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"AN ACT CONCERNING THE ENDOWED CHAIR INVESTMENT FUND."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. Section 10a-20a of the general statutes is repealed and the
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2017*):

5 (a) The Office of Higher Education may establish and administer a
6 fund to be known as the Endowed Chair Investment Fund. Within the
7 limits of funds available, the office may deposit state funds for an
8 endowed chair approved under subsection (c) of this section to an
9 account within said fund in an amount not less than five hundred
10 thousand dollars.

11 (b) [State funds deposited by the office to the Endowed Chair
12 Investment Fund shall be invested by the State Treasurer.] For the
13 fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, and each fiscal year thereafter, the

14 office shall transfer, upon request, state funds deposited in the
15 Endowed Chair Investment Fund to a duly established foundation of
16 The University of Connecticut or the Connecticut State University
17 System, as appropriate, for each endowed chair approved by the office.
18 Such duly established foundation may invest such state funds, and any
19 interest income earned on such state funds shall be used to support the
20 endowed chair. Such duly established foundations shall (1) maintain
21 such state funds separately from the nonstate matching contributions,
22 (2) hold such state funds as a permanently restricted asset for the
23 endowed chair, and (3) manage such state funds in accordance with
24 the Connecticut Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds
25 Act (UPMIFA), pursuant to sections 45a-535 to 45a-535i, inclusive, and
26 in a manner consistent with each foundation's investment and
27 expenditure policies. No interest income earned from the state funds in
28 any fiscal year shall be used to support the endowed chair when, at the
29 close of the fiscal year, the market value of such state funds is less than
30 the principal value. Such duly established foundation shall restore the
31 principal balance of such state funds to the original amount deposited
32 in the subsequent fiscal year.

33 (c) The Board of Trustees of The University of Connecticut and the
34 Board of Trustees of the Connecticut State University System may
35 apply for the establishment of an endowed chair to be supported by a
36 grant of not less than five hundred thousand and not more than one
37 million dollars from the Endowed Chair Investment Fund and a
38 matching nonstate contribution. Applications for endowed chairs shall
39 be accepted on October first and April first in each year in which funds
40 are available. To apply for the state grant, the board of trustees shall
41 notify the office that it has raised a matching nonstate contribution and
42 that it is eligible for a grant of state funds to establish an endowed
43 chair in a specific academic discipline. The board of trustees shall
44 submit for the office's review and approval evidence that the chair will
45 be established in a center of excellence, as defined in subsection (b) of
46 section 10a-25h.

47 (d) Following approval of state funding for an endowed chair by the

48 office, the board of trustees of the institution at which the chair is
49 established shall select candidates to fill the endowed chair and shall
50 develop a budget for expenditures associated with the chair.

51 [(e) Interest income earned under subsection (b) of this section shall
52 be deposited to the Endowed Chair Investment Fund and, following
53 establishment of an endowed chair under subsection (c) of this section
54 shall be allocated, upon request, to The University of Connecticut or to
55 the Connecticut State University System, as appropriate, to support the
56 endowed chair. Nonstate matching contributions shall be held by a
57 duly established foundation of The University of Connecticut or the
58 Connecticut State University System and the interest on such
59 contributions shall be used to support the endowed chair.]

60 [(f)] (e) The boards of trustees shall submit annual reports, in
61 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a, to the office and the
62 joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance
63 of matters relating to higher education concerning the management of
64 an endowed chair. Such report shall include, but not be limited to, (1)
65 expenditures, (2) the balance of state funds in each of the two previous
66 fiscal years, (3) the balance of nonstate matching contributions in each
67 of the two previous fiscal years, and (4) the amount of interest income
68 earned for the state funds and nonstate matching contributions for the
69 previous fiscal year.

70 Sec. 2. Section 10a-132a of the general statutes is repealed and the
71 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2017*):

72 The Board of [Regents for Higher Education] Trustees of The
73 University of Connecticut shall establish at The University of
74 Connecticut Health Center an endowed chair in infectious diseases in
75 accordance with the provisions of subsections (a), (b), (d) [,] and (e)
76 [and (f)] of section 10a-20a, as amended by this act. The purpose of this
77 endowed chair will be to support a senior faculty member in the school
78 of medicine who will direct programs in teaching, research and patient
79 care in the area of infectious diseases. This chair will provide support

80 for an investigator or investigators who will coordinate research
81 activities into the microbiologic, immunologic and clinical aspects of
82 infectious diseases, including acquired immune deficiency syndrome,
83 at The University of Connecticut Health Center and its affiliated
84 institutions. The investigators will provide a link between ongoing
85 basic science research in infectious diseases and the clinical application
86 of the new knowledge that is being generated. This position will be a
87 focal point for infectious disease research in Connecticut."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2017</i>	10a-20a
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2017</i>	10a-132a