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## 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

Yea 13    Nay 9    (03/14/2024)