



House of Representatives

General Assembly

File No. 32

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House Bill No. 5129

House of Representatives, March 14, 2024

The Committee on Higher Education and Employment Advancement reported through REP. HADDAD of the 54th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING SUBSTANCE-FREE HOUSING ON COLLEGE CAMPUSES.

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

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2024*) Each institution of higher
2 education in the state that provides on-campus student housing shall
3 provide students with an option for substance-free housing. As used in
4 this section, "substance-free housing" means an area of a residential
5 facility where each student agrees to keep such student's room free from
6 alcohol and drugs.

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

Section 1	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	New section
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HED Joint Favorable

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OFA Fiscal Note**State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None**Explanation**

The bill, which requires each higher education institution in the state that provides on-campus student housing to provide students with an option for substance-free housing, does not result in a fiscal impact as it is conforming statute to practice for public institutions.

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OLR Bill Analysis

HB 5129

AN ACT CONCERNING SUBSTANCE-FREE HOUSING ON COLLEGE CAMPUSES.

SUMMARY

This bill requires each higher education institution in the state that provides on-campus student housing to provide students with an option for substance-free housing.

The bill defines “substance-free housing” as an area of a residential facility where each student agrees to keep their room drug- and alcohol-free.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2024

COMMITTEE ACTION

Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 22 Nay 0 (02/29/2024)