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**Raised Bill No. 303**

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Referred to Committee on HIGHER EDUCATION AND  
EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT

Introduced by:  
(HED)

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE LEGISLATIVE COMMISSIONERS'  
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TECHNICAL REVISIONS TO THE HIGHER  
EDUCATION STATUTES.**

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 10a-34g of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
3 *2024*):

4 (b) The executive director of the Office of Higher Education may deny  
5 the application for initial or renewed [license or accreditation]  
6 authorization of a for-profit institution of higher education or consider  
7 a for-profit institution of higher education ineligible to receive any  
8 public funds, including, but not limited to, federal funds administered  
9 by the office pursuant to section 10a-45 if (1) such institution fails to  
10 include the statement required under subsection (a) of this section in its  
11 application, or (2) upon review of such statement, the executive director  
12 determines that the public policy of protecting the interests of students  
13 in the state requires such denial. Notwithstanding the provisions of  
14 subsection (i) of section 10a-34, the executive director may deny the

15 [accreditation] authorization of an institution of higher education, for  
16 the purposes of this subsection, by refusing to accept or withdrawing  
17 any previous acceptance of [regional] accreditation made under  
18 subsection (i) of said section.

19 Sec. 2. Subsection (b) of section 10a-44d of the 2024 supplement to the  
20 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
21 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

22 (b) There is established the Connecticut Open Educational Resource  
23 Coordinating Council, which shall be part of the Connecticut State  
24 Colleges and Universities. The president shall appoint the members of  
25 the council, which shall consist of the following: (1) A state-wide  
26 coordinator, who shall collaborate with all institutions of higher  
27 education to promote open educational resources and administer  
28 grants; (2) one faculty member, one administrator and one staff member  
29 from The University of Connecticut; (3) one faculty member, one  
30 administrator and one staff member from the regional community-  
31 technical college system; (4) one faculty member, one administrator and  
32 one staff member from Charter Oak State College; (5) one faculty  
33 member, one administrator and one staff member from the Connecticut  
34 State University System; (6) one faculty member, one administrator and  
35 one staff member from the independent institutions of higher education;  
36 and (7) one student from any public or independent institution of higher  
37 education in the state. All initial appointments to the council shall be  
38 made not later than September 1, 2019, and shall expire on August 30,  
39 2022, regardless of when the initial appointment was made. Any  
40 member of the council may serve more than one term.

41 Sec. 3. Subsection (b) of section 10a-178 of the 2024 supplement to the  
42 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
43 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

44 (b) "Project", in the case of a (1) participating institution for higher  
45 education, means a (A) structure suitable for use as a dormitory or other  
46 housing facility, including housing for staff members, employees or

47 students at such institution of higher education, dining hall, student  
48 union, administration building, academic building, library, laboratory,  
49 research facility, classroom, athletic facility, health care facility, and  
50 maintenance, storage or utility facility and other structures or facilities  
51 related thereto or required or useful for the instruction of students or  
52 the conducting of research or the operation of an institution for higher  
53 education, including parking and other facilities or structures essential  
54 or convenient for the orderly conduct of such institution for higher  
55 education, also including equipment and machinery and other similar  
56 items necessary or convenient for the operation of a particular facility or  
57 structure in the manner for which its use is intended or for the operation  
58 of a participating institution for higher education, or any combination  
59 thereof, or (B) program or service that is in furtherance of the  
60 organization or mission of a participating institution of higher  
61 education; (2) participating health care institution means a (A) structure  
62 suitable for use as a hospital, clinic, or other health care facility,  
63 laboratory, laundry, residence facility, including housing for nurses,  
64 interns, staff members, employees or students at such health care  
65 institution and their immediate families and for physically or mentally  
66 handicapped persons, administration building, research facility, and  
67 maintenance, storage or utility facility and other structures or facilities  
68 related thereto or required or useful for the operation of the project,  
69 including parking and other facilities or structures essential or  
70 convenient for the orderly operation of such project, also including  
71 equipment and machinery and other similar items necessary or  
72 convenient for the operation of the project in the manner for which its  
73 use is intended or for the operation of a participating health care  
74 institution, or any combination thereof, or (B) program or service that is  
75 in furtherance of the organization or mission of a participating health  
76 care institution; (3) participating qualified nonprofit organization means  
77 a (A) structure or facility owned in its entirety by, or suitable for use in  
78 accordance with the charitable or nonprofit status of the qualified  
79 nonprofit organization, also including equipment and machinery and  
80 other similar items necessary or convenient for the operation of the  
81 project in the manner for which its use is intended or for the operation

82 of a participating qualified nonprofit corporation, or (B) program or  
83 service that is in furtherance of the organization or mission of a  
84 participating qualified nonprofit organization; and (4) participating  
85 nursing home means a (A) structure or facility suitable for use as a  
86 nursing home, residential care home, rest home, health care facility for  
87 the handicapped, mental health facility or independent living facility  
88 subject to the licensing requirements of chapter 368v and appurtenant  
89 facilities, equipment and machinery and other similar items necessary  
90 or convenient for the operation of a particular facility or structure in the  
91 manner for which its use is intended or for the operation of a  
92 participating nursing home, or (B) program or service that is in  
93 furtherance of the organization or mission of a participating nursing  
94 home;

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	10a-34g(b)
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	10a-44d(b)
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	10a-178(b)

**Statement of Purpose:**

To make grammatical and technical revisions to the higher education statutes.

*[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.]*