



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 6563

January Session, 2023



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

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

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2023*) (a) As used in this section:
- 2 (1) "Department" means the Department of Children and Families;
- 3 (2) "Postsecondary education program" means any program that
4 leads to an academic degree or certification in a vocation or
5 employment training; and
- 6 (3) "Postsecondary education funding program" means the program
7 offered by the department under which it funds the postsecondary
8 education of a youth who is committed to the department at the age of
9 eighteen or younger and meets the requirements established by the
10 department in its policies and regulations.
- 11 (b) The Commissioner of Children and Families shall amend the
12 department policies and regulations regarding the postsecondary
13 education funding program to (1) increase the age until which a youth
14 can voluntarily agree to receive and qualify for services and funding
15 from the department under the postsecondary education funding
16 program from twenty-one to twenty-six years of age, and (2) increase

17 the age until which a youth who is enrolled in a postsecondary
18 education program and continues to meet the requirements
19 established by the department is eligible for funding to complete such
20 postsecondary education program under the postsecondary education
21 funding program from twenty-three to twenty-eight years of age.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	New section
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HED *Joint Favorable Subst.*