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Committee Bill No. 5120

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Referred to Committee on Select Committee on Children

Introduced by:
(KID)

**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, the Board of Governors of Higher Education,
5 or a designee of any such board member, the Child Advocate, or the
6 Child Advocate's designee, and representatives of adoptive families
7 and relative caregivers participating in the subsidized guardianship
8 program established pursuant to section 17a-126 of the general
9 statutes. The working group shall study options for (1) expanding
10 postsecondary educational financial assistance to all children adopted
11 through, or placed with relative caregivers by, the Department of
12 Children and Families, and (2) reallocating existing funds for
13 postsecondary educational financial assistance to cover more children.

14 (b) Not later than January 1, 2012, the working group shall report its
15 findings, in accordance with section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the

16 select committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
17 matters relating to children and the joint standing committees of the
18 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to higher
19 education and appropriations and the budgets of state agencies.

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

Statement of Purpose:

To establish a working group to study ways to expand postsecondary educational financial assistance to children adopted through, or placed with a relative caregiver by, the Department of Children and Families.

[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.]

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