



Legislative Proposal - 2020 Session

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Subcommittee: Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee

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Title of Proposal: Administrative Changes

Statutory Reference: 10a-173 (f)

Proposal Summary:

This proposal makes changes to the language requiring institutions of higher education to provide annual data and reports to the Office of Higher Education (OHE), as well as, changes to way students are identified on such reports.

PROPOSAL BACKGROUND

◇ Reason for Proposal

Please consider the following, if applicable:

- (1) *Please describe the subcommittee goal this proposal seeks to meet and how it will facilitate accomplishing the goal.*
- (2) *Please identify if this proposal relates to any subcommittee initiatives.*
- (3) *Have there been changes in federal/state/local laws and regulations that make this legislation necessary?*
- (4) *Has this proposal or something similar been implemented in other states? If yes, what is the outcome(s)? Are other states considering something similar this year?*
- (5) *Have certain constituencies called for this action?*
- (6) *What would happen if this was not enacted in law this session?*

This proposal ensures that data reported annually by institutions of higher education will better align with data tracking via the P20-Win initiative. If this proposal is not enacted institutions of higher education who voluntarily remove themselves from the Roberta B. Willis Scholarship program, or who are statutorily removed from the program would not be required to provide OHE with any annual data or reports. Secondly, if the way students are identified on such reports remains as is, the data will not be able to be matched up to the P20-Win data.



PROPOSAL IMPACT

◇ **AGENCIES AFFECTED** *(please list for each affected agency)*

Agency Name: N/A

Agency Contact (name, title, phone): **Date Contacted:** [Click here](#) to enter text.

Approve of Proposal ☐ YES ☐ NO ☐ Talks Ongoing

Summary of Affected Agency's Comments

N/A

Will there need to be further negotiation? ☐ YES ☐ NO

◇ **FISCAL IMPACT** *(please include the proposal section that causes the fiscal impact and the anticipated impact)*

Municipal *(please include any municipal mandate that can be found within legislation)*

N/A

State

N/A

Federal

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Additional notes on fiscal impact

N/A

◇ **POLICY and PROGRAMMATIC IMPACTS** *(Please specify the proposal section associated with the impact)*

N/A



◇ **EVIDENCE BASE**

What data will be used to track the impact of this proposal over time, and what measurable outcome do you anticipate? Is that data currently available or must it be developed? Please provide information on the measurement and evaluation plan. Where possible, those plans should include process and outcome components. Pew MacArthur Results First [evidence definitions](#) can help you to establish the evidence-base for your program and their [Clearinghouse](#) allows for easy access to information about the evidence base for a variety of programs.

This minor wording change will better allow OHE to track the progress of students who both apply for financial aid and receive state financial aid from the Roberta B. Willis Scholarship program.

[Insert fully drafted bill here](#)



Legislative Language Change to the Roberta B. Willis Scholarship Program, Sec. 10a-173 (f)

(f) [Participating] All institutions of higher education, as identified by the Office of Higher Education, shall annually provide the Office of Higher Education with data and reports on all Connecticut students, identified by the students full name and Social Security number, who applied for financial aid, including, but not limited to, students receiving a Roberta B. Willis Scholarship grant, in a form and at a time determined by said office. If an institution of higher education fails to submit information to the Office of Higher Education as directed, such institution shall be prohibited from participating in the scholarship program in the fiscal year following the fiscal year in which such institution failed to submit such information. Each participating institution of higher education shall maintain, for a period of not less than three years, records substantiating the reported number of Connecticut students and documentation utilized by the institution of higher education in determining eligibility of the student grant recipients. Such records shall be subject to audit or review. Funds not obligated by an institution of higher education shall be returned by May first in the fiscal year the grant was made to the Office of Higher Education for reallocation. Financial aid provided to Connecticut residents under this program shall be designated as a grant from the Roberta B. Willis Scholarship program.