



General Assembly

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Committee Bill No. 398

LCO No. 5592



Referred to Committee on HIGHER EDUCATION AND
EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT

Introduced by:
(HED)

**AN ACT ASSISTING STUDENTS ACCEPTED INTO THE DEFERRED
ACTION FOR CHILDHOOD ARRIVALS PROGRAM WITH THE COST
OF COLLEGE.**

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2015*) (a) In accordance with 8 USC
2 1621(d), any person who (1) has been accepted into the federal
3 government's deferred action for childhood arrivals program, and (2)
4 is entitled to classification as an in-state student for tuition purposes,
5 pursuant to section 10a-29 of the general statutes, shall be eligible to
6 apply for and receive, to the extent permitted by federal law, financial
7 assistance to attend a public institution of higher education in the state
8 pursuant to a state financial assistance program, including, but not
9 limited to, assistance from the funds set aside by a constituent unit, as
10 defined in section 10a-1 of the general statutes, from the anticipated
11 tuition revenue of the institutions of higher education under its
12 jurisdiction for purposes of providing (A) tuition waivers, (B) tuition
13 remissions, (C) grants for educational expenses, and (D) student
14 employment for residents of the state enrolled as full or part-time
15 matriculated students in a degree-granting program or enrolled in a

16 precollege remedial program and who demonstrate substantial
17 financial need.

18 (b) Not later than August 1, 2015, the Office of Higher Education
19 shall establish procedures and develop forms to enable persons who
20 are eligible for financial assistance under subsection (a) of this section
21 to apply for and participate in a state financial assistance program, to
22 the extent permitted by federal law.

23 (c) The Office of Higher Education may adopt regulations, in
24 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes, to
25 carry out the purposes of this section. Such regulations shall include
26 provisions concerning eligibility and the application process for
27 financial assistance.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2015	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To assist students accepted in the federal government's deferred action for childhood arrivals program with the cost of college.

[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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