
OLR Bill Analysis

sHB 5158

AN ACT PROHIBITING SCHOLARSHIP DISPLACEMENT.

SUMMARY

This bill generally prohibits Connecticut higher education institutions from reducing the financial aid awarded to a student because the student receives a public or private scholarship unless a:

1. student's total financial aid meets or exceeds their cost of attendance (which includes direct costs, such as tuition and fees, and indirect costs, such as books and transportation);
2. reduction is necessary to bring the total financial aid awarded to a student athlete in compliance with an athletic association or conference's individual or team financial aid restrictions; or
3. student receives a Roberta B. Willis Scholarship program grant.

Under the bill, "financial aid" is the total scholarships, grants, and federal, state, and institutional aid a student receives, but does not include any federal, state, or private loans.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2026

COMMITTEE ACTION

Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 18 Nay 0 (03/12/2026)