

SENATE SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS

SB 129

2018 Regular Session

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KEYWORD AND SUMMARY AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE

FAMILY LAW. Provides relative to foster care children in high school. (gov sig)

SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO THE SENATE BILL

1. Adds that a person in foster care and the person's foster parents shall continue to receive all benefits and services of the foster care program after the person's 18th birthday, if the person is a full-time high school student or in the process of receiving an equivalent credential until the person's high school graduation or 21st birthday, whichever comes first.
2. Adds that a child housed in a residential home or in foster care may stay at such home or in foster care until his 21st birthday to complete any educational course that he began at such facility.
3. Deletes contingent effectiveness of proposed law to the enactment of SB No. 555 of the 2018 R.S.
4. Makes proposed law subject to the availability of funding.

DIGEST OF THE SENATE BILL AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE

SB 129 Reengrossed

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Proposed law provides that, in the event funds are made available, a person in foster care and the person's foster parents shall continue to receive all benefits and services of the foster care program after the person's 18th birthday, if the person is a full-time high school student or in the process of receiving an equivalent credential until the person's high school graduation or 21st birthday, whichever comes first.

Present law provides that a child residing in a residential home may stay at that home until his 21st birthday to complete any educational course he has begun while a resident of the facility. Proposed law adds authorization that a child housed in a residential home or in foster care may stay at such home or in foster care until his 21st birthday to complete any educational course that he began while a resident of the facility.

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 Dept. 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 90 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.

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

(Amends R.S. 46:1403.1; Adds R.S. 46:286.24)

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