

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION urging Kentucky's public postsecondary institutions to identify certain Kentucky children who have been legally adopted by a blood relative or were assigned a permanent legal guardian by a court, and for those postsecondary institutions to consider those students' hardships in decision making.

WHEREAS, there are currently 6,964 children statewide in foster care with a per diem of \$74.51 for each child; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 49,000 grandparents are raising grandchildren in Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, children whose biological parents are deceased, or have had their parental rights terminated due to abuse or neglect, become wards of the state; and

WHEREAS, people who are blood relatives to, or legally assigned as permanent guardians of, these children not only lovingly welcome them into their homes, but relieve the state from many of its responsibilities to these children; and

WHEREAS, these adoptive parents deserve the full support of the Commonwealth in raising these children;

NOW, THEREFORE,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, the Senate concurring therein:

➔Section 1. The General Assembly urges Kentucky's public postsecondary institutions to:

- (1) Identify Kentucky children whose biological parents are deceased or have had their parental rights terminated due to abuse or neglect, and who have been legally adopted by a blood relative or were assigned a permanent legal guardian by a court; and
- (2) Consider those students' hardships in making admissions, scholarship, and grant decisions in recognition of the relief those families have provided the Commonwealth.

→Section 2. The Clerk of the House of Representatives shall send a copy of this Resolution to Dr. Eli Capilouto, Office of the President, 101 Main Building, University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky 40506; Dr. James R. Ramsey, Office of the President, Grawemeyer Hall, University of Louisville, Louisville, Kentucky 40292; Dr. Gary A. Ransdell, Office of the President, Western Kentucky University, 1906 College Heights Boulevard, #11001, Bowling Green, Kentucky 42101; Dr. Michael T. Benson, Office of the President, Eastern Kentucky University, 521 Lancaster Avenue, CPO 1A, Coates Building, Room 107, Richmond, Kentucky 40475; Geoffrey S. Mearns, Northern Kentucky University, Nunn Drive, Highland Heights, Kentucky 41099; Raymond M. Burse, Office of the President, Kentucky State University, 400 East Main Street, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601; Dr. Wayne D. Andrews, Office of the President, Morehead State University, 202 Howell-McDowell Building, Morehead, Kentucky 40351; Dr. Robert O. Davies, Office of the President, Murray State University, 102 Curris Center, Murray, Kentucky 42017; and Dr. Jay Box, Office of the President, Kentucky Community and Technical College System, 300 North Main Street, Versailles, Kentucky 40383.