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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2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*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20 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu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	July 1, 2024	10a-34g(b)
Sec. 2	July 1, 2024	10a-44d(b)
Sec. 3	July 1, 2024	10a-178(b)

HED *Joint Favorable*