



General Assembly

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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

