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State of Connecticut
Department of Higher Education

Testimony by the Connecticut Department of Higher Education
before the Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee
March 3, 2011
12:00 p.m. – LOB Room 1D

House Bill 6297 (Raised) An Act Concerning the Talmudic Institute of Connecticut

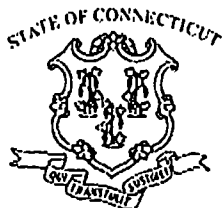
The Department of Higher Education is submitting substitute language as we have conferred with the Legislative Commissioners' office and pointed out that the original language was a drafting error and this new language will accurately reflect exactly what the Talmudic Institute is licensed to offer in Connecticut. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Department.

House Bill 6302 (Raised) An Act Requiring A Report Concerning Provisions For Law

School Graduates seeks to require a study of issues concerning the provisions available to law school graduates in this state and loan modification or loan forgiveness for law school graduates in this state who are unable to secure a legal job.

Although the Department is capable of conducting such a study, it is unclear as to the scope, in that, law school graduates living in the state may have attended law school throughout the country. Therefore, the Department recommends the substitute language for the Bill, as indicated.

In conclusion, it is the opinion of the Department that any study and resulting report on provisions for law school graduates who are unable to secure employment in the legal field should be conducted for recent graduates from the state's three law schools.



General Assembly
January Session, 2011

Raised Bill No. 6297

LCO No. 2745

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Referred to Committee on Higher Education and Employment
Advancement

Introduced by:
(HED)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE TALMUDIC INSTITUTE OF CONNECTICUT.

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

Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) The Talmudic Institute of Connecticut, located in the city of Bridgeport shall have the authority to [provide programs of higher learning leading to a degree upon the evaluation and approval of such programs by the Board of Governors of Higher Education in accordance with the provisions of section 10a-34 of the general statutes.] confer certificates as are customary in institutions of higher education, in accordance with its institutions of higher education, in accordance with its bylaws and subject to such requirements as may be prescribed by the Board of Governors of Higher Education, in accordance with the provisions of section 10a - 34 of the general statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To authorize the Talmudic Institute of Connecticut to [provide certificate programs.] confer certificates.

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The bill is passed.

Mr. Clerk, please call Calendar 171.

THE CLERK:

On page 16, Calendar 171, substitute for House Bill Number 6297, AN ACT CONCERNING THE TALMUDIC INSTITUTE OF CONNECTICUT, favorable report of the Committee on Higher Education and Employment Advancement.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY:

Gentlewoman from Bridgeport, Representative Grogins.

REP. GROGINS (129th):

Mr. Speaker, I move for acceptance of the joint committee's favorable report and passage of the bill.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY:

Question is on acceptance and passage.

Will you explain the bill, please, madam.

REP. GROGINS (129th):

Yes, Mr. Speaker. The bill is the last step in the process of an educational institution, in this case, the Talmudic Institution of Connecticut, which is located in Bridgeport, Connecticut, to be able to offer students who complete their program a certificate of completion as approved by the State of Connecticut Department of Higher Education.

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However, we have an amendment to this bill.

Will -- will the Clerk please call LCO Number 5250, and Mr. Speaker, may I be granted leave to summarize that amendment.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY:

Will the Clerk please call LCO Number 5250, which will be designated House Amendment Schedule "A."

THE CLERK:

LCO Number 5350, House "A" offered Representatives Fox, Tong and Senator Leone.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY:

The gentlewoman has asked leave of the chamber to summarize. Is there any objection?

Hearing none, Representative Grogins.

REP. GROGINS (129th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

This amendment in addition to the Talmudic Institute of Bridgeport, this amendment also approves another school, the Binyomin Academy in Stamford to also give certificates to their students that complete their educational program. This school has also been through the entire regulatory process and has been approved by the State Department Board of Education -- Higher Education. I move adoption of this bill.

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DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY:

Question is on adoption. Do you remark further?

REP. GROGINS (129th):

I believe the summary that I've just given of the amendment takes care of the entire scope of the amendment and I urge the adoption of this bill.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY:

Thank you, madam.

Will you remark on the amendment? Will you remark on the amendment?

Representative LeGeyt.

REP. LeGEYT (17th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY:

Representative LeGeyt of the 17th.

REP. LeGEYT (17th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise with a couple questions for the proponent of the amendment.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY:

Kindly frame your question, sir.

