
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)