



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 5120**

January Session, 2011

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**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  
14      children.

15      (b) Not later than January 1, 2012, the working group shall report its  
16      findings, in accordance with section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the  
17      select committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
18      matters relating to children and the joint standing committees of the  
19      General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to higher

20 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

**KID**      *Joint Favorable C/R*      HED

**HED**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*