



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 307

LCO No. 2164



Referred to Committee on HIGHER EDUCATION AND
EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT

Introduced by:
(HED)

**AN ACT CONCERNING POST-SECONDARY EXPENSES OF
INDIVIDUALS ADOPTED THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF
CHILDREN AND FAMILIES.**

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2020*) (a) Not later than January 1, 2021, the
2 Commissioner of Children and Families, through the New England
3 Board of Higher Education, may contract with a department or agency
4 of another state that is a member of said board and has functions or
5 duties similar to those of the Department of Children and Families to
6 establish a program of reciprocity for financial assistance for the post-
7 secondary education costs of students who are adopted through a foster
8 care program operated in this state or such other member states and are
9 enrolled at institutions of higher education in this state or such other
10 member states.

11 (b) On or before January 1, 2022, the commissioner shall submit a
12 report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general
13 statutes, to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly
14 having cognizance of matters relating to higher education on the

15 contract established, if any, pursuant to subsection (a) of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2020	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To allow the Department of Children and Families to contract through the New England Board of Higher Education with compacting states to establish reciprocity for post-secondary education financial assistance available to students adopted through a foster care program and attending an institution of higher education in this state or a compacting state.

[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.]