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Referred to Committee on VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Introduced by:
(VA)

***AN ACT CONCERNING TUITION WAIVERS AT PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS
OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR FAMILY MEMBERS OF VETERANS
AND GOLD STAR FAMILY MEMBERS.***

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (d) of section 10a-77 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
3 *1, 2019*):

4 (d) Said board of trustees shall waive the payment of tuition at any
5 of the regional community-technical colleges (1) for any dependent
6 child of a person whom the armed forces of the United States has
7 declared to be missing in action or to have been a prisoner of war
8 while serving in such armed forces after January 1, 1960, which child
9 has been accepted for admission to such institution and is a resident of
10 the state at the time such child is accepted for admission to such
11 institution, (2) subject to the provisions of subsection (e) of this section,
12 for any (A) veteran who performed service in time of war, as defined
13 in section 27-103, or (B) person with a qualifying condition, as defined
14 in said section, who has received a discharge other than bad conduct

15 or dishonorable from active service in the armed forces and who
16 performed service in time of war, except that for purposes of this
17 subsection, "service in time of war" shall not include time spent in
18 attendance at a military service academy, which veteran or person has
19 been accepted for admission to such institution and is domiciled in this
20 state at the time such veteran or person is accepted for admission to
21 such institution, (3) for any resident of the state sixty-two years of age
22 or older, provided, at the end of the regular registration period, there
23 are enrolled in the course a sufficient number of students other than
24 those residents eligible for waivers pursuant to this subdivision to
25 offer the course in which such resident intends to enroll and there is
26 space available in such course after accommodating all such students,
27 (4) for any student attending the Connecticut State Police Academy
28 who is enrolled in a law enforcement program at said academy offered
29 in coordination with a regional community-technical college which
30 accredits courses taken in such program, (5) for any active member of
31 the Connecticut Army or Air National Guard who (A) has been
32 certified by the Adjutant General or such Adjutant General's designee
33 as a member in good standing of the guard, and (B) is enrolled or
34 accepted for admission to such institution on a full-time or part-time
35 basis in an undergraduate degree-granting program, (6) for any
36 dependent child of a (A) police officer, as defined in section 7-294a, or
37 supernumerary or auxiliary police officer, (B) firefighter, as defined in
38 section 7-323j, or member of a volunteer fire company, (C) municipal
39 employee, or (D) state employee, as defined in section 5-154, killed in
40 the line of duty, (7) for any resident of the state who is a dependent
41 child or surviving spouse of a specified terrorist victim who was a
42 resident of this state, (8) for any dependent child of a resident of the
43 state who was killed in a multivehicle crash at or near the intersection
44 of Routes 44 and 10 and Nod Road in Avon on July 29, 2005, [and] (9)
45 for any resident of the state who is a dependent child or surviving
46 spouse of a person who was killed in action while performing active
47 military duty with the armed forces of the United States on or after
48 September 11, 2001, and who was a resident of this state, (10) for any
49 resident of the state who is a dependent child of a veteran entitled to a

50 tuition waiver under subdivision (2) of this subsection, which
51 dependent child is not also entitled to a tuition waiver under
52 subdivision (1) of this section, except that the number of semesters for
53 which such dependent child may receive any such tuition waiver shall
54 be calculated by subtracting from eight the number of semesters such
55 veteran received such tuition waiver, and (11) for any resident of the
56 state who is a parent whose child was killed in action or the surviving
57 spouse of a person who was killed in action while performing active
58 military duty with the armed forces of the United States. If any person
59 who receives a tuition waiver in accordance with the provisions of this
60 subsection also receives educational reimbursement from an employer,
61 such waiver shall be reduced by the amount of such educational
62 reimbursement. Veterans and persons described in subdivision (2) of
63 this subsection and members of the National Guard described in
64 subdivision (5) of this subsection shall be given the same status as
65 students not receiving tuition waivers in registering for courses at
66 regional community-technical colleges. Notwithstanding the
67 provisions of section 10a-30, as used in this subsection, "domiciled in
68 this state" includes domicile for less than one year.

