
OLR Bill Analysis

SB 109 (File 28, as amended by Senate "A")*

AN ACT MODIFYING THE CONNECTICUT AUTOMATIC ADMISSIONS PROGRAM.

SUMMARY

This bill requires the four Connecticut State Universities (CSUs) and any other in-state higher education institution eligible to participate in the Connecticut Automatic Admissions Program (see below) (“participating institution”) to use a Board of Regents for Higher Education (BOR)-established minimum unweighted grade point average (GPA), rather than a BOR-established minimum class rank percentile, as an academic threshold for admission. It correspondingly requires BOR to set the minimum unweighted GPA threshold and makes conforming changes.

Under the bill, participating institutions must establish the minimum unweighted GPA as an academic threshold for admission to the institution, as noted above, and may also establish an additional academic threshold of performance on a nationally recognized college readiness assessment administered to grade 11 students (i.e., the SAT).

Lastly, the bill also eliminates the two other requirements by which non-CSU participating institutions must base their academic thresholds for admission to the institution through the program.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2024

*Senate Amendment “A” requires the GPA used as an admissions requirement for participants to be considered for the Connecticut Automatic Admissions Program to be an unweighted GPA and makes changes to academic thresholds institutions must establish to participate in the program.

CONNECTICUT AUTOMATIC ADMISSIONS PROGRAM

By law, the Connecticut Automatic Admissions Program is a BOR-established program that requires participating higher education institutions to automatically admit an applicant as a full-time, first-year student to a Connecticut in-person's bachelor's degree program if he or she meets certain eligibility requirements, which include meeting or exceeding the established academic threshold.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 22 Nay 0 (02/29/2024)