



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 156

LCO No. 1294



Referred to Committee on COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

Introduced by:
(KID)

AN ACT CONCERNING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION EXPENSES FOR YOUTH ADOPTED THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES FOSTER CARE PROGRAM.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) Not later than October 1, 2020, the
2 Commissioner of Children and Families shall amend the Department of
3 Children and Families policy 25-2, effective January 2, 2019, concerning
4 financial assistance for post-secondary education expenses, by
5 expanding the eligibility criteria to receive assistance under said policy
6 to include any individual adopted through the department's foster care
7 program on or after January 1, 2001, provided (1) such individual meets
8 all other eligibility requirements of said policy, and (2) any assistance
9 received by such individual shall not exceed such individual's
10 demonstrated financial need, as determined by the Federal Student Aid
11 Office of the United States Department of Education.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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Statement of Purpose:

To expand the policy for financial assistance for post-secondary education expenses to youths adopted on or after January 1, 2001, through the Department of Children and Families foster care program.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]