CS/HB 1363 — Postsecondary Student Fees

by State Universities & Private Colleges Policy; and Rep. Glorioso and others (CS/SB 1148 by Higher Education Committee and Senator Rich)

The bill clarifies time limitations for public postsecondary fee exemptions available to specified students who are or have been in the custody of the Department of Children and Family Services (DCF). Specifically, the bill provides that the following students are eligible for postsecondary fee exemptions until the students reach 28 years of age: (a) a student who is or was, at the time he or she reached 18 years of age, in the custody of DCF; (b) a student who was placed in a guardianship by the court after spending a specified period of time in DCF custody; (c) a student who is or was, at the time he or she reached 18 years of age, in the custody of a relative under the Relative Caregiver Program; and (d) a student who was adopted from DCF after May 5, 1997.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2010.

Vote: Senate 34-0; House 110-0