

SENATE BILL 105: 2021 Appropriations Act, Sec. 9I.6: Child Welfare Postsecondary Support Program - NC REACH

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OVERVIEW: Section 91.6 of S.L. 2021-180 directs the Department of Health and Human Services to continue providing assistance with the cost of higher education for:

- Children aging out of the foster care system.
- Children no longer in foster care due to a permanent placement through the Guardian Assistance Program.
- Children with special needs who were adopted out of the foster care system after age 12.

This section allocates \$50,000 to the North Carolina State Education Assistance Authority to manage and distribute scholarship funds. This section provides \$339,493 for each year of the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium for the administration of the program and the provision of case management services. Lastly, this section requires that funds be awarded only to students attending public institutions of higher education in the State.

This section became effective July 1, 2021.

