

Fact Sheet

AB 1393 – Skinner

Foster Youth: Priority Campus Housing

PROBLEM

California protects foster youth from abuse and neglect, but needs to do more to support foster youth's transition to successful adulthood. In today's society, a college degree is almost a necessity to becoming economically self-sufficient. Yet very few foster youth are able to continue their education after high school, and those that do often encounter significant obstacles that hinder their ability to succeed.

Fewer than 10% of foster youth who graduate from high school go on to college and fewer than 3 % of foster youth who go on to college ever graduate. A significant obstacle that foster youth face is stability in housing, particularly when on-campus housing closes during holiday and campus breaks.

EXISTING LAW

Existing law establishes the California Community Colleges, the California State University, and the University of California as the segments of postsecondary education in the state of California.

THIS BILL

This bill would require California's public postsecondary education systems that maintain student housing facilities to give priority to current and former foster youth. The bill also would require a campus of that maintains student housing facilities open for occupation during school breaks, or on a

year-round basis, to give priority to current and former foster youth.

SUPPORT

California Youth Connection (Sponsor)

OPPOSITION

None on file.