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Public Act No. 23-141

**AN ACT CONCERNING REPORTING FOR THE DEBT-FREE
COMMUNITY COLLEGE PROGRAM.**

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

Section 1. Subsection (e) of section 10a-174 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

(e) Not later than [March 1, 2021, and October 1, 2021] November 1, 2023, and March 1, 2024, and each semester thereafter, the Board of Regents for Higher Education shall report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a, to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to higher education and employment advancement and appropriations and the budgets of the state agencies regarding the debt-free community college program, including, but not limited to, (1) the number of qualifying students enrolled at the regional community-technical colleges during each semester, (2) the number of qualifying students receiving minimum awards and the number of qualifying students receiving awards for the unpaid portion of eligible institutional costs, (3) the average number of credit hours the qualifying students enrolled in each semester and the average number of credit hours the qualifying students completed each semester, (4) the average amount of the award

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made to qualifying students under this section for the unpaid portion of eligible institutional costs, and (5) the completion rates of qualifying students receiving awards under this section by degree or certificate program.