

# SENATE BILL No. 343

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 31-25-2-21.

**Synopsis:** Financial literacy for foster children. Requires a transitional services plan for foster children to include information about: (1) the healthy Indiana plan; (2) the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program; (3) the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program; (4) basic banking and account management; (5) student loan and grant application completion; and (6) individual development accounts.

**Effective:** July 1, 2021.

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January 11, 2021, read first time and referred to Committee on Family and Children Services.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning family law and juvenile law.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. IC 31-25-2-21, AS AMENDED BY P.L.198-2019,  
2 SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
3 JULY 1, 2021]: Sec. 21. (a) As used in this section, "transitional  
4 services plan" means a plan that provides information concerning the  
5 following to an individual described in subsection (b):  
6 (1) Education.  
7 (2) Employment.  
8 (3) Housing.  
9 (4) Health care, including information concerning the individual's  
10 eligibility and participation in the Medicaid program.  
11 (5) Development of problem solving skills.  
12 (6) Available local, state, and federal financial assistance,  
13 **including:**  
14 **(A) the healthy Indiana plan under IC 12-15-44.2;**  
15 **(B) the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance**  
16 **Program (SNAP) under 7 U.S.C. 2011; and**  
17 **(C) the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)**



- 1                   **program under 45 CFR 260.**  
 2                   **(7) Financial literacy, including:**  
 3                   **(A) basic banking and account management;**  
 4                   **(B) student loan and grant application completion; and**  
 5                   **(C) individual development accounts under IC 4-4-28.**  
 6                   (b) The department shall implement a program that provides a  
 7                   transitional services plan to the following:  
 8                   (1) An individual who has become or will become:  
 9                   (A) eighteen (18) years of age; or  
 10                   (B) emancipated;  
 11                   while receiving foster care.  
 12                   (2) An individual who:  
 13                   (A) is at least eighteen (18) but less than twenty-one (21) years  
 14                   of age; and  
 15                   (B) is receiving collaborative care under IC 31-28-5.8.  
 16                   (c) A transitional services plan for an individual described in  
 17                   subsection (b) shall contain a document that:  
 18                   (1) describes the rights of the individual with respect to:  
 19                   (A) education, health, visitation, and court participation;  
 20                   (B) the right to be provided with the individual's medical  
 21                   documents and any other medical information; and  
 22                   (C) the right to stay safe and avoid exploitation; and  
 23                   (2) includes a signed acknowledgment by the individual that the:  
 24                   (A) individual has been provided with a copy of the document  
 25                   described in subdivision (1); and  
 26                   (B) rights contained in the document have been explained to  
 27                   the individual in an age appropriate manner.  
 28                   (d) The individual's child representatives selected by the individual  
 29                   under IC 31-34-15-7 or IC 31-37-19-1.7 may participate in the  
 30                   development of a transitional services plan for the individual.  
 31                   (e) The department, as part of the program described in this section,  
 32                   in cooperation with the office of Medicaid policy and planning, shall  
 33                   include, as part of the transitional services plan for an individual  
 34                   described in subsection (b), the enrollment of the individual in the  
 35                   Medicaid program.  
 36                   (f) The department shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2, including  
 37                   emergency rules under IC 4-22-2-37.1, necessary to implement the  
 38                   program described in this section.

