



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 5129

LCO No. 687



Referred to Committee on HIGHER EDUCATION AND
EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT

Introduced by:
(PH)

**AN ACT PROHIBITING INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION
FROM INQUIRING ABOUT A PROSPECTIVE STUDENT'S CRIMINAL
HISTORY DURING THE ADMISSIONS PROCESS.**

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2022*) Unless otherwise required by
2 an applicable state or federal law, no institution of higher education in
3 the state shall (1) inquire about a prospective student's prior arrests,
4 criminal charges or convictions (A) on an application for admission to
5 such institution, or (B) for enrollment in any program of study offered
6 by such institution, or (2) consider a student's prior arrests, criminal
7 charges or convictions in (A) the admissions process for such student,
8 or (B) determining the eligibility of such student for any form of
9 financial aid, grant or scholarship program, including, but not limited
10 to, institutional financial aid.

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

Section 1	<i>July 1, 2022</i>	New section
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Statement of Purpose:

To prohibit institutions of higher education from inquiring about a prospective student's criminal history during the admissions process.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]