AN ACT CONCERNING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION EXPENSES FOR CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS ADOPTED THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES FOSTER CARE PROGRAM.

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

Section 1. (Effective July 1, 2019) Not later than October 1, 2019, the Commissioner of Children and Families shall amend the Department of Children and Families policy 25-2, effective January 2, 2019, concerning financial assistance for post-secondary education expenses, by expanding the eligibility criteria to receive such assistance to include any individual adopted through the department's foster care program during the period beginning January 1, 2001, and ending December 31, 2004, provided (1) such individual meets all other eligibility requirements of such policy, and (2) the department shall provide such assistance in an amount not greater than such individual's demonstrated financial need, as determined by the Federal Student Aid Office of the United States Department of Education.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

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