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SB 129 Reengrossed DIGEST Gatti
2018 Regular Session

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Proposed law provides that acceptance of these benefits shall not deprive the person in foster care of any rights or obligations conferred by attaining the age of majority.

Proposed law specifies that the benefits and services provided shall not impose any obligation of reimbursement on the recipients.

Proposed law specifies that the Department of Children and Family Services shall notify all foster children and their foster parents or other custodians in writing of the availability of these benefits and services upon the child's 17th birthday, and every ninety days thereafter until the child's 18th birthday, unless the foster child and foster parents or other custodians have already consented in writing to participate.

Proposed law provides that it shall take effect and become operative if and when S.B. No. 555 of the 2018 R.S. is enacted into law and becomes effective.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 46:286.24)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Finance to the engrossed bill

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2. Provides that acceptance of these benefits shall not deprive the person in foster care of any rights or obligations conferred by attaining the age of majority.
3. Specifies that the benefits and services provided shall not impose any obligation of

reimbursement on the recipients.

4. Specifies that the Department of Children and Family Services shall notify all foster children and their foster parents or other custodians in writing of the availability of these benefits and services upon the child's 17th birthday, and every ninety days thereafter until the child's 18th birthday, unless the foster child and foster parents or other custodians have already consented in writing to participate.
5. Applies a contingency that this Act shall take effect and become operative if and when Senate Bill No. 555 of the 2018 Regular Session of the Legislature is enacted into law and becomes effective.