



General Assembly

Corrected Copy  
***Raised Bill No. 5129***

February Session, 2022

LCO No. 687



Referred to Committee on HIGHER EDUCATION AND  
EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT

Introduced by:  
(HED)

***AN ACT PROHIBITING INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION  
FROM INQUIRING ABOUT A PROSPECTIVE STUDENT'S CRIMINAL  
HISTORY DURING THE ADMISSIONS PROCESS.***

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2022*) Unless otherwise required by  
2 an applicable state or federal law, no institution of higher education in  
3 the state shall (1) inquire about a prospective student's prior arrests,  
4 criminal charges or convictions (A) on an application for admission to  
5 such institution, or (B) for enrollment in any program of study offered  
6 by such institution, or (2) consider a student's prior arrests, criminal  
7 charges or convictions in (A) the admissions process for such student,  
8 or (B) determining the eligibility of such student for any form of  
9 financial aid, grant or scholarship program, including, but not limited  
10 to, institutional financial aid.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following  
sections:

Section 1	<i>July 1, 2022</i>	New section
-----------	---------------------	-------------

***Statement of Purpose:***

To prohibit institutions of higher education from inquiring about a prospective student's criminal history during the admissions process.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*