



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 302

LCO No. 2110



Referred to Committee on HIGHER EDUCATION AND
EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT

Introduced by:
(HED)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF CONNECTICUT HIGHER
EDUCATION TRUST FUNDS FOR FIRE SCHOOLS AND OTHER
TRAINING PROGRAMS.***

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2020*) (a) Not later than January 1, 2021, the
2 Commission on Fire Prevention and Control and the Connecticut State
3 Firefighters Association shall develop a plan for the state fire school
4 maintained and operated pursuant to section 7-323p of the general
5 statutes and each regional fire school approved pursuant to section 7-
6 323u of the general statutes to qualify as an eligible educational
7 institution, as defined in section 3-22f of the general statutes, for the
8 purpose of allowing students who are designated beneficiaries, as
9 defined in section 3-22f of the general statutes, to use funds deposited in
10 the Connecticut Higher Education Trust for the payment of fees and
11 expenses incurred through enrollment in the training and education
12 programs offered by such schools. For the purpose of qualifying as an
13 eligible educational institution, said commission and association, in
14 consultation with the Office of Higher Education, shall seek regional

15 accreditation and licensure in accordance with section 10a-34 of the
16 general statutes or certification in accordance with section 10a-22a of the
17 general statutes, as applicable.

18 (b) Not later than January 1, 2021, and annually thereafter until the
19 qualification of the state fire school and each regional fire school as an
20 eligible educational institution is determined, the Commission on Fire
21 Prevention and Control and the Connecticut State Firefighters
22 Association shall submit, in accordance with the provisions of section
23 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committee of the
24 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to higher
25 education the plan developed pursuant to subsection (a) of this section
26 and a report on the progress of such schools becoming qualified as an
27 eligible educational institution.

28 Sec. 2. (*Effective July 1, 2020*) Not later than January 1, 2021, the Labor
29 Commissioner shall post on the Labor Department's Internet web site
30 and send to each person who sponsors an apprenticeship program that
31 is registered with said department information regarding the process
32 for registering apprenticeships with the United States Department of
33 Labor for the purpose of allowing apprentices who are designated
34 beneficiaries, as defined in section 3-22f of the general statutes, to use
35 funds deposited in the Connecticut Higher Education Trust for the
36 payment of fees and expenses incurred through enrollment in such
37 apprenticeship program.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2020</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2020</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To (1) require the Commission on Fire Prevention and Control to seek qualification for the Connecticut Fire Academy and the regional fire schools as an eligible educational institution for the purposes of becoming eligible to receive funds from the Connecticut Higher

Education Trust, and (2) require the Labor Commissioner to provide information on registering apprenticeship programs to become eligible to receive funds from the Connecticut Higher Education Trust.

[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.]