The Passport to College Promise pilot program, Bill 1131, was passed by legislation during the 2007 session. This bill offers financial assistance to former and current foster care children who have been in foster care in the state of Washington for one year or longer since their sixteenth birthday. The purpose of the bill is to encourage current and former foster care youth to prepare for, attend and successfully complete higher education. The bill is also designed to provide current and former foster care youth with the educational planning, information, institutional support, and direct resources necessary for them to succeed in higher education.

The bill states that institutions of higher education that receive funding for student support services shall include on their applications for admission or on their registration materials a question asking whether the applicant has been in foster care in Washington state for at least one year since his or her sixteenth birthday. The Washington community and technical colleges are eligible to receive funding and therefore the SBCTC and CIS are required to facilitate the technology needed to collect this information.

**Instructions**

The Foster Care students are identified through the Unusual Action code. You must first add the new unusual action code to the Unusual Action Code table in SMS (SM5021). Use unusual-action value “F$”. Enter the value for the student on the Student Unusual Action screen (SM5003) including the YRQ value “Z999”

**NOTE:** The students will only need to be coded with the Unusual Action code once. The SBCTC will pull all students where the YRQ = “Z999” each year in order to obtain the listing of foster care students.

If you have any question on the use of this code please contact dataservices@sbctc.edu.