

HB 1438 -- STUDENT FAVORITISM IN HIGHER EDUCATION

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This bill requires each public institution of higher education in the state to adopt, prior to September 1, 2017, a policy on student favoritism. The policy must establish a procedure for addressing allegations of favoritism toward any student and must include, but not be limited to, a statement of the institution's commitment to a nondiscriminatory educational environment, a statement prohibiting unfair advantage to any student, provisions discouraging or prohibiting relationships or environments that encourage favoritism, a method for reporting an allegation of favoritism, and a method for resolving allegations. An institution must uniformly and consistently apply the policy, make it easily accessible, and train campus leaders about its contents.