

CHAPTER 2024-112

Committee Substitute for Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 564

An act relating to young adult aftercare services; amending s. 409.1451, F.S.; revising eligibility requirements for aftercare services for certain young adults; authorizing the Department of Children and Families to distribute federal funds to eligible young adults in certain circumstances; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Present subsection (11) of section 409.1451, Florida Statutes, is redesignated as subsection (12), a new subsection (11) is added to that section, and paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of that section is amended, to read:

409.1451 The Road-to-Independence Program.—

(3) **AFTERCARE SERVICES.**—

(a)1. Aftercare services are available to a young adult who has reached 18 years of age but is not yet 23 years of age and is:

a. Not in foster care.

b. Temporarily not receiving financial assistance under subsection (2) to pursue postsecondary education.

2. Subject to available funding, aftercare services ~~as specified in subparagraph (b)8.~~ are also available to a young adult who is between the ages of 18 and 22, and is:

a. Receiving financial assistance under subsection (2), is experiencing an emergency situation, requires services as specified in subparagraph (b)8., and whose resources are insufficient to meet the emergency situation. Such assistance shall be in addition to any amount specified in paragraph (2)(b);
or

b. Was placed by a court in out-of-home care pursuant to chapter 39, lived in out-of-home care for at least 6 months after turning 14 years of age, and did not achieve reunification with his or her parent or guardian.

(11) FUNDING DURING EMERGENCY.—Notwithstanding the eligibility criteria in subsections (2) and (3), the department may distribute federal funds to all young adults deemed eligible by the funding source in the event of a state or national emergency.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.

Approved by the Governor April 26, 2024.

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