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AN ACT CONCERNING BOARDS OF TRUSTEES FOR THE REGIONAL COMMUNITY COLLEGES.

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SECTION

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

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Section 1. There shall be boards of trustees for each regional community college, including greater Hartford community college, Housatonic community college, Manchester community college, Mattatuck community college, Middlesex community college, Northwestern community college, Norwalk community college, Mohegan community college, South Central community college and Tunxis community college. On the first day of July, 1971, the powers of the existing board of trustees for the regional community colleges shall be transferred to the boards of trustees for each existing community college.

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Sec. 2. The governor shall appoint four trustees to each board of trustees for the regional community colleges now in existence and the trustees so appointed shall hold office for a period of five years. On July 1, 1971, the governor shall appoint said trustees for staggered terms, one term to run until July, 1973, one term to run until July, 1974, one term to run until July, 1975, and one term to run until July, 1976. The trustees so appointed by the governor shall be residents of the district which the community college serves and shall be selected from a list of names submitted to the governor by the mayor and first selectman of the towns included in the region for each community college. The commissioner of higher education shall be

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ex officio, a member of the boards of trustees for the regional
community colleges. After a regional community college has been
in existence for five years, the graduates of that college shall
prior to July 1 in the odd-numbered years, elect two trustees who
shall hold office for two years from the first day of July
succeeding his election. One student trustee shall also be
elected to each board by the general student body of each
regional community college to serve for a one year term beginning
in July, 1971.

Sec. 3. Each board shall, within its own jurisdiction
administer the regional community college in its region subject
to the powers of the commission on higher education. The board
may lease such physical facilities as may be necessary for proper
operation of such institution, subject to the approval of the
commission on higher education and may expend capital funds
therefor if such leasing is required during the planning and
construction phases of the institution within its jurisdiction
for which such capital funds were authorized. The board may
appoint and remove the chief executive officer of the institution
within its jurisdiction. The board may employ the faculty and
other personnel needed to operate and maintain the institution
within its jurisdiction. Within the limits of available
appropriations the board shall fix the compensation of such
personnel, establish terms and conditions of employment and
prescribe their duties and qualifications subject to the powers
of the commission on higher education. The boards shall confer
such certificates and degrees as are appropriate to the curricula
of the community college within its region. Within the limits of
the bonding authority therefor the board may acquire such site
and construct such buildings as are consistent with the plan of
development approved by the commission.

Sec. 4. Section 10-38f of the 1969 supplement to the
general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in
lieu thereof: The [board] BOARDS of trustees [of] FOR EACH
regional community [colleges] COLLEGE may establish and maintain

a community college auxiliary services at the regional community 67
colleges as said board determines. The proceeds of such 69
activities shall become a part of the resources of said fund.
All direct expenses of operation, maintenance and repair of 70
facilities, food services and such other auxiliary activities 71
shall be charged, and any payments of interest and principal of 72
bonds or any sums transferable to any fund for the payment of
interest and principal of bonds and any cost of equipment for 73
such operations may be charged, against such fund on order of the 74
state comptroller. Any balance of receipts above expenditures 75
shall remain in said fund to be used for the improvement and 76
extension of said activities, except such sums as may be required
to be transferred from time to time to any fund for the 77
redemption of bonds and payment of interest on bonds. 78

Sec. 5. Section 10-38g of the 1969 supplement to the 79
general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in 80
lieu thereof: The [board] BOARDS of trustees [of] FOR EACH 81
regional community [colleges] COLLEGE may establish and maintain 82
[a] community college education extension funds. [Said fund] 83
SUCH FUNDS may be used as [said board determines] SUCH BOARDS
DETERMINE for the operation of such regional community college 84
educational extension programs and summer school sessions as said 85
board may establish and for the purchase of such equipment as is 86
required for use in the operation of such programs and sessions.
All proceeds derived from the operation of the educational 87
extension programs and of the summer school sessions shall be 88
credited to and become a part of the resources of [said fund.] 89
SUCH FUNDS. All direct expenses incurred in the conduct of said 90
educational extension programs and summer sessions shall be 91
charged, and any payments of interest and principal of bonds or 92
any sums transferable to any fund for the payment of interest and
principal of bonds and any cost of equipment for such operations 93
may be charged against said fund on order of the state 94
comptroller. Any balance of receipts above expenditures shall 95
remain in [said fund] SUCH FUNDS to be used for its educational 96

extension program and summer school session program, and for the 97
 acquisition, as provided by section 4-26, alteration and repairs 98
 of real property for educational extension facilities, except 99
 such sums as may be required to be transferred from time to time 100
 to any fund for the redemption of bonds and payment of interest 101
 on bonds, provided capital projects costing over fifty thousand 102
 dollars shall require the approval of the general assembly or,
 when the general assembly is not in session, of the finance
 advisory committee.

Sec. 6. Section 10-38h of the 1969 supplement to the 103
 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in 104
 lieu thereof: The [board] BOARDS of trustees [of the] FOR EACH 105
 regional community [colleges] COLLEGE shall fix fees for tuition 106
 and for such other purposes as the board deems necessary at such
 colleges, subject to the approval of the commission for higher 107
 education, and may make refunds of the same. [Said board] SUCH 109
 BOARDS may remit tuition fees of deserving students of
 exceptional promise, provided the fees of not more than ten per 110
 cent of such students in each class each year shall be so 111
 remitted.

Sec. 7. Section 10-38b, 10-38c and 10-38d of the 1969 112
 supplement to the general statutes are repealed. 113

Sec. 8. This act shall take effect from its passage. 114

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: To provide for a separate board of trustees 117
 for each of the regional community colleges instead of the board 118
 of trustees for all colleges.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets and proposed 120
 additions are all capitalized, or underlined where appropriate.] 122