



A Voice For Faculty

Capitol Monitor

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Faculty Representation on the Board of Regents Bill

SB 402, *AN ACT CONCERNING FACULTY REPRESENTATION ON THE BOARD OF REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION*, was referred to the Government Administration and Elections Committee (GAE). The GAE Committee met on Friday, April 11 and SB 402 was on its agenda. It was passed without comment or objection. The next step is for it to be voted on by the entire Senate.

Higher Ed Planning Commission Creates Draft Goals

In 2011, the Connecticut General Assembly established a Planning Commission for Higher Education to develop and ensure the implementation of a strategic master plan for higher education in Connecticut. The Commission is comprised of former administrators or faculty members from independent institutions, community colleges, UConn, CSU, Charter Oak State College as well as individuals who have experience in the field of arts and culture, health care, and science and technology. In addition, the Commission includes members appointed to represent state-wide business organizations and nonprofit education foundations, as well as an individual with experience in university research and its commercial application, and an individual with experience in the field of education from prekindergarten to grade twelve.

The Planning Commission for Higher Education began meeting in March 2013 and last week released a "[Draft Goals and Preliminary Observations from Policy Review](#)" document at its meeting.

The goals include:

- **Increase educational attainment:** Increase the postsecondary education attainment level of the 25-64 year-old population of the state to at least 70% by 2025: 50% with bachelor's degree and above, 20% with associate degrees, and 30% with certificates

- **Develop globally competitive economy and sustainable communities.** Develop a globally competitive economy and sustainable communities in terms of economy, environment, culture, and other conditions that are essential to attract and retain a highly educated, diverse population

- **Affordability:** Ensure that higher education is affordable for CT residents

If you are interested in learning more about the Commission or the draft report, please go [here](#) for agenda, minutes, and related documents.

House Journal

H. B. No. 5029, *AN ACT CONCERNING SEXUAL ASSAULT, STALKING AND INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE ON CAMPUS.*

The bill was explained by Representative Willis who offered House Amendment Schedule "A" and moved its adoption. On a roll call vote House Bill No. 5029 as amended by House Amendment Schedule "A" was passed.

Files: Week of 4/7

"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.

Please note that once a bill becomes a file it possibly could go to the House or Senate floor within two days to be voted on.

EDUCATION & HIGHER EDUCATION

File 459: *AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE EDUCATION RESOURCE CENTER.*

File 471: *AN ACT CONCERNING EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FOR CERTAIN STATE CAMPUSES.*

File 472: *AN ACT CONCERNING STUDENT INTERNSHIPS.*

What are the Hot Topics at the Capitol?

From the Office of Legislative Research:

1. Accredited Police Departments in Connecticut
2. Summary of Federal Railroad Administration Safety Assessment of Metro North
3. Juvenile Sentencing Laws and Court Decisions after Miller v. Alabama
4. Planning and Development Committee Bills Referred to the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee
5. 2014 Commerce Committee Bills Referred to the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee