



February 17, 2024

SUMMARY OF BILL: Increases, from 21 years old to 23 years old, the maximum age of an individual who may participate in the extension of foster care services.

FISCAL IMPACT:

**Increase State Expenditures – \$2,730,900/FY24-25
\$2,722,900/FY25-26 and Subsequent Years**

Assumptions:

- Based on information provided by the Department of Children’s Services, approximately 151 individuals will participate in the expanded extension of foster care services.
- Daily boarding rates are assumed to increase by approximately five percent on July 1, 2024.
- Assuming similar distributions of boarding reimbursement rates and living allowance rates as currently exist for individuals in the foster care extension program, there will be an increase in expenditures as follows:
 - \$160,965 [21 individuals x (\$20 daily rate x 1.05) x 365 days] for individuals receiving independent living assistance – parenting;
 - \$452,634 [84 individuals x (\$14.06 x 1.05) x 365 days] for individuals receiving the regular rate for extension of foster care;
 - \$5,389 [2 individuals x (\$7.03 x 1.05) x 365 days] for individuals receiving the graduated rate extension of foster care; and
 - \$969,285 [44 individuals x (\$57.48 x 1.05) x 365 days] for individuals receiving independent living placement.
- The total increase in expenditures associated with boarding reimbursement rates and living allowances will be \$1,588,273 (\$160,965 + \$452,634 + \$5,389 + \$969,285) in FY24-25 and subsequent years.
- DCS will contract with a private provider to provide case management to the extension of foster care program.
- Based on the current Youth Villages Case management contract, it is estimated that the contract will charge \$15 per day per case, which will result in an increase in state expenditures of \$826,725 (151 x \$15 x 365 days) in FY24-25 and subsequent years.
- DCS will be required to hire four program specialists, which will result in the following increase in state expenditures:

Title	Salary	Benefits	# Positions	Total
Program Specialist	\$59,496	\$17,478	4	\$307,898

- There will also be a one-time increase in state expenditures associated with office supplies of \$8,000 in FY24-25.
- The total increase in state expenditures as a result of the proposed legislation will be \$2,730,896 (\$1,588,273 + \$826,725 + \$307,898 + \$8,000) in FY24-25, and \$2,722,896 (\$1,588,273 + \$826,725 + \$307,898) in FY25-26 and subsequent years.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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