



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 962

LCO No. 4998



Referred to Committee on HIGHER EDUCATION AND
EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT

Introduced by:
(HED)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF HOUSING VOUCHERS AT
INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.***

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2019*) The Office of Higher Education, in
2 collaboration with the Department of Housing and the governing
3 boards of each institution of higher education in the state, shall study
4 the rate of homelessness among students enrolled in institutions of
5 higher education in the state and the feasibility of establishing a
6 program to distribute housing vouchers for on-campus or off-campus
7 housing to homeless students to alleviate homelessness in the student
8 population. Such study shall include, but need not be limited to,
9 strategies to fund such program for housing vouchers. On or before
10 January 1, 2020, the executive director of the Office of Higher
11 Education shall report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-
12 4a of the general statutes, on the findings of such study to the joint
13 standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of
14 matters relating to higher education and housing.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2019</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To require a study on allowing college students to use housing vouchers at institutions of higher education to reduce homelessness in the student population.

[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.]