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LCO No. 4078



Referred to Committee on HIGHER EDUCATION AND
EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT

Introduced by:
(HED)

**AN ACT CONCERNING STUDENT TRUSTEES AND THE ELECTION
OF ALUMNI TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF
CONNECTICUT.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 10a-103 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2019*):

3 (a) There shall continue to be a Board of Trustees for The University
4 of Connecticut to consist of [twenty-one] twenty-three persons,
5 [twelve] thirteen to be appointed by the Governor, who shall reflect the
6 state's geographic, racial and ethnic diversity; two to be elected by the
7 university alumni; [two] three to be elected by the students enrolled at
8 the institutions under the jurisdiction of said board; and five members
9 ex officio.

10 (b) On or before July 1, 1983, the Governor shall appoint [members]
11 trustees to the board as follows: Four [members] trustees for a term of
12 two years from said date; four [members] trustees for a term of four
13 years from said date; and four [members] trustees for a term of six

14 years from said date. Thereafter, the Governor shall appoint trustees of
15 said university to succeed those appointees whose terms expire, and
16 each trustee so appointed shall hold office for a period of six years
17 from the first day of July in the year of his or her appointment,
18 provided two of the trustees appointed for terms commencing July 1,
19 1995, and their successors shall be alumni of the university, one of the
20 trustees appointed for a term commencing July 1, 1997, and his or her
21 successors shall be such alumni and one of the members appointed for
22 a term commencing July 1, 1999, and his or her successors shall be such
23 alumni. On or before July 1, 2020, the Governor shall appoint one
24 additional trustee to serve a term of one year commencing on July 1,
25 2020, provided such trustee shall be enrolled as a full-time student in
26 the School of Law, the School of Medicine, the School of Dentistry, the
27 School of Social Work or as a graduate student of a school or college of
28 the university at the time of his or her appointment and for the
29 duration of his or her term. Thereafter, the Governor shall appoint a
30 trustee to succeed a student appointee whose term expires and each
31 trustee so appointed shall serve for a term of two years commencing
32 on July first of the year of his or her appointment, provided such
33 trustee shall be enrolled as a full-time student in the School of Law, the
34 School of Medicine, the School of Dentistry, the School of Social Work
35 or as a graduate student of a school or college of the university at the
36 time of his or her appointment and for the duration of his or her term.

37 (c) The Commissioner of Agriculture, the Commissioner of
38 Education, the Commissioner of Economic and Community
39 Development and the chairperson of The University of Connecticut
40 Health Center Board of Directors shall be, ex officio, members of the
41 board of trustees. The Governor shall be, ex officio, president of said
42 board.

43 (d) The graduates of all of the schools and colleges of said university
44 shall, prior to September first in the odd-numbered years, elect one
45 trustee, who shall be a graduate of the institution and who shall hold
46 office for four years from the first day of September succeeding his or
47 her election. Not less than two or more than four nominations for each

48 such election shall be made by the alumni association of said
49 university, provided no person who has served as an alumni trustee
50 for the two full consecutive terms immediately prior to the term for
51 which such election is to be held shall be nominated for any such
52 election. Such election shall be conducted [by mail] prior to September
53 first under the supervision of a canvassing board consisting of three
54 members, one appointed by the board of trustees, one by the board of
55 directors of the alumni association of the university and one by the
56 president of the university. No ballot in such election, whether in
57 paper or electronic form, shall be opened until the date by which
58 ballots must be returned to the canvassing board. In such election, all
59 graduates shall be entitled to vote by signed paper or electronic ballots,
60 [which have been circulated to them by mail and which shall be
61 returned by mail.] Vacancies occurring by death or resignation of
62 either of such alumni trustees shall be filled for the unexpired portion
63 of the term by special election, if such unexpired term is for more than
64 eighteen months. When the unexpired term is eighteen months or less,
65 such vacancy shall be filled by appointment by the board of directors
66 of said alumni association.

67 (e) On or before November 1, 1975, the students of The University of
68 Connecticut shall, in such manner as the board of trustees of said
69 university shall determine, elect two trustees, each of whom shall be
70 enrolled as a full-time student of said university at the time of his or
71 her election. One such [member] trustee shall be elected for a term of
72 one year from November 1, 1975, and one for a term of two years from
73 said date. Prior to July first, annually until June 30, 2021, such students
74 shall, in accordance with this section and in such manner as the board
75 shall determine, elect one [member] trustee of said board, who shall be
76 so enrolled at said university at the time of his or her election and who
77 shall serve for a term of two years from July first in the year of his or
78 her election. On or before July 1, 2020, such students shall, in
79 accordance with this subsection and in such manner as the board shall
80 determine, elect one additional trustee who shall be enrolled as a full-
81 time student at said university at the time of his or her election and

82 who shall serve a term of one year commencing July 1, 2020.
83 Thereafter, in accordance with this subsection and in such manner as
84 the board shall determine, on or before July first such students shall
85 elect two trustees of said board in odd-numbered years and one trustee
86 in even-numbered years who shall be enrolled as full-time students at
87 said university at the time of their election and who shall serve for a
88 term of two years from July first in the year of their election. The
89 student [member] trustee elected to fill the term [expiring]
90 commencing on [June 30, 2003] July 1, 2001 and July 1, 2020, and such
91 elected [member's] trustees' successors, shall be enrolled as a full-time
92 undergraduate student at a school or college of the university and shall
93 be elected by the undergraduate students of the schools and colleges of
94 the university. The student [member] trustee elected to fill the term
95 [expiring] commencing on [June 30, 2004] July 1, 2002, and such elected
96 [member's] trustee's successors, shall be enrolled as a full-time student
97 in the School of Law, the School of Medicine, the School of Dentistry,
98 the School of Social Work, or as a graduate student of a school or
99 college of the university, and shall be elected by the students of the
100 School of Law, the School of Medicine, the School of Dentistry, the
101 School of Social Work and the graduate students of the schools and
102 colleges of the university. Any student [member] trustee elected after
103 July 1, 2013, shall be enrolled as a full-time student at the time of his or
104 her election and for the duration of his or her term of service. Any
105 vacancies in the elected membership of said board shall, except as
106 otherwise provided in subsection (d) of this section, be filled by special
107 election for the balance of the unexpired term. Any increase to the
108 student membership on said board of trustees shall not impact the
109 membership of students on any other boards related to or established
110 by said university.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2019</i>	10a-103
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Statement of Purpose:

To add one additional undergraduate student and one additional graduate student to the Board of Trustees of The University of Connecticut.

[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.]