



General Assembly

January Session, 2023

***Raised Bill No. 923***

LCO No. 3033



Referred to Committee on HIGHER EDUCATION AND  
EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT

Introduced by:  
(HED)

***AN ACT PROHIBITING THE CONSIDERATION OF CRIMINAL  
HISTORY DURING THE ADMISSIONS PROCESS AT AN INSTITUTION  
OF HIGHER EDUCATION OR PRIVATE CAREER SCHOOL OR BY AN  
EDUCATIONAL OR APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM.***

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2023*) Unless otherwise required by  
2 an applicable state or federal law, no institution of higher education or  
3 private occupational school in the state shall (1) inquire about a  
4 prospective student's prior arrests, criminal charges or convictions (A)  
5 on an application for admission to such institution, or (B) for enrollment  
6 in any program of study offered by such institution; or (2) consider a  
7 student's prior arrests, criminal charges or convictions in (A) the  
8 admissions process for such student, or (B) determining the eligibility of  
9 such student for any form of financial aid, grant or scholarship program,  
10 including, but not limited to, institutional financial aid, but not  
11 including any financial aid, grant or scholarship program granted on the  
12 basis of a recipient's prior arrest, criminal charge or conviction.

13 Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 46a-75 of the general statutes is

14 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
15 *2023*):

16 (a) All educational, counseling, and vocational guidance programs  
17 and all apprenticeship and on-the-job training programs of state  
18 agencies, or in which state agencies participate, shall be open to all  
19 qualified persons, without regard to race, color, religious creed, sex,  
20 gender identity or expression, marital status, age, national origin,  
21 ancestry, intellectual disability, mental disability, learning disability,  
22 physical disability, including, but not limited to, blindness, status as a  
23 veteran, [or] status as a victim of domestic violence or criminal history.

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: |                     |             |
| Section 1   | <i>July 1, 2023</i> | New section |
| Sec. 2  | <i>July 1, 2023</i> | 46a-75(a)   |

**Statement of Purpose:**

To prohibit the consideration of criminal history during the admissions process at an institution of higher education or private career school or by any educational or apprenticeship program in which the state participates.

*[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.]*