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Amendment No. ____

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Senator Kurth moved the following amendment:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

On page 77, between lines 13 and 14,

and insert:

Section 47. 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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1 On page 3, line 31, after the semicolon
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3 insert:
4 amending s. 409.145, F.S.; authorizing the
5 Department of Children and Family Services to
6 continue providing foster care services to
7 certain individuals who are enrolled full-time
8 in a degree-granting program in a postsecondary
9 educational institution; specifying
10 circumstances under which such services shall
11 be terminated;
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