RESOLUTION

concerning

Educational Extension and Summer Session Fees for Veterans

July 13, 1973

WHEREAS, The General Assembly, through Public Act No. 542 of the 1973 Regular Session, authorized the waiving of tuition for children of certain members of the armed forces and the waiving of one-half of the tuition fee for certain veterans of the armed forces, and

WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees for the State Colleges desires to provide equivalent benefits for such persons enrolled in the Educational Extension and Summer Session programs; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That veterans and children of armed forces personnel who qualify for tuition benefits under subsections (b) and (c) of Section 10-116 of the General Statutes, which subsections were added by Public Act No. 73-542, shall be granted like benefits through the application of the same proportional reduction in credit hour fees when enrolled in the Educational Extension or Summer Session programs.

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 1707
PUBLIC ACT NO. 73-542

AN ACT CONCERNING WAIVER OF TUITION AT THE REGIONAL COMMUNITY COLLEGES, THE STATE COLLEGES, THE STATE TECHNICAL COLLEGES AND THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT.

Sec. 3. Section 10-116 of the 1971 noncumulative supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof: (a) Subject to the provisions of section 10-329b, the board of trustees of the state colleges shall fix fees for tuition of not less than three hundred dollars for residents of this state and not less than eight hundred fifty dollars for nonresidents and shall fix fees for such other purposes as the board deems necessary at the state colleges, subject to the approval of the commission for higher education, and may make refunds of the same.

(b) Said board shall waive the payment of tuition fees at any of the state colleges for any dependent child of a person whom the armed forces of the United States has declared to be missing in action or to have been a prisoner of war while serving in such armed forces after January 1, 1960, which child has been accepted for admission to such institution, provided such person missing in action or former prisoner of war was a resident of Connecticut at the time he entered the service of the armed forces of the United States or was a resident of Connecticut while so serving.

(c) Said board shall waive the payment of one-half of the tuition fees at any of the state colleges for any Vietnam era veteran, as defined in section 27-103a of the 1969 supplement to the general statutes, who has been accepted for admission to such institution, provided such veteran was a resident of Connecticut at the time he entered the service of the armed forces of the United States or was a resident of Connecticut while so serving and is a resident of Connecticut at the time he is accepted for admission to such institution.
June 28, 1973

TO:    William J. Sanders, State Technical Colleges
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FROM: W. Robert Bokelman

SUBJECT: P.A. 542 (1973)

Attached is a copy of a press release issued from the Governor's office today announcing that the one-half tuition rate for Vietnam veterans is to be effective with the fall semester or term of the 1973-74 academic year.

Since it is unlikely that a further directive will be issued on this matter, will you please inform your individual colleges of this decision.

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Enclosure
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

For Release: June 28, 1973

Governor Thomas J. Meskill announced today that a technicality in the law which threatened to prevent veterans from getting a reduction in tuition at the state institutions of higher education has been corrected administratively.

Vietnam veterans who have been admitted to units of the State system of higher education and who were residents of Connecticut at the time of entering military service will be entitled to a reduction of one-half the tuition at these institutions beginning with the fall semester of the 1973-1974 academic year.

The Governor said, "I am pleased that my office has been able to solve, in an administrative way, this technical problem which would have threatened the tuition reduction for Vietnam veterans in Connecticut.

"If an administrative solution had not been found in this case, the tuition reduction for these veterans would not have been effective until the second semester of the 1973-74 academic year."