



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 224**

January Session, 2025

House Bill No. 5113

*House of Representatives, March 25, 2025*

The Committee on Higher Education and Employment Advancement reported through REP. HADDAD of the 54th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

## ***AN ACT CONCERNING SUBSTANCE-FREE HOUSING AT PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.***

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

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2025*) Commencing on and after the
- 2 fall semester of 2025, each public institution of higher education in the
- 3 state that provides on-campus student housing shall provide students
- 4 with an option for substance-free housing. As used in this section,
- 5 "substance-free housing" means an area of a residential facility where
- 6 each student agrees to keep such student's room free from alcohol and
- 7 drugs.

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

Section 1	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	New section
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**HED** Joint Favorable

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**OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:** None

**Municipal Impact:** None

**Explanation**

The bill has no fiscal impact. It requires each institution of higher education in the state that provides on-campus housing to offer a substance free housing option. This conforms statute with current practice of the constituent units of higher education.

**OLR Bill Analysis****HB 5113*****AN ACT CONCERNING SUBSTANCE-FREE HOUSING AT PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.*****SUMMARY**

This bill requires, beginning the fall semester of 2025, for each public higher education institution in the state that provides on-campus housing to offer a “substance-free” housing option. “Substance-free housing” is part of a residential facility where students agree to keep their rooms free of alcohol and drugs. (In practice, some of these institutions currently offer this option.)

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2025

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 18    Nay 0    (03/11/2025)