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Representative(s) Murman offered the following:

Amendment (with title amendment)

On page 18, between lines 20 and 21, of the bill

insert:

Section 9. Paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section 409.145, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

409.145 Care of children.--

(3)

(b) The services of the foster care program shall continue for those individuals 18 to 21 years of age only for the period of time the individual is continuously 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. Services shall be terminated upon completion of or withdrawal or permanent expulsion from high school, the program leading to a high school equivalency diploma, or the full-time career education program. In addition, the department may, based upon the availability of funds, provide assistance to those individuals who leave

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1 foster care when they attain 18 years of age and subsequently
 2 request assistance prior to their 21st birthday. The following
 3 are examples of assistance that may be provided: referrals for
 4 employment, services for educational or vocational
 5 development, and housing assistance.

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9 And the title is amended as follows:

10 On page 2, line 14, after the semicolon,

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12 insert:

13 amending s. 409.145, F.S.; authorizing the
 14 Department of Children and Family Services to
 15 provide additional assistance for certain
 16 individuals leaving foster care;

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