



General Assembly

February Session, 2026

**Raised Bill No. 5426**

LCO No. 2032



Referred to Committee on HIGHER EDUCATION AND  
EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT

Introduced by:  
(HED)

***AN ACT REQUIRING THE AVAILABILITY OF AN ADVISOR DURING  
DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AT 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, 2026*) Not later than August 1, 2026,  
2 each institution of higher education in the state shall adopt a policy that  
3 any student shall be entitled to be accompanied to any meeting relating  
4 to a disciplinary proceeding concerning such student by an advisor or  
5 support person of such student's choice, provided (1) the involvement  
6 of such advisor or support person does not result in the postponement  
7 or delay of such meeting as scheduled, and (2) for disciplinary  
8 proceedings concerning sexual assault, stalking and intimate partner  
9 violence, the policies adopted pursuant to the provisions of section 10a-  
10 55m of the general statutes concerning a student's entitlement to be  
11 accompanied by an advisor or support person shall take precedence  
12 over the implementation of the policy adopted under this section to the  
13 extent such policies differ.

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

To require the availability of an advisor or a support person for a student during a disciplinary proceeding at an institution of higher education in the state.

*[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.]*