

GREEN SHEET REDIGEST

HB 906

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(KEYWORD, SUMMARY, AND DIGEST as amended by Senate committee amendments)

HIGHER EDUCATION: Provides relative to postsecondary education services for homeless and foster youth

DIGEST

Proposed law defines "homeless youth" and "foster youth" and requires each public postsecondary education institution to designate a homeless and foster student liaison within its financial aid office who is responsible for applying the provisions of the federal Higher Education Act pertaining to these youth and for assisting such students, both current and prospective, in applying for financial aid and other assistance.

Proposed law authorizes each public postsecondary education institution to grant resident status to a student who resides in La. and is 19 or younger at the time of enrollment, regardless of how long he has resided in the state, if he is determined by the specified persons listed to have been homeless at any time during the two years immediately preceding enrollment. Also authorizes each institution that offers student housing to develop a plan to provide that current and former homeless and foster youth have access to housing resources during and between academic terms. Such plan may grant these students first priority for housing placement and provide that they be placed in the institution's housing facility that remains open for occupation during the most days in a calendar year.

(Adds R.S. 17:3399.21-3399.24)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Education to the engrossed bill

1. Clarifies that the attorney that determines the youth as homeless shall be one that is court appointed to represent the youth.
2. Adds an admission counselor to the list of persons able to determine the youth as homeless.