



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 5129**

February Session, 2022



**AN ACT PROHIBITING THE CONSIDERATION OF CRIMINAL HISTORY DURING THE ADMISSIONS PROCESS AT AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION OR PRIVATE OCCUPATIONAL SCHOOL OR BY AN EDUCATIONAL OR VOCATIONAL PROGRAM.**

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2022*) Unless otherwise required by  
2 an applicable state or federal law, no institution of higher education or  
3 private occupational school in the state shall (1) inquire about a  
4 prospective student's prior arrests, criminal charges or convictions (A)  
5 on an application for admission to such institution, or (B) for enrollment  
6 in any program of study offered by such institution, or (2) consider a  
7 student's prior arrests, criminal charges or convictions in (A) the  
8 admissions process for such student, or (B) determining the eligibility of  
9 such student for any form of financial aid, grant or scholarship program,  
10 including, but not limited to, institutional financial aid, but not  
11 including any financial aid, grant or scholarship program granted on the  
12 basis of a recipient's prior arrest, criminal charge or conviction.

13 Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 46a-75 of the general statutes is  
14 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
15 *2022*):

16 (a) All educational, counseling, and vocational guidance programs

