



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

**HED**      *Joint Favorable*