

HOUSE BILL 2485

By Hurt

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-2-604, relative to the extension of foster care services.

WHEREAS, current law states that the extension of foster care services may be provided on a voluntary basis to a young adult who is at least eighteen years of age but less than twenty-one years of age; and

WHEREAS, the current timeframe is not long enough for an individual in foster care to finish a college degree program or prepare living arrangements for outside of the foster care system; and

WHEREAS, homelessness and poverty are an issue for young adults now more than ever when released from the foster care system; now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-2-604(c), is amended by deleting "twenty-one (21)" and substituting "twenty-three (23)".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-2-604(d), is amended by deleting "twenty-first" and substituting "twenty-third".

SECTION 3. This act takes effect July 1, 2024, the public welfare requiring it.