

HB 1724 -- BELIEF-BASED STUDENT ASSOCIATIONS (Hudson)

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: Standing Committee on Higher Education

This bill defines "adverse action", "belief-based student association", and "benefit" and prohibits public institutions of higher learning from taking any action or enforcing any policy that denies a belief based student association benefits available to other student associations. The bill also prohibits discrimination against a belief based student association based on its requirement that leaders of the association adhere to its sincerely held beliefs, sincere practice requirements, or standards of conduct.

The bill also authorizes aggrieved belief based student associations to seek appropriate relief in a judicial or administrative proceeding against a public institution of higher learning that violates the requirements of the bill.

This bill is similar to SB 332 (2021) and to HB 1926 (2020).