

General Assembly

Committee Bill No. 5170

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LCO No. **4630**

Referred to Committee on HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT

Introduced by: (HED)

AN ACT CONCERNING FEES CHARGED BY 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*) (a) No institution of higher
- 2 education in the state shall charge a fee to any student that is not (1) part
- 3 of tuition or room and board costs at such institution, or (2) disclosed to
- 4 each student prior to requiring a student to pay an enrollment deposit
- 5 to enroll in such institution.
- 6 (b) Each institution of higher education shall return to each student
- 7 the amount of unexpended funds in such student's meal plan account at
- 8 the end of each academic semester.

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

Section 1	July 1, 2025	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To (1) prohibit institutions of higher education from charging fees to students that are not part of tuition and room and board costs, and not

disclosed prior to requiring an enrollment deposit; and (2) require institutions of higher education to return unexpended meal plan funds.

[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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