

Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee

JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No.: HB-5113

AN ACT CONCERNING SUBSTANCE-FREE HOUSING AT PUBLIC

Title: INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

Vote Date: 3/11/2025

Vote Action: Joint Favorable

PH Date: 3/4/2025

File No.:

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

Rep. Carney, 23rd Dist.
Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee

REASONS FOR BILL:

This bill would require public higher education institutions that provide on-campus student housing to provide the option for substance free housing. This would be helpful to those students who are dedicated to a substance free lifestyle by ensuring they would not encounter substances in their living spaces.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

[Connecticut State Colleges and Universities, Chancellor, Terrence Cheng](#): States that some of the higher education institutions under Connecticut State Colleges and Universities already have options for substance free housing, including Eastern Connecticut State University which has substance free housing, and Southern Connecticut State University and Central Connecticut State University having exclusively substance free housing besides specified upperclassmen housing. Chancellor Cheng also states that this bill could potentially provide a sense of community and healthy living for students, and they look forward to continuing to work with the committee.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

[University of Connecticut, Assistant Vice President for Student Life, Cyndi Costanzo](#): They state that the university favors establishing substance free housing for students and currently has specific substance free housing.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

None expressed.

Reported by: Megan Villanova

Date: 3/20/25