

**Joint Committee on Higher Education Bill  
Summary**

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<b><u>BILL NUMBER</u></b>	S.943
<b><u>TITLE</u></b>	An Act to ban discriminatory admissions practices at higher education institutions
<b><u>SPONSORS</u></b>	Senator Montigny
<b><u>SIMILAR MATTERS</u></b>	-
<b><u>PRIOR HISTORY</u></b>	New File

**SUMMARY**

This bill prohibits public and private higher education institutions in the Commonwealth from considering donor or legacy preferences in admissions. Any information collected is for data purposes only. It establishes a fine system for violations for institutions authorized by the Board of Higher Education only.

**SECTION-BY-SECTION**

**Section 1:** Inserts section 5B into chapter 15A; The bill prohibits **public higher education institutions** from considering donor or legacy preferences in granting admissions to applicants. Any information gathered regarding familial relationships to donors or alumni must be for data collection purposes alone.

*[Missing Section 2]*

**Section 3:** Inserts section 30B into chapter 69; Prohibits **institutions authorized to grant degrees by the Board of Higher Education** from considering donor or legacy preferences in granting admissions to applicants. Any information gathered regarding familial relationships to donors or alumni must be for data collection purposes alone. Establishes a fine system for violations of this requirement to be deposited into the Education and Transportation Fund, based on net investment incomes (NII) of institutions:

- 1.4% of NII for a first offense
- 2.8% of NII for a second offense
- 2.8% of NII for a third offense + revocation of the institution's MA tax exemption certificate for at least 5 years (pursuant to subsection (e) of section 6 of chapter 64H)

**Section 4:** This act will begin with admissions decisions for the 2026-2027 year.