



## Higher Education Innovation and Entrepreneurship Working Group Overview

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# Highlights of Public Act 16-3 (formerly SB1)



- + 2016 Legislative Session introduced:
  - ▶ Senate Bill 1, An Act Concerning Innovation and Entrepreneurship (became Public Act 16-3),
  
- + The result:
  - ▶ CTNext subsidiary and 11 member Board of Directors
  - ▶ Innovation Places program
  - ▶ Higher Education initiative
  - ▶ Program expansion





# Higher Education Initiative: Process

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## Two Phase Process:

Phase I—Higher Education Innovation and Entrepreneurship Working Group

**Charge:** Develop a strategic roadmap that strengthens innovation and entrepreneurship within Connecticut's higher education institutions while fostering collaboration.

- All in-state public and private higher education presidents or designees participate
- Co-chaired by one private and one public higher education institution representative

Phase II—Higher Education Entrepreneurship Advisory Committee

**Charge:** Advise the CTNext Board of Directors on the deployment of \$2MM annually for projects and/or initiatives identified within the strategic roadmap.

- Appointed by CTNext Board of Directors
- Equal number of public and private school reps
- Student representatives



# Higher Education Initiative: Timeline

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Item	Deadline
Phase I—Working Group Invitations	January 1, 2017
Phase I—Convene First Meeting of Working Group	February 1, 2017
Working Group Strategic Roadmap Submitted	May 1, 2017
Phase II—Higher Education Advisory Committee Appointment	June 1, 2017
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