



**Senate Bill No. 303**

**Public Act No. 24-63**

**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:

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 Subsection (b) of section 10a-34g of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

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

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subsection (i) of said section.

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 Subsection (b) of section 10a-44d of the 2024 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

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

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

(b) "Project", in the case of a (1) participating institution for higher education, means a (A) structure suitable for use as a dormitory or other housing facility, including housing for staff members, employees or students at such institution of higher education, dining hall, student

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union, administration building, academic building, library, laboratory, research facility, classroom, athletic facility, health care facility, and maintenance, storage or utility facility and other structures or facilities related thereto or required or useful for the instruction of students or the conducting of research or the operation of an institution for higher education, including parking and other facilities or structures essential or convenient for the orderly conduct of such institution for higher education, also including equipment and machinery and other similar items necessary or convenient for the operation of a particular facility or structure in the manner for which its use is intended or for the operation of a participating institution for higher education, or any combination thereof, or (B) program or service that is in furtherance of the organization or mission of a participating institution of higher education; (2) participating health care institution means a (A) structure suitable for use as a hospital, clinic, or other health care facility, laboratory, laundry, residence facility, including housing for nurses, interns, staff members, employees or students at such health care institution and their immediate families and for physically or mentally handicapped persons, administration building, research facility, and maintenance, storage or utility facility and other structures or facilities related thereto or required or useful for the operation of the project, including parking and other facilities or structures essential or convenient for the orderly operation of such project, also including equipment and machinery and other similar items necessary or convenient for the operation of the project in the manner for which its use is intended or for the operation of a participating health care institution, or any combination thereof, or (B) program or service that is in furtherance of the organization or mission of a participating health care institution; (3) participating qualified nonprofit organization means a (A) structure or facility owned in its entirety by, or suitable for use in accordance with the charitable or nonprofit status of the qualified nonprofit organization, also including equipment and machinery and other similar items necessary or convenient for the operation of the

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