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Higher Ed Hearing 3/11: Bill to Add Another Faculty Rep on the BOR

The Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, March 11 at 10:30 A.M. in Room 1C of the Legislative Office Building. Included on the agenda is S.B. 402, AN ACT CONCERNING FACULTY REPRESENTATION ON THE BOARD OF REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION, to add the vice-chairperson of the faculty advisory committee to serve as an ex-officio, nonvoting member of the Board of Regents for Higher Education.

CSU-AAUP encourages faculty to submit testimony in support of this bill to HEDTestimony@cga.ct.gov. If you are interested in testifying in person about this bill, please contact Ellen Benson at bensonell@ccsu.edu as soon as possible.

Also of interest on the agenda is HB 5497, AN ACT IMPLEMENTING AN I-BEST PROGRAM THROUGHOUT THE CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM, to expand the integrated basic education and skills training programming implemented at ECSU to CCSU, SCSU, and WCSU.

More information, including the full list of bills that will be heard on March 11, can be found on the [hearing agenda](#).

Higher Ed Informational Hearing on Remediation

The Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee will hear a presentation from the Board of Regents on remediation on Thursday, March 20, 2014 at 1:00P.M. in Room 2C of the Legislative Office Building.

Bills: Week of 3/3

"I support or oppose one of these bills; what should I do?"

1. Write to your legislators! Find them [here](#).
2. Track the bill so you know when public hearings are scheduled.

The following list of bills have been identified as having a potential impact on our members if passed. We will follow the progress of the bills throughout the session and alert our members if action is needed.

Please remember that these are simply proposals. Thousands of bills are filed in a legislative session but only a few hundred make it to the Governor for consideration.

EDUCATION & HIGHER EDUCATION

S.B. 402: *AN ACT CONCERNING FACULTY REPRESENTATION ON THE BOARD OF REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION*

Statement of Purpose: To add the vice-chairperson of the faculty advisory committee to serve as an ex-officio, nonvoting member of the Board of Regents for Higher Education.

H.B. 5497: *AN ACT IMPLEMENTING AN I-BEST PROGRAM THROUGHOUT THE CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM*

Statement of Purpose: To expand the integrated basic education and skills training programming implemented at ECSU to CCSU, SCSU, and WCSU.

S.B. 330: *AN ACT CONCERNING THE BOARD OF REGENTS*

Statement of Purpose: To clarify the appointments of vice-presidents of the Board of Regents for Higher Education and eliminate references to the Board for State Academic Awards from the general statutes.

H.B. 5468: *AN ACT CONCERNING CONNECTICUT SCHOLARSHIPS*

Statement of Purpose: To make a technical change to the Governor's Scholarship program statute.

S.B. 397: *AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONNECTICUT HIGHER EDUCATION TRUST*

Statement of Purpose: To increase the maximum annual modification to Connecticut adjusted gross income for contributions to qualified state tuition programs to five thousand dollars for each child of an individual taxpayer filing and ten thousand dollars for each child of taxpayers filing a joint return.

**Continued - Bills:
Week of 3/3**

S.B. 401: AN ACT CONCERNING WORKFORCE DIVERSITY STANDARDS OF CONTRACTORS PERFORMING WORK AT SOUTHERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY

Statement of Purpose: To establish specific workforce diversity standards for contractors awarded a public works contract at Southern Connecticut State University.

H.B. 5493: AN ACT REQUIRING A STATE-WIDE PLAN TO PROVIDE EDUCATION, TRAINING AND JOB PLACEMENT IN EMERGING INDUSTRIES

Statement of Purpose: To require a state-wide plan for implementing, expanding or improving upon contextualized learning, career pathways, middle college and early college high school programs.

H.B. 5494: AN ACT CONCERNING STUDENT MEMBERSHIP ON THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT

Statement of Purpose: To add an additional full-time undergraduate student as an alternate trustee on the Board of Trustees for The University of Connecticut.

H.B. 5495: AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN ACCELERATED CERTIFICATES PROGRAM

Statement of Purpose: To establish an accelerated certificates program.

H.B. 5496: AN ACT CONCERNING HIGHER EDUCATION

Statement of Purpose: To require a study of issues concerning higher education.

LABOR & PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

S.B. 382: AN ACT CONCERNING THE OVERPAYMENT OF BENEFITS TO RETIRED STATE EMPLOYEES

Statement of Purpose: To prevent the state from recouping overpayments of retirement benefits to a retired state employee when the state has not conducted an audit within twenty-four months.

What are the Hot Topics at the Capitol?

From the Office of Legislative Research:

1. Electronic Monitoring of Offenders
2. Massachusetts Guardian Ad Litem Program
3. Automatic Transfers of Juveniles from Juvenile to Criminal Court

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