



House of Representatives

General Assembly

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Substitute House Bill No. 5339

House of Representatives, April 2, 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 substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT PROHIBITING THE CONSIDERATION OF SCHOOL DISCIPLINARY HISTORY DURING THE ADMISSIONS PROCESS AT AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2024*) No institution of higher
2 education in the state shall consider the school disciplinary history of an
3 applicant for admission during the admissions process. If such
4 institution inquires about school disciplinary history on an application
5 for admission, an applicant's answer to such inquiry shall be redacted
6 or suppressed during the admissions process. As used in this section,
7 "school disciplinary history" means any record of action taken against a
8 student by a secondary school for violation of a policy of the secondary
9 school.

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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Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In the third sentence, "of the secondary school" was inserted after "policy" for clarity.

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill, which makes a procedural change to the admissions process at Connecticut higher education institutions, does not result in a fiscal impact.

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State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

OLR Bill Analysis**sHB 5339*****AN ACT PROHIBITING THE CONSIDERATION OF SCHOOL DISCIPLINARY HISTORY DURING THE ADMISSIONS PROCESS AT AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.*****SUMMARY**

This bill prohibits any Connecticut higher education institution from considering an applicant's school disciplinary history during the admissions process. If an institution asks about the history on an application, the applicant's answer must be redacted or suppressed during the admissions process. (The bill does not specify who is responsible for redacting or suppressing an applicant's answer, or at what point during the admissions process this information is being redacted or suppressed. However, institutions generally have the ability to do so when downloading students' applications.)

Under the bill, "school disciplinary history" means any record of action for a policy violation that a secondary school takes against a student.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2024

COMMITTEE ACTION

Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

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