



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 5158

February Session, 2026



AN ACT PROHIBITING SCHOLARSHIP DISPLACEMENT.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2026*) No institution of higher
2 education in the state may reduce the amount of financial aid awarded
3 to any student as a result of such student receiving a scholarship,
4 whether from a private or public source, provided an institution of
5 higher education may reduce the amount of financial aid (1) if a
6 student's total financial aid meets or exceeds such student's cost of
7 attendance, as defined in 20 USC 1087ll, as amended from time to time,
8 (2) if such reduction is necessary to bring the total financial aid awarded
9 to a student athlete, as defined in section 10a-56 of the general statutes,
10 in compliance with the individual or team financial aid restrictions of an
11 athletic association or conference, including, but not limited to, the
12 NCAA, as defined in section 10a-55k of the general statutes, or (3) as a
13 result of such student receiving a grant under the Roberta B. Willis
14 Scholarship program, established pursuant to section 10a-173 of the
15 general statutes. As used in this section, "financial aid" means the sum
16 of all scholarships, grants and federal, state and institutional aid
17 received by a student, and "financial aid" does not include any federal,
18 state or private student loans received by a student.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2026</i>	New section

HED *Joint Favorable Subst.*