



# Senate

General Assembly

**File No. 203**

February Session, 2024

Substitute Senate Bill No. 203

*Senate, April 3, 2024*

The Committee on Higher Education and Employment Advancement reported through SEN. SLAP of the 5th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONSIDERATION OF FAMILIAL RELATIONSHIP DURING THE ADMISSIONS PROCESS BY 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 public or independent  
2 institution of higher education, as defined in section 10a-173 of the  
3 general statutes, shall consider a prospective student's familial  
4 relationship to a graduate of or donor to such institution when deciding  
5 whether to grant admission to such prospective student. If such  
6 institution inquires about a prospective student's familial relationship  
7 to a graduate or donor on an application for admission, the institution  
8 shall remove or redact the prospective student's answer to such inquiry  
9 from the version of the prospective student's application that is  
10 reviewed by such institution's office of admissions during the  
11 admissions process.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	New section
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**HED**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*

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

The bill, which makes a procedural college and university admissions change, is not anticipated to result in a fiscal impact.

**The Out Years****State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None

**OLR Bill Analysis****sSB 203*****AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONSIDERATION OF FAMILIAL RELATIONSHIP DURING THE ADMISSIONS PROCESS BY AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.*****SUMMARY**

This bill prohibits any public or independent higher education institution from considering a prospective student's familial relationship to a graduate of, or donor to, the institution when deciding whether to grant admission.

Under the bill, if the institution asks a prospective student about their familial relationship to a graduate or donor on an admissions application, the institution must remove or redact the student's answer from the version of the application the institution's admissions office reviews 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 to be redacted or suppressed. However, institutions generally have the ability to do so when downloading students' applications).

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2024

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 18    Nay 4    (03/14/2024)