

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS32364 / H0245

This bill augments recent reforms to the foster care system with two changes: 1) it would allow for extended care for youth aging out of the foster care system, not to exceed age 23 under limited circumstances; and 2) it would allow the department to establish separate licensing standards for relatives and non-relatives while maintaining health, safety, and security.

FISCAL NOTE

The bill is expected to cost \$420,500 annually, of which \$222,900 is expected to come from the General Fund. This estimate is predicated on 40 participants annually in the extended foster care program.

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