



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 5691

January Session, 2009

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**AN ACT CONCERNING POSTSECONDARY TUITION ASSISTANCE
FOR ADOPTED CHILDREN.**

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2009*) (a) The Department of
2 Children and Families shall provide postsecondary education
3 assistance up to the cost of tuition, fees, books and, when applicable,
4 room and board for each child who is accepted and enrolls as a part or
5 full-time student at a public institution of higher education in this state
6 and who (1) is under the guardianship of the department, (2) was
7 under the guardianship of the department until such child's eighteenth
8 birthday and continues to receive voluntary services from the
9 department, (3) is adopted through the department's foster care
10 program, or (4) is participating in the department's subsidized
11 guardianship program.

12 (b) In order to be eligible for postsecondary education assistance
13 pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, each such child shall (1)
14 begin postsecondary education the first semester immediately
15 following such child's high school graduation, (2) apply for every
16 appropriate grant and scholarship to offset postsecondary education
17 expenses pursuant to the department's policy, (3) provide the
18 department with documentation of such child's enrollment in a public
19 institution of higher education and application for grants or

20 scholarships, and (4) remain in good academic standing as defined by
21 the department.

22 (c) Each child whose application to the department for
23 postsecondary education assistance for the 2009-2010 school year is
24 accepted and who (1) is under the guardianship of the department, (2)
25 was under the guardianship of the department until such child's
26 eighteenth birthday and continues to receive voluntary services from
27 the department, or (3) was adopted through the department's foster
28 care program after December 31, 2004, shall receive postsecondary
29 education assistance for the 2009-2010 school year and every
30 consecutive school year thereafter pursuant to the department's
31 postsecondary education assistance policies that were in effect as of
32 January 1, 2009.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2009</i>	New section

HED *Joint Favorable Subst.*