

1st Sub. H.B. 204
Higher Education Student Belief Accommodation

Senate Amendments

Amendment 4

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Senator **Brady Brammer** proposes the following amendments:

1. *Line 31 through 38:*

- 31 **53H-7-903** Student religious and conscience accommodations.
32 (1) As used in this section:
33 (a) "Conscience" means the same as that term is defined in Section 67-27-106.
34 (b) "Fundamental alteration" means a change so significant in an examination {;} **or**
35 assignment {, **or activity**} that the change:
36 (i) alters the essential nature, objectives, or standards of a class, program, or degree;
37 and
38 (ii) negatively impacts the student's ability, as a neutral arbiter, whom the institution

2. *Line 46 through 52:*

- 46 for a student's participation in an examination or other academic requirement by:
47 (i) excusing participation;
48 (ii) offering an alternative deadline or schedule; or
49 (iii) offering an alternative examination {;} **or** assignment {, **or activity**} .
50 ~~[(+)](2) [An]~~In accordance with Subsection (3), an institution shall:
51 (a) for any course:
52 ~~[(a)]~~(i) reasonably accommodate a student's absence from an examination or other

3. *Line 58 through 64:*

- 58 ~~[(b)]~~(ii) ensure that an accommodation described in Subsection ~~[(+)](a)~~(2)(a)(i) does
59 not adversely impact the student's academic opportunities[-]; and
60 (b) for a course that the institution mandates for graduation or for an academic major,
61 reasonably accommodate a student's objection to a required **examination or** assignment {**or**
62 **activity**} for
63 reasons of the student's sincerely held religious or conscience belief if the requested
64 accommodation does not create a fundamental alteration.
~~[(2)]~~(3) An institution shall make an accommodation described in Subsection ~~[(+)](2)~~ if: