

## RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

**ACT 306 (HB 906)**

**2016 Regular Session**

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New law, relative to postsecondary education services for homeless youth and foster youth, provides as follows:

- (1) Requires each public postsecondary education institution to designate a homeless and foster student liaison, within its financial aid office, who is responsible for applying the provisions of the federal Higher Education Act pertaining to these youth and for assisting such students in applying for financial aid and other assistance.
- (2) Authorizes each such institution to:
  - (a) Grant resident status to a student who resides in La. and is 19 or younger at the time of enrollment, regardless of how long he has resided in the state, if he is determined to have been homeless at any time during the two years immediately preceding enrollment.
  - (b) If it offers student housing, to develop a plan to provide that current and former homeless and foster youth have access to housing.

New law provides the following definitions:

- (1) "Homeless youth": Any individual under age 25 who has been verified, at any time during the six years prior to his enrollment in a public postsecondary education institution, as a homeless child or youth as defined in federal law.
- (2) "Foster youth": Any individual in the care, custody, or guardianship of the Dept. of Children and Family Services in the foster care program for any six of the 72 months immediately prior to his 18th birthday.

Effective August 1, 2016.

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