

SB 745 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Human Services

Action Date: 04/02/19

Action: Do pass with amendments. Refer to Ways and Means by prior reference. (Printed A-Eng).

Vote: 5-0-0-0

Yeas: 5 - Fagan, Gelser, Heard, Knopp, Monnes Anderson

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 3/12, 4/2

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs Department of Human Services (DHS) to conduct annual in-person case planning meetings with every ward age 14 or older, to inform ward of eligibility for, and provide access to transition services. Appropriates \$8,500,000 from General Fund to DHS for provision of transition services beginning July 1, 2019.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions of measure

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Clarifies that DHS is to provide ward with access to transition services and removes reporting requirements.

BACKGROUND:

The Independent Living Program (ILP) provides training and classes to youth in foster care to prepare them to live independently. According to the Department of Human Services (DHS), there are currently 39 ILP providers, and 1,357 youth received ILP services in 2017. Current law requires DHS to ensure that case planning for foster youth who have reached age 14 addresses their needs and goals for a successful transition to adulthood.

Senate Bill 745 A requires DHS to conduct annual in-person case planning meetings with every foster youth age 14 or older. DHS must inform them about their eligibility for ILP services and provide access to transition services during case planning meetings. The measure also appropriates \$8,500,000 General Fund dollars to DHS for ILP services to eligible foster youth.