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11 Senator Wise moved the following amendment:

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13 **Senate Amendment**

14 On page 3, line 22, through

15 page 5, line 14, delete those lines

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17 and insert: children and eligible young adults in foster care

18 and eligible young adults who were formerly in foster care

19 which accomplish the goals for the independent-living

20 transition services and provide the service components for

21 services for foster children, as provided in subsection (3),

22 and services for young adults who were formerly in foster

23 care, as provided in subsection (5).

24 (d) For children in foster care, independent-living

25 transition services are not an alternative to adoption.

26 Independent-living transition services may occur concurrently

27 with continued efforts to locate and achieve placement in

28 adoptive families for older children in foster care.

29 (2) ELIGIBILITY.--

30 (a) The department shall serve children who are 13 to

31 18 years of age and who are in foster care through the program

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1 component of services for foster children provided in  
2 subsection (3). Children to be served must meet the  
3 eligibility requirements set forth for specific services as  
4 provided in this section and through department rule.

5 (b) The department shall serve young adults who are 18  
6 to 23 years of age and who were in foster care when they  
7 turned 18 years of age through the program component of  
8 services for young adults through a continuum of an array of  
9 transition services using state and federal funds for foster  
10 care. The continuum of services may include options that range  
11 from remaining in current foster care placement, assisted  
12 living in a group home, or fully independent living, depending  
13 on the skill and maturity of the child. Services may include,  
14 but are not limited to, educational and vocational training  
15 and developing personal support systems as more fully set  
16 forth in subsection (8). Youth who were in foster care prior  
17 to age 18 and who leave foster care at age 18 are eligible for  
18 services as set forth in subsection (5). Children to be served  
19 must meet the eligibility requirements set forth for specific  
20 services in this section and through department rule.

21 (3) PROGRAM COMPONENT OF SERVICES FOR FOSTER  
22 CHILDREN.--The department shall provide the following  
23 transition to independence services to children in foster care  
24 who meet prescribed conditions and are determined eligible by  
25 the department. The service categories available to children  
26 in foster care which facilitate successful transition into  
27 adulthood are:

28 (a) Pre-independent-living services.--

29 1. Pre-independent-living services include, but are  
30 not limited to, life-skills training, educational field trips,  
31 and conferences. The specific services to be provided to a

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1 child shall be determined using a pre-independent-living  
2 assessment.

3 2. A child 13 to 15 years of age who is in foster care  
4 is eligible for such services.

5 (b) Life-skills services.--

6 1. Life-skills services may include, but are not  
7 limited to, independent-living-skills training, educational  
8 support, employment training, and counseling. The specific  
9 services to be provided to a child shall be determined using  
10 an independent-life-skills assessment.

11 2. A child 15 to 23 years of age who is in foster care  
12 is eligible for such services.

13 (c) Subsidized independent-living services.--

14 1. Subsidized independent-living services are living  
15 arrangements that allow the child to live independently of the  
16 daily care and supervision of an adult in a setting that is  
17 not required to be licensed under s. 409.175.

18 2. A child 16 to 23 years of age is eligible for such  
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