

1 educational or vocational placement, training, counseling, early
2 intervention and diversionary substance abuse treatment, sexual
3 abuse treatment, and other related services and programs; and

4 2. "Youth" means a person who is at least eighteen (18) years
5 of age but less than twenty-one (21) years of age.

6 B. A youth who:

7 1. Exited foster care after reaching eighteen (18) years of
8 age; or

9 2. Is in foster care when reaching eighteen (18) years of age,
10 may reenter or remain in foster care and receive extended foster
11 care services until twenty-one (21) years of age.

12 C. The Department of Human Services may provide extended foster
13 care services if the youth meets one of the following conditions for
14 eligibility:

15 1. The youth is completing secondary education or a program
16 leading to an equivalent credential;

17 2. The youth is enrolled in an institution that provides
18 postsecondary or vocational education;

19 3. The youth is participating in a program or activity designed
20 to promote employment or remove barriers to employment;

21 4. The youth is employed for at least eighty (80) hours per
22 month; or

23 5. The youth is incapable of doing any part of the activities
24 described in paragraphs 1 through 4 of this subsection due to a

1 medical condition. An assertion of incapacity pursuant to this
2 paragraph shall be supported by regularly updated information in the
3 case plan of the youth.

4 D. Extended foster care services are voluntary and a youth may
5 choose to stop receiving the services at any time. If the
6 Department determines that the youth no longer meets the eligibility
7 requirements provided in subsection C of this section for extended
8 foster care services, the Department shall provide written or
9 electronic notice to the youth regarding termination of the extended
10 foster care services.

11 E. The Department shall:

12 1. Secure funding from and implement the provisions of this
13 section in accordance with the state's approved Title IV-E State
14 Plan; and

15 2. Promulgate rules and regulations necessary to implement the
16 provisions of this section.

17 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2016.

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19 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AND BUDGET, dated
20 02/18/2016 - DO PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.

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