69 Sec. 2. Subsection (d) of section 10a-99 of the general statutes is
70 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
71 *1, 2019*):

72 (d) Said board shall waive the payment of tuition fees at the
73 Connecticut State University System (1) for any dependent child of a
74 person whom the armed forces of the United States has declared to be
75 missing in action or to have been a prisoner of war while serving in
76 such armed forces after January 1, 1960, which child has been accepted
77 for admission to such institution and is a resident of the state at the
78 time such child is accepted for admission to such institution, (2) subject
79 to the provisions of subsection (e) of this section, for any (A) veteran
80 who performed service in time of war, as defined in section 27-103, or
81 (B) person with a qualifying condition, as defined in said section, who
82 has received a discharge other than bad conduct or dishonorable from
83 active service in the armed forces and who performed service in time

84 of war, except that for purposes of this subsection, "service in time of
85 war" shall not include time spent in attendance at a military service
86 academy, which veteran or person has been accepted for admission to
87 such institution and is domiciled in this state at the time such veteran
88 or person is accepted for admission to such institution, (3) for any
89 resident of the state sixty-two years of age or older who has been
90 accepted for admission to such institution, provided (A) such resident
91 is enrolled in a degree-granting program, or (B) at the end of the
92 regular registration period, there are enrolled in the course a sufficient
93 number of students other than those residents eligible for waivers
94 pursuant to this subdivision to offer the course in which such resident
95 intends to enroll and there is space available in such course after
96 accommodating all such students, (4) for any student attending the
97 Connecticut Police Academy who is enrolled in a law enforcement
98 program at said academy offered in coordination with the university
99 which accredits courses taken in such program, (5) for any active
100 member of the Connecticut Army or Air National Guard who (A) has
101 been certified by the Adjutant General or such Adjutant General's
102 designee as a member in good standing of the guard, and (B) is
103 enrolled or accepted for admission to such institution on a full-time or
104 part-time basis in an undergraduate or graduate degree-granting
105 program, (6) for any dependent child of a (A) police officer, as defined
106 in section 7-294a, or supernumerary or auxiliary police officer, (B)
107 firefighter, as defined in section 7-323j, or member of a volunteer fire
108 company, (C) municipal employee, or (D) state employee, as defined in
109 section 5-154, killed in the line of duty, (7) for any resident of this state
110 who is a dependent child or surviving spouse of a specified terrorist
111 victim who was a resident of the state, (8) for any dependent child of a
112 resident of the state who was killed in a multivehicle crash at or near
113 the intersection of Routes 44 and 10 and Nod Road in Avon on July 29,
114 2005, [and] (9) for any resident of the state who is a dependent child or
115 surviving spouse of a person who was killed in action while
116 performing active military duty with the armed forces of the United
117 States on or after September 11, 2001, and who was a resident of this
118 state, (10) for any resident of the state who is a dependent child of a

119 veteran entitled to a tuition waiver under subdivision (2) of this
120 subsection, which dependent child is not also entitled to a tuition
121 waiver under subdivision (1) of this subsection, except that the number
122 of semesters for which such dependent child may receive any such
123 tuition waiver shall be calculated by subtracting from eight the
124 number of semesters such veteran received such tuition waiver, and
125 (11) for any resident of the state who is a parent whose child was killed
126 in action or the surviving spouse of a person who was killed in action
127 while performing active military duty with the armed forces of the
128 United States. If any person who receives a tuition waiver in
129 accordance with the provisions of this subsection also receives
130 educational reimbursement from an employer, such waiver shall be
131 reduced by the amount of such educational reimbursement. Veterans
132 and persons described in subdivision (2) of this subsection and
133 members of the National Guard described in subdivision (5) of this
134 subsection shall be given the same status as students not receiving
135 tuition waivers in registering for courses at Connecticut state
136 universities. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10a-30, as used
137 in this subsection, "domiciled in this state" includes domicile for less
138 than one year.

139 Sec. 3. Subsection (e) of section 10a-105 of the general statutes is
140 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
141 *1, 2019*):

142 (e) Said board of trustees shall waive the payment of tuition fees at
143 The University of Connecticut (1) for any dependent child of a person
144 whom the armed forces of the United States has declared to be missing
145 in action or to have been a prisoner of war while serving in such armed
146 forces after January 1, 1960, which child has been accepted for
147 admission to The University of Connecticut and is a resident of the
148 state at the time such child is accepted for admission to said institution,
149 (2) subject to the provisions of subsection (f) of this section, for any (A)
150 veteran who performed service in time of war, as defined in section 27-
151 103, or (B) person with a qualifying condition, as defined in said
152 section, who has received a discharge other than bad conduct or

