

**Joint Committee on Higher Education Bill
Summary**

<u>BILL NUMBER</u>	S.928
<u>TITLE</u>	An Act banning legacy preferences in higher education
<u>SPONSORS</u>	Senator Edwards
<u>SIMILAR MATTERS</u>	H.1452
<u>PRIOR HISTORY</u>	S.821 and H.1282 of the 2023/2024 Legislative Session were given a favorable report with a redraft by the Joint Committee on Higher Education (see S.2687); S.2687 was sent to Senate Ways and Means; no further action.

SUMMARY

Public and private institutions of higher education shall not consider legacy status or familial collegiate attendance for applicants.

SECTION-BY-SECTION

Section 1: Inserts into section 9 of chapter 15A: Public higher education institutions (UMass schools or state universities listed in section 5 of chapter 15A) shall not consider an applicant's familial relationship to a graduate of the school in any admissions decision. Institutions may not consider any information included in a student's application materials that discloses the name of any higher education institution school that a relative attended.

Section 2: Inserts a new section 30B into chapter 69: All degree-granting institutions of higher education authorized by the board of higher education shall not consider an applicant's familial relationship to a graduate of the school in any admissions decision. Institutions may not consider any information included in a student's application materials that discloses the name of any higher education institution school that a relative attended.

Section 3: Sections 1 and 2 shall take effect for the 2026-2027 school year.