

BILL SUMMARY
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Bill No.:	HB 3134
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Impact:	No Impact

Research Analysis

HB 3143, as introduced, prohibits an accrediting agency from considering a university's DEI practices, or collecting information about its DEI practices, when completing the accreditation process.

A student or employee of a university may sue an accreditor for violations. Further, if in violation, an accrediting agency must pay the plaintiff's reasonable attorney fees and damages to the plaintiff equaling three times what the university paid the accreditor. Lastly, an accreditor must pay civil penalties to the plaintiff equal to \$1,000 per student enrolled in the university.

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Fiscal Analysis

The measure in its current form is not anticipated to result in a negative fiscal impact on the state budget or appropriations.

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Other Considerations

None.