REP. LeGEYT (17th):

Mr. Speaker, thank you.

My question has to do with the nature of the Bais

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Binyomin Academy and the -- and my question has to do with the type of education that's provided there and what type of certificate would be issued should this amendment pass.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY:

Representative Grogins.

REP. GROGINS (129th):

May I respond, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY:

Absolutely.

REP. GROGINS (129th):

The Bais Binyomin Academy is a religious school. It offers students of the talmud and rabbinical studies and the certificate being offered is a certificate in talmudic and rabbinical studies.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY:

Representative LeGeyt.

REP. LeGEYT (17th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

And I appreciate that answer. I -- this amendment obviously didn't come through the committee so I was curious as to the nexus between this academy and the Talumdic Institute and I'm comfortable with that. Thank you.

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DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY:

Thank you, sir.

Will you remark further on House Amendment Schedule
"A?" Will you remark further on the amendment?

If not, let me try your minds, all those in favor
signify by saying aye.

REPRESENTATIVES:

Aye.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY:

Opposed, nay.

The ayes have it. The amendment is adopted.

Will you remark further on the bill as amended? Will
you remark further on the bill as amended?

If not, staff and guests please come to the well of
the House, members take your seats, the machine will be
open.

THE CLERK:

The House of Representatives is voting by roll call.
Members to the chamber. The House is voting by roll call.
Members to the chamber, please.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY:

Have all the members voted? Have all the members
voted? If so, the machine will be locked. The Clerk will
take a tally.

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Mr. Clerk, please announce the tally.

THE CLERK:

House Bill 6297 as amended by House "A."

Total Number voting 146

Necessary for adoption 74

Those voting Yea 146

Those voting Nay 0

Those absent and not voting 4

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY:

The bill, as amended, is passed.

Mr. Clerk, kindly call Calendar 182.

THE CLERK:

On page 17, Calendar 182, Substitute for House Bill Number 5956, AN ACT CONCERNING THE INTERNET WEBSITE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS, favorable report of the Committee on Public Safety and Security.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY:

The distinguished chairman of the Veterans' Affair Committee, Representative Hennessey.

REP. HENNESSEY (127th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I move acceptance of the joint committee's favorable report and passage of the bill.

DEPUTY SPEAKER GODFREY:

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Thank you, Madam President.

Also on Calendar page 17, Calendar 326, House
Bill 6297; Madam President, move to place that item on
the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Madam President.

Madam President, moving now to Calendar page 20,
Calendar 360, Senate Bill 1155. Madam President, move
to place that item on the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Madam President.

Madam President, moving now to Calendar page 36.
Calendar page 36, Calendar Number 60, Senate Bill 888;
Madam President, move to place that item on the
Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Madam President.

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Madam President, if the Clerk would now call those items placed on the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Yeah, it's (inaudible).

THE CLERK:

Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Please proceed, sir.

THE CLERK:

I'm going to try to call it off the screen; I've never done this.

THE CHAIR:

Okay.

THE CLERK:

Calling --

THE CHAIR:

Just take your time.

THE CLERK:

-- off the screen, Calendar page 1, Calendar Number 394, Senate Joint Resolution 42; Calendar page 1, Calendar Number 427, House Joint Resolution Number 111; Calendar page 2, Calendar Number 428, House Joint Resolution Number 112; Calendar page 2, Calendar Number 436, Senate Joint Resolution 43;

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Calendar page 2, Calendar Number 437, Senate Joint Resolution 44; Calendar page 2, Calendar Number 438, Senate Joint Resolution 45; Calendar page 2, Calendar 468, Senate Resolution Number 26; Calendar page 3, Calendar Number 469, Senate Joint Resolution 46; Calendar page 3, Calendar Number 484, House Joint Resolution 113; Calendar page 3, Calendar Number 485, House Joint Resolution 114; Calendar page 3, Calendar Number 486, House Joint Resolution 115; Calendar page 3, Calendar Number 487, House Joint Resolution 116; Calendar page 4, Calendar Number 488, House Joint Resolution 117; Calendar -- returning to Calendar -- Calendar page 4, Calendar Number 488, House Joint Resolution 117; Calendar page 9, Calendar 177, substitute for Senate Bill Number 1110; Calendar page 10, Calendar Number 192, substitute for Senate Bill Number 983; Calendar page 16, Calendar Number 305, Senate Bill Number 897; Calendar page 17, Calendar Number 319, substitute for Senate Bill Number 944; Calendar page 17, Calendar Number 326, substitute for House Bill Number 6297; Calendar page 18, Calendar Number 331, substitute for House Bill Number 6358; Calendar page 20, Calendar

