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## OLR Bill Analysis

### sHB 6563

#### ***AN ACT INCREASING THE AGE OF ELIGIBILITY FOR THE POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION FUNDING PROGRAM OFFERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES.***

#### **SUMMARY**

This bill (1) increases the age of eligibility for the Department of Children and Families' (DCF) post-secondary education funding program and (2) requires the department to amend its rules and regulations to reflect these increases.

Under the bill, the "postsecondary education funding program" is DCF's program that provides funding to youths who are committed to DCF at age 18 or younger and meet the requirements of the department's policies and regulations.

The bill increases, from 21 to 26, the age until which a youth can voluntarily agree to receive and qualify for post-secondary education funding services.

It also increases, from 23 to 28, the age until which a youth enrolled in a post-secondary education program is eligible for funding from the department's funding program to complete the post-secondary education program, as long as he or she continues to meet DCF-established requirements.

Under the bill, a "post-secondary education program" is any program that leads to an academic degree or certification in a vocation or employment training.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2023

#### **COMMITTEE ACTION**

Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 18 Nay 4 (02/28/2023)