

**Bill History**  
**Session Year 2026**  
**Raised H.B. No. 5419**

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**Introducer(s):**

Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee

**Title:** AN ACT REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES TO EXPAND ELIGIBILITY FOR POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION BENEFITS FOR CERTAIN YOUTH.

**Statement of Purpose:** To require the Department of Children and Families to expand eligibility of postsecondary education benefits for foster and adopted youth whose postsecondary education was disrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Bill History:**

02-26-2026 REFERRED TO JOINT COMMITTEE ON Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee

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**Co-sponsor(s):**