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Senator Kurth moved the following amendment:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

On page 4, between lines 2 and 3,

and insert:

Section 5. Paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (3) of section 409.145, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

409.145 Care of children.--

(3)(a) The department is authorized to continue to provide the services of the children's foster care program to individuals 18 to 21 years of age who are enrolled in high school, in a program leading to a high school equivalency diploma as defined in s. 229.814, or in a full-time career education program, and to continue to provide services of the children's foster care program to individuals 18 to 23 years of age who are enrolled full-time in a postsecondary educational institution granting a degree, a certificate, or an applied technology diploma, if the following requirements are met:

1. The individual was committed to the legal custody

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1 of the department for placement in foster care as a dependent  
2 child;

3 2. All other resources have been thoroughly explored,  
4 and it can be clearly established that there are no  
5 alternative resources for placement; and

6 3. A written service agreement which specifies  
7 responsibilities and expectations for all parties involved has  
8 been signed by a representative of the department, the  
9 individual, and the foster parent or licensed child-caring  
10 agency providing the placement resources.

11 (b) The services of the foster care program shall  
12 continue for those individuals 18 to 21 years of age only for  
13 the period of time the individual is continuously enrolled in  
14 high school, in a program leading to a high school equivalency  
15 diploma as defined in s. 229.814, or in a full-time career  
16 education program; and shall continue for those individuals 18  
17 to 23 years of age only for the period of time the individual  
18 is continuously enrolled full-time in a postsecondary  
19 educational institution granting a degree, a certificate, or  
20 an applied technology diploma. Services shall be terminated  
21 upon completion of or withdrawal or permanent expulsion from  
22 high school, the program leading to a high school equivalency  
23 diploma, ~~or~~ the full-time career education program, or the  
24 postsecondary educational institution granting a degree, a  
25 certificate, or an applied technology diploma.

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27 (Redesignate subsequent sections.)

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31 And the title is amended as follows:

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On page 1, line 15, after the semicolon  
insert:  
amending s. 409.145, F.S.; authorizing the  
Department of Children and Family Services to  
continue providing foster care services to  
certain individuals who are enrolled full-time  
in a degree-granting program in a postsecondary  
educational institution; specifying  
circumstances under which such services shall  
be terminated;