



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 7119

January Session, 2019



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 Section 10a-103 of the general statutes is repealed and the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, twelve
5 to be appointed by the Governor, who shall reflect the state's
6 geographic, racial and ethnic diversity; two to be elected by the
7 university alumni; [two] four 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.

24 (c) The Commissioner of Agriculture, the Commissioner of
25 Education, the Commissioner of Economic and Community
26 Development and the chairperson of The University of Connecticut
27 Health Center Board of Directors shall be, ex officio, members of the
28 board of trustees. The Governor shall be, ex officio, president of said
29 board.

30 (d) The graduates of all of the schools and colleges of said university
31 shall, prior to September first in the odd-numbered years, elect one
32 trustee, who shall be a graduate of the institution and who shall hold
33 office for four years from the first day of September succeeding his or
34 her election. Not less than two or more than four nominations for each
35 such election shall be made by the alumni association of said
36 university, provided no person who has served as an alumni trustee
37 for the two full consecutive terms immediately prior to the term for
38 which such election is to be held shall be nominated for any such
39 election. Such election shall be conducted [by mail] prior to September
40 first under the supervision of a canvassing board consisting of three
41 members, one appointed by the board of trustees, one by the board of
42 directors of the alumni association of the university and one by the
43 president of the university. No ballot in such election, whether in
44 paper or electronic form, shall be opened until the date by which
45 ballots must be returned to the canvassing board. In such election, all
46 graduates shall be entitled to vote by signed paper or electronic ballots,
47 [which have been circulated to them by mail and which shall be
48 returned by mail.] Vacancies occurring by death or resignation of
49 either of such alumni trustees shall be filled for the unexpired portion
50 of the term by special election, if such unexpired term is for more than
51 eighteen months. When the unexpired term is eighteen months or less,

52 such vacancy shall be filled by appointment by the board of directors
53 of said alumni association.

54 (e) On or before November 1, 1975, the students of The University of
55 Connecticut shall, in such manner as the board of trustees of said
56 university shall determine, elect two trustees, each of whom shall be
57 enrolled as a full-time student of said university at the time of his or
58 her election. One such [member] trustee shall be elected for a term of
59 one year from November 1, 1975, and one for a term of two years from
60 said date. Prior to July first, annually, until and including the election
61 held on or before July 1, 2019, such students shall, in accordance with
62 this section and in such manner as the board shall determine, elect one
63 [member] trustee of [said] the board, who shall be so enrolled at said
64 university at the time of his or her election and who shall serve for a
65 term of two years from July first in the year of his or her election. On or
66 before July 1, 2020, such students shall, in accordance with this
67 subsection and in such manner as the board shall determine, elect two
68 additional trustees, each of whom shall be enrolled as a full-time
69 student at said university at the time of his or her election. One such
70 trustee shall be elected for a term of one year commencing July 1, 2020,
71 and the other trustee shall be elected for a term of two years from said
72 date. On or before July 1, 2021, and annually thereafter, in accordance
73 with this subsection and in such manner as the board shall determine,
74 such students shall elect two trustees of the board who shall be
75 enrolled as full-time students at said university at the time of their
76 election and who shall serve for a term of two years from July first in
77 the year of their election. The student [member] trustee elected to fill
78 the term expiring on June 30, 2003, and the student trustee elected to
79 fill the term expiring on June 30, 2022, and such elected [member's]
80 trustees' successors, shall be enrolled as [a] full-time undergraduate
81 [student] students at a school or college of the university and shall be
82 elected by the undergraduate students of the schools and colleges of
83 the university. The student [member] trustee elected to fill the term
84 expiring on June 30, 2004, and the student trustee elected to fill the
85 term expiring on June 30, 2021, and such elected [member's] trustees'

86 successors, shall be enrolled as [a] full-time [student] students in the
87 School of Law, the School of Medicine, the School of Dentistry, the
88 School of Social Work, or as a graduate student of a school or college of
89 the university, and shall be elected by the students of the School of
90 Law, the School of Medicine, the School of Dentistry, the School of
91 Social Work and the graduate students of the schools and colleges of
92 the university. Any student [member] trustee elected after July 1, 2013,
93 shall be enrolled as a full-time student at the time of his or her election
94 and for the duration of his or her term of service. Any vacancies in the
95 elected membership of [said] the board shall, except as otherwise
96 provided in subsection (d) of this section, be filled by special election
97 for the balance of the unexpired term.

98 (f) On or before July 1, 2020, the board of trustees shall appoint to its
99 (1) financial affairs committee at least one student member who shall
100 be one of the undergraduate student trustees elected pursuant to
101 subsection (e) of this section, and (2) student life committee at least two
102 student members, one of whom shall be the other undergraduate
103 student trustee elected pursuant to subsection (e) of this section and
104 the second of whom shall be an undergraduate student selected by the
105 undergraduate student government.

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

Section 1	October 1, 2019	10a-103
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