



A Voice For Faculty

Capitol Monitor

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Bill to Allow Faculty on the Board of Regents

Please contact your State Representative and State Senator (find your legislators [here](#)) and ask them to please bring SB 867 to the floor for a vote and to support an amendment allowing two faculty members from the Faculty Advisory Committee to serve on the following BOR Committees: Academic & Student Affairs, Information Technology, Finance, and Strategic Planning. Please explain to your legislators why faculty input on these committees is important.

Files: Week of 4/8

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.

File No. 410: AN ACT CONCERNING A REQUEST FOR INFORMATION REGARDING FUNDING FOR STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION BENEFITS. The Committee on Insurance and Real Estate reported through REP. MEGNA of the 97th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

File No. 435: AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE GOVERNOR CONCERNING HIGHER EDUCATION.* The Committee on Higher Education and Employment Advancement reported through SEN. BYE of the 5th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass. * This bill establishes the Governor's Scholarship program as a single, consolidated state financial aid program for Connecticut residents who are undergraduates at in-state public and private higher education institutions. Despite the name, this bill does not discuss levels of funding for the higher education institutions.

File No. 436 : AN ACT CONCERNING THE STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE BOARD OF REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION. The Committee on Higher Education and Employment Advancement reported through SEN. BYE of the 5th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

Files: Week of 4/8

File No. 460 : AN ACT CONCERNING TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAMS. The Committee on Higher Education and Employment Advancement reported through REP. WILLIS of the 64th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

**House Bills
Passed**

The following bills were brought to the floor for a vote in the House of Representatives during its session on April 10. All the bills still require Senate approval.

HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT. Substitute for H.B. No. 6648 (RAISED) (File No. 237) AN ACT CONCERNING THE BOARD OF REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION.

The following is the result of the vote:

Total Number Voting 143

Necessary for Passage 72

Those voting Yea 129

Those voting Nay 14

Those absent and not voting 8

On a roll call vote House Bill No. 6648 was passed.

HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT. H.B. No. 6364 (RAISED) (File No. 27) AN ACT CONCERNING THE RECEIPT OF QUARTERLY REPORTS BY THE OFFICE OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

The following is the result of the vote:

Total Number Voting 143

Necessary for Passage 72

Those voting Yea 143

Those voting Nay 0

Those absent and not voting 8

On a roll call vote House Bill No. 6364 was passed.

House Bills Passed

HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT. H.B. No. 5425 (RAISED) (File No. 25) AN ACT ALLOWING ADJUNCT FACULTY MEMBERS OF CHARTER OAK STATE COLLEGE TO WAIVE MEMBERSHIP IN A STATE RETIREMENT PLAN.

The following is the result of the vote:

Total Number Voting 141

Necessary for Passage 71

Those voting Yea 141

Those voting Nay 0

Those absent and not voting 10

On a roll call vote House Bill No. 5425 was passed.

What are the Hot Topics at the Capitol?

From the Office of Legislative Research:

1. DEEP Renewable Portfolio Standard Study
2. Summary of Colorado's New Gun Control Laws
3. Sentencing for Gun-Related Crimes
4. Right to Bear Arms under the Connecticut Constitution