153 dishonorable from active service in the armed forces and who
154 performed service in time of war, except that for purposes of this
155 subsection, "service in time of war" shall not include time spent in
156 attendance at a military service academy, which veteran or person has
157 been accepted for admission to said institution and is domiciled in this
158 state at the time such veteran or person is accepted for admission to
159 said institution, (3) for any resident of the state sixty-two years of age
160 or older who has been accepted for admission to said institution,
161 provided (A) such resident is enrolled in a degree-granting program,
162 or (B) at the end of the regular registration period, there are enrolled in
163 the course a sufficient number of students other than those residents
164 eligible for waivers pursuant to this subdivision to offer the course in
165 which such resident intends to enroll and there is space available in
166 such course after accommodating all such students, (4) for any active
167 member of the Connecticut Army or Air National Guard who (A) has
168 been certified by the Adjutant General or such Adjutant General's
169 designee as a member in good standing of the guard, and (B) is
170 enrolled or accepted for admission to said institution on a full-time or
171 part-time basis in an undergraduate or graduate degree-granting
172 program, (5) for any dependent child of a (A) police officer, as defined
173 in section 7-294a, or supernumerary or auxiliary police officer, (B)
174 firefighter, as defined in section 7-323j, or member of a volunteer fire
175 company, (C) municipal employee, or (D) state employee, as defined in
176 section 5-154, killed in the line of duty, (6) for any resident of the state
177 who is the dependent child or surviving spouse of a specified terrorist
178 victim who was a resident of the state, (7) for any dependent child of a
179 resident of the state who was killed in a multivehicle crash at or near
180 the intersection of Routes 44 and 10 and Nod Road in Avon on July 29,
181 2005, [and] (8) for any resident of the state who is a dependent child or
182 surviving spouse of a person who was killed in action while
183 performing active military duty with the armed forces of the United
184 States on or after September 11, 2001, and who was a resident of this
185 state, (9) for any resident of the state who is a dependent child of a
186 veteran entitled to a tuition waiver under subdivision (2) of this
187 subsection, which dependent child is not also entitled to a tuition

188 waiver under subdivision (1) of this subsection, except that the number
189 of semesters for which such dependent child may receive any such
190 tuition waiver shall be calculated by subtracting from eight the
191 number of semesters such veteran received such tuition waiver, and
192 (10) for any resident of the state who is a parent whose child was killed
193 in action or the surviving spouse of a person who was killed in action
194 while performing active military duty with the armed forces of the
195 United States. If any person who receives a tuition waiver in
196 accordance with the provisions of this subsection also receives
197 educational reimbursement from an employer, such waiver shall be
198 reduced by the amount of such educational reimbursement. Veterans
199 and persons described in subdivision (2) of this subsection and
200 members of the National Guard described in subdivision (4) of this
201 subsection shall be given the same status as students not receiving
202 tuition waivers in registering for courses at The University of
203 Connecticut. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10a-30, as used
204 in this subsection, "domiciled in this state" includes domicile for less
205 than one year.

206 Sec. 4. Section 10a-143 of the general statutes is amended by adding
207 subsections (h) and (i) as follows (*Effective July 1, 2019*):

208 (NEW) (h) The Board of Regents for Higher Education shall waive
209 the payment of course enrollment fees at Charter Oak State College (1)
210 for any dependent child of a person whom the armed forces of the
211 United States has declared to be missing in action or to have been a
212 prisoner of war while serving in such armed forces after January 1,
213 1960, which child has been accepted for admission to such institution
214 and is a resident of the state at the time such child is accepted for
215 admission to such institution, (2) subject to the provisions of
216 subsection (i) of this section, for any (A) veteran who performed
217 service in time of war, as defined in section 27-103, or (B) person with a
218 qualifying condition, as defined in said section, who has received a
219 discharge other than bad conduct or dishonorable from active service
220 in the armed forces and who performed service in time of war, except
221 that for purposes of this subsection, "service in time of war" shall not

222 include time spent in attendance at a military service academy, which
223 veteran or person has been accepted for admission to such institution
224 and is domiciled in this state at the time such veteran or person is
225 accepted for admission to such institution, (3) for any resident of the
226 state sixty-two years of age or older, provided, at the end of the regular
227 registration period, there are enrolled in the course a sufficient number
228 of students other than those residents eligible for waivers pursuant to
229 this subdivision to offer the course in which such resident intends to
230 enroll and there is space available in such course after accommodating
231 all such students, (4) for any student attending the Connecticut State
232 Police Academy who is enrolled in a law enforcement program at said
233 academy offered in coordination with a regional community-technical
234 college which accredits courses taken in such program, (5) for any
235 active member of the Connecticut Army or Air National Guard who
236 (A) has been certified by the Adjutant General or such Adjutant
237 General's designee as a member in good standing of the guard, and (B)
238 is enrolled or accepted for admission to such institution on a full-time
239 or part-time basis in an undergraduate degree-granting program, (6)
240 for any dependent child of a (A) police officer, as defined in section 7-
241 294a, or supernumerary or auxiliary police officer, (B) firefighter, as
242 defined in section 7-323j, or member of a volunteer fire company, (C)
243 municipal employee, or (D) state employee, as defined in section 5-154,
244 killed in the line of duty, (7) for any resident of the state who is a
245 dependent child or surviving spouse of a specified terrorist victim who
246 was a resident of this state, (8) for any dependent child of a resident of
247 the state who was killed in a multivehicle crash at or near the
248 intersection of Routes 44 and 10 and Nod Road in Avon on July 29,
249 2005, (9) for any resident of the state who is a dependent child or
250 surviving spouse of a person who was killed in action while
251 performing active military duty with the armed forces of the United
252 States on or after September 11, 2001, and who was a resident of this
253 state, (10) for any resident of the state who is a dependent child of a
254 veteran entitled to a tuition waiver under subdivision (2) of this
255 subsection, which dependent child is not also entitled to a tuition
256 waiver under subdivision (1) of this section, except that the number of

257 semesters for which such dependent child may receive any such
258 tuition waiver shall be calculated by subtracting from eight the
259 number of semesters such veteran received such tuition waiver, and
260 (11) for any resident of the state who is a parent whose child was killed
261 in action or the surviving spouse of a person who was killed in action
262 while performing active military duty with the armed forces of the
263 United States. If any person who receives a tuition waiver in
264 accordance with the provisions of this subsection also receives
265 educational reimbursement from an employer, such waiver shall be
266 reduced by the amount of such educational reimbursement. Veterans
267 and persons described in subdivision (2) of this subsection and
268 members of the National Guard described in subdivision (5) of this
269 subsection shall be given the same status as students not receiving
270 tuition waivers in registering for courses at Charter Oak State College.
271 As used in this subsection, "domiciled in this state" includes domicile
272 for less than one year.

273 (NEW) (i) (1) If any veteran described in subsection (h) of this
274 section has applied for federal educational assistance under the Post-
275 9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008, the Board of
276 Regents for Higher Education shall waive the payment of tuition at
277 Charter Oak State College for such veteran in accordance with
278 subdivision (2) of this subsection. If any such veteran certifies to said
279 Board of Regents for Higher Education that such veteran's application
280 for such federal educational assistance has been denied or withdrawn,
281 said Board of Regents for Higher Education shall waive the payment
282 of tuition in accordance with subsection (h) of this section.

283 (2) (A) For purposes of this subdivision, "veteran tuition benefit"
284 means the portion of federal educational assistance under the Post-
285 9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008 to be paid to Charter
286 Oak State College on behalf of a veteran that represents payment for
287 tuition. Such portion shall be calculated by multiplying (i) the total
288 amount of such federal educational assistance to be paid to Charter
289 Oak State College on behalf of such veteran by (ii) an amount obtained
290 by dividing (I) the actual tuition charged by Charter Oak State College

291 to such veteran by (II) the sum of the actual tuition and fees charged by
292 Charter Oak State College to such veteran.

293 (B) Said Board of Regents for Higher Education shall waive the
294 payment of tuition in excess of the veteran tuition benefit at Charter
295 Oak State College for such veteran.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2019</i>	10a-77(d)
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2019</i>	10a-99(d)
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2019</i>	10a-105(e)
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2019</i>	10a-143

Statement of Purpose:

To permit the dependent child of a veteran to receive a tuition fee waiver when such veteran is entitled to such waiver but has received fewer than eight semesters' worth of such waiver, and to permit the parent of a child who was killed in action or the surviving spouse of a person who was killed in action to receive a tuition fee waiver.

[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.]