

HB 2721 -- LIAISONS FOR VULNERABLE STUDENTS AT PUBLIC  
INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION

SPONSOR: Douglas

This bill creates the "Success for Homeless and Foster Youth in Higher Education Act". The bill defines "homeless youth" as an individual under 25 years of age that has been verified during the last 6 years prior to enrollment in a public institution of higher education as homeless by agencies and individuals outlined in the bill.

The bill requires institutions of higher education to designate a homeless and foster student liaison in the institution's financial aid office. The liaison's duties are outlined in the bill, including assistance with financial aid opportunities.

The Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development is tasked with the creation of a searchable directory of homeless and foster student liaisons.

The bill allows institutions to grant resident status to students that are 19 years of age or under, if such student has been determined to be homeless at any time during the preceding two years before enrollment. Additionally, institutions that offer student housing can develop a plan to house homeless youth or foster youth during and between academic terms.