes domicile for less
 107 than one year.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2023	10a-99(d)
Sec. 2	July 1, 2023	10a-105(e)

Statement of Purpose:

To ensure that tuition waivers at public institutions of higher education include graduate degree programs.

[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.]

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