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To: Subst. House Bill No. 5158

File No. 132

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"AN ACT PROHIBITING SCHOLARSHIP DISPLACEMENT."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2026*) (a) As used in this section:

4 (1) "Institution of higher education" means an independent or public
5 institution of higher education that participates in the Roberta B. Willis
6 Scholarship program, established pursuant to section 10a-173 of the
7 general statutes;

8 (2) "Financial aid" means the sum of all scholarships, grants and
9 federal, state and institutional aid received by a student. "Financial aid"
10 does not include any federal, state or private student loans received by
11 a student;

12 (3) "Cost of attendance" has the same meaning as provided in 20 USC

13 1087ll, as amended from time to time;

14 (4) "Private scholarship" means a grant or scholarship awarded by
15 any nongovernmental entity to offset the educational costs of a student;
16 and

17 (5) "Unmet need" means the unpaid portion, if any, of a student's cost
18 of attendance at an institution of higher education after subtracting such
19 student's financial aid and student loans.

20 (b) No institution of higher education may reduce the amount of
21 financial aid awarded to any student who receives a federal Pell grant
22 or a grant under the Roberta B. Willis Scholarship program as a result
23 of such student receiving a private scholarship, provided an institution
24 of higher education may reduce the amount of financial aid (1) if a
25 student's total financial aid meets or exceeds such student's cost of
26 attendance, or (2) if such reduction is necessary to bring the total
27 financial aid awarded to a student athlete, as defined in section 10a-56
28 of the general statutes, in compliance with the individual or team
29 financial aid restrictions of an athletic association or conference,
30 including, but not limited to, the NCAA, as defined in section 10a-55k
31 of the general statutes. For such student whose total amount of financial
32 aid is less than such student's cost of attendance, an institution of higher
33 education shall apply the amount of any private scholarship received by
34 such student to first offset such student's unmet need, and then to
35 reduce the amount of student loans included in such student's financial
36 aid package."

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