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Number 360, Senate Bill Number 1155; Calendar page 35,
Calendar Number 42, substitute for Senate Bill
Number 866; Calendar page 36, Calendar Number 60,
Senate Bill Number 888; Calendar Bill Number 105, on
page 38, substitute for House Bill Number 5266;
Calendar page 39 --

THE CHAIR:

So that --

THE CLERK:

-- Calendar Number 1112 --

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk, can you wait for one moment, please.

Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Madam President, there is one item that the Clerk
read that I believe should not be on the Consent
Calendar -- I don't believe I placed it there -- and
that was Calendar page 35, Calendar 42, Senate
Bill 866. That item needs to be amended before it
will be taken up.

THE CHAIR:

Sir, okay. We will take that. Will you remove
that from the Consent Calendar, please?

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The next item after that, Madam President, to be on the Consent Calendar is Calendar page 36, Calendar -- Calendar 60, if the Clerk might pick up on that one.

THE CLERK:

Okay. Calendar page 36, Calendar Number 60, Senate Bill Number 888; Calendar page 38 --

SENATOR LOONEY:

Okay.

THE CLERK:

-- Calendar Number 105, substitute for House Bill Number 5266; Calendar page 39, Calendar Number 112, substitute for Senate Bill Number 458; Calendar Number 39 -- I mean page 39, Calendar Number 123, Senate Bill Number 1041; Calendar page 40, Calendar Number 132, Senate Bill Number 868; on page 40, Calendar 141, Senate Bill Number 985; on page 43, Calendar Number 199, substitute for Senate Bill Number 1068.

I don't know if there's any other pages here.

THE CHAIR:

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THE CLERK:

Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Yes.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Yes. That --

THE CLERK:

I yield to the Majority Leader.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Yes. That --

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Majority Leader.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Madam President.

Madam President, I apologize. That item that we
had removed from the Consent Calendar actually should
be put back on. That was Calendar page 35,
Calendar 42, Senate Bill 866. The amendment that was
adopted on that bill is the -- was the only amendment
that was -- that was needed, so there is not a need --
not a need for an additional amendment.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you.

SENATOR LOONEY:

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Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator.

Mr. Clerk, if you want to --

THE CLERK:

Madam President, someone pointed out to me that on Calendar page 18, Calendar Number 331, substitute for House Bill Number 6358, that I missed it, but that's supposed to be on the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

That's correct, sir.

Any corrections?

Okay. At this time, I would ask that the Clerk please open up the -- the machine and may announce a roll call vote, and the machines will be open.

THE CLERK:

An immediate roll call vote on the First Consent Calendar has been ordered in the Senate. Will all Senators please return to the Chamber. An immediate roll call vote on the First Consent Calendar has been ordered in the Senate. Will all Senators please return to the Chamber.

THE CHAIR:

You don't have the Consent Calendar up,

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Mr. Clerk?

THE CLERK:

(Inaudible.)

THE CHAIR:

A ready vote.

Senators, we're having a little problem with the machine, if you'll just wait one moment, please.

Okay. It's -- I'm going to close the machine and reopen.

Mr. Clerk, are they resetting the -- the title?

Mr. Clerk?

THE CLERK:

I'm sorry.

THE CHAIR:

Is somebody resetting?

THE CLERK:

He's trying --

THE CHAIR:

Okay.

THE CLERK:

-- to do that. Okay.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you.

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Do you want to announce again? Mr. Clerk, will you announce a roll call vote again, please, and we will open the machines.

THE CLERK:

An immediate roll call vote on the First Consent Calendar is taking place in the Senate. Will all Senators please return to the Chamber. An immediate roll call vote on the First Consent Calendar is taking place in the Senate. Will all Senators please return to the Chamber.

THE CHAIR:

Have all members voted? If all members voted, the machine will be locked.

Will the Clerk please announce the tally.

THE CLERK:

Madam President:

Total number voting	36
Those voting Yea	36
Those voting Nay	0
Absent	0

THE CHAIR:

The Consent Calendar is adopted.

Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY: