



General Assembly

January Session, 2025

**Proposed Bill No. 461**

LCO No. 225



Referred to Committee on COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

Introduced by:  
SEN. ANWAR, 3rd Dist.

**AN ACT PROMOTING EQUITABLE ACCESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION  
FOR CHILDREN UNDER THE GUARDIANSHIP OF GRANDPARENTS  
OR OTHER RELATIVES.**

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

- 1 That titles 10a and 17a of the general statutes be amended to expand
- 2 higher education opportunities for children under the guardianship of
- 3 grandparents or other relatives by requiring (1) the Commissioner of
- 4 Children and Families to extend financial support offered to foster
- 5 children for higher education to children under the guardianship of
- 6 grandparents or other relatives, (2) the Board of Regents for Higher
- 7 Education, in consultation with the commissioner, to expand access to
- 8 the debt-free community college program to such children, and (3) the
- 9 commissioner and board to expand access to resources for such
- 10 grandparents and other relatives to support the educational aspirations
- 11 of children in their care.

**Statement of Purpose:**

To promote education equity by expanding higher education support  
for children under the guardianship of grandparents or other relatives.