

General Assembly

Committee Bill No. 5113

January Session, 2025

LCO No. **4055**

Referred to Committee on HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT

Introduced by: (HED)

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	July 1, 2025	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To provide a designated substance-free housing option at public institutions of higher education for students who abstain from drugs and alcohol.

[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.]

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