

Post-secondary tuition for children adopted through the state's child welfare system is back on the table

The possibility for post-secondary tuition for children adopted through Connecticut's child welfare system is back on the table after being removed by the Appropriations Committee back in April. Committee members and Democrats are trying to work out a compromise to get this tuition for adopted children back in the state's budget.

Currently children that remain in foster care are eligible for financial assistance toward college tuition. Offering tuition for children adopted through the child welfare system would eliminate this barrier to adoption.

It would be expected that the child would have to meet regular acceptance guidelines and also apply for grants (such as the Pell grant).

The maximum allowable stipend under this initiative would be calculated at the cost of attending an in-state university.

Write Your Legislator!

It is especially important for you to write, call or email your legislator now.

If you are not sure who your legislators are (Senator, Representative) you can follow this link, <http://www.cga.ct.gov/>, which brings you to the Connecticut General Assembly website. To the left of the web page click on the House or Senate, then click Find Your Legislator. Next click the district number of your town and you will get your legislators web page with their contact information.

Please feel free to call me with any questions you may have.

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