

**Joint Committee on Higher Education Bill  
Summary**

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<b><u>BILL NUMBER</u></b>	S.932
<b><u>TITLE</u></b>	An Act relative to admissions requirements to institutions of higher education
<b><u>SPONSORS</u></b>	Senator Gomez
<b><u>SIMILAR MATTERS</u></b>	H.1458
<b><u>PRIOR HISTORY</u></b>	H.1360 of the 2021/2022 legislative session was placed in a study by the Joint Committee on Higher Education. S.827 and H.1287 of the 2023/2024 Legislative Session were given a favorable report with a redraft by the Joint Committee on Higher Education (see S.2677); S.2677 was sent to Senate Ways and Means; no further action.

**SUMMARY**

This bill requires DHE to undertake a comprehensive review of standardized testing practices in the Commonwealth for the use of public higher education admission processes. The review shall focus on current testing trends and requirements and will investigate how these practices affect student success and diversity. The review will also assess whether these tests are an effective, accurate, and unbiased measure of student readiness for college.

**SECTION-BY-SECTION**

Requires DHE to review and publicly publish their review of the practice of requiring standardized testing to gain admission to public higher education institutions, which shall include:

- State-wide and nation-wide analysis of the number of public institutions that require standardized testing, make the test optional, or do not permit testing.
- Analysis of laws in other states that allow or preclude the use of tests.
- Impact on student success where standardized tests are not required or not permitted.
- Accuracy and reliability of the SAT and ACT and any biases inherent in said tests.
- Analysis of standardized admission tests' impact on student diversity.

DHE shall consult with leaders of institutions, students of institutions, experts in admission criteria/testing, concerned organizations, organizations serving POC/immigrants/low-income residents, and others as necessary. The review should be published and submitted to the Legislature within 1 year of the effective date.