



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 267**

January Session, 2011

Substitute House Bill No. 5120

*House of Representatives, March 29, 2011*

The Committee on Higher Education and Employment Advancement reported through REP. WILLIS of the 64th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT CONCERNING EDUCATIONAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR CHILDREN 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 from passage*) (a) Not later than October 1, 2011,  
2 the Commissioner of Children and Families shall convene a working  
3 group comprised of the Commissioner of Children and Families, or the  
4 commissioner's designee, a member of the Board of Governors of  
5 Higher Education, or a designee of any such board member, the Child  
6 Advocate, or the Child Advocate's designee, and representatives of  
7 adoptive families and relative caregivers participating in the  
8 subsidized guardianship program established pursuant to section 17a-  
9 126 of the general statutes. The working group shall study options for  
10 (1) expanding postsecondary educational financial assistance to all  
11 children adopted through, or placed with relative caregivers by, the  
12 Department of Children and Families, and (2) reallocating existing  
13 funds for postsecondary educational financial assistance to cover more



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**OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:**

<b>Agency Affected</b>	<b>Fund-Effect</b>	<b>FY 12 \$</b>
Various State Agencies, Office of Legislative Management	GF - Potential Cost	less than 5,000

Note: GF=General Fund

**Municipal Impact:** None

**Explanation**

The Department of Children and Families, the Board of Governors of Higher Education, the Office of the Child Advocate, and the Office of Legislative Management (should legislators participate) may incur minimal costs, estimated to be less than \$5,000, in FY 12<sup>1</sup> associated with mileage reimbursement of 51 cents per mile for agency staff (who seek reimbursement) participating in a newly established working group.

**The Out Years**

There is no fiscal impact to the state in the out-years.

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<sup>1</sup> The working group is required to report their findings by 1/1/12. It is anticipated that it would disband upon completion of this task.

**OLR Bill Analysis**

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**SUMMARY:**

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Select Committee on Children

Joint Favorable

Yea 10 Nay 0 (02/23/2011)

Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 20 Nay 0 (03/15/2011)