

SENATE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

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Chair of Committee

February 26, 2025  
Date

Committee on Education.

After consideration on the merits, the Committee recommends the following:

SB25-087 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee of the Whole with favorable recommendation:

1 Amend printed bill, page 2, strike lines 10 and 11 and substitute:

2 "(1) "ACADEMIC ADJUSTMENT" MEANS MODIFICATIONS TO  
3 ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS TO ENSURE EQUAL EDUCATIONAL  
4 OPPORTUNITIES AND DOES NOT INCLUDE CHANGES THAT FUNDAMENTALLY  
5 ALTER THE CONTENT OF ACADEMIC PROGRAMS."

6 Page 4, line 3, strike "AN ADMITTED OR" and substitute "A PROSPECTIVE,  
7 AN ADMITTED, OR AN".

8 Page 4, strike lines 11 and 12 and substitute "STUDENT'S DISABILITY AND  
9 TO ENGAGE IN AN INTERACTIVE PROCESS WITH THE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER  
10 EDUCATION TO RECEIVE AN ACADEMIC ADJUSTMENT."

11 Page 4, strike lines 25 through 27 and substitute:

12 "(d) DESCRIBES AN APPEALS PROCESS FOR ACADEMIC ADJUSTMENT  
13 DECISIONS THAT FOCUSES ON DOCUMENTARY REVIEW."

14 Page 5, strike lines 1 through 8 and substitute:

15 "(3) EACH INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION SHALL PUBLISH THE  
16 POLICY DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION ON THE  
17 INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION'S WEBSITE IN AN ACCESSIBLE  
18 FORMAT."

19 Page 5, strike lines 21 through 24 and substitute "STATED DISABILITY. THE  
20 IEP DOES NOT AUTOMATICALLY QUALIFY A STUDENT WITH A DISABILITY

1 FOR THE SAME ACCOMMODATIONS IN HIGHER EDUCATION IF THE IEP  
2 LACKS RELEVANT DIAGNOSTIC DETAILS OR DOES NOT DESCRIBE HOW THE  
3 STUDENT'S DISABILITY LIMITS ONE OR MORE MAJOR LIFE ACTIVITIES."

4 Page 6, strike lines 1 through 4 and substitute "SECTION 504 PLAN DOES  
5 NOT AUTOMATICALLY QUALIFY A STUDENT WITH A DISABILITY FOR THE  
6 SAME ACCOMMODATIONS IN HIGHER EDUCATION IF THE SECTION 504 PLAN  
7 LACKS RELEVANT DIAGNOSTIC DETAILS OR DOES NOT DESCRIBE HOW THE  
8 STUDENT'S DISABILITY LIMITS ONE OR MORE MAJOR LIFE ACTIVITIES."

9 Page 6, line 25, after "(3)" insert "(a)".

10 Page 6, after line 27 insert:

11           "(b) AN INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION MAY REQUEST  
12 UPDATED DOCUMENTATION IF A STUDENT WITH A DISABILITY:  
13           (I) SUBMITS DOCUMENTATION THAT LACKS REASONABLE DETAIL;  
14           (II) SUBMITS DOCUMENTATION THAT IS OUTDATED BASED ON A  
15 DIAGNOSIS THAT HAS CHANGED; OR  
16           (III) REQUESTS SUBSTANTIALLY NEW ACADEMIC ADJUSTMENTS.  
17           (4) THIS PART 2 DOES NOT OVERRIDE FEDERAL LAW."

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