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Senator Saunders moved the following amendment:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

On page 11, line 29, through  
page 12, line 3, delete those lines

and insert:

(c) Transitional Support Services.--

1. In addition to any services provided through after care support or the Road to Independence scholarship, a young adult formerly in foster care, may receive other appropriate short-term services, which may include financial, housing, counseling, employment, education and other services, if the young adult demonstrates that the services are critical to the young adult's own efforts to achieve self-sufficiency and to develop a personal support system.

2. A young adult formerly in foster care is eligible to apply for transitional support services if he or she is 18 to 23 years of age, was a dependent child pursuant to chapter 39, was living in licensed foster care or in subsidized independent living at the time of his or her 18th birthday,

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1 and had spent at least 6 months living in foster care before  
2 that date.

3 3. If at any time the services are no longer critical  
4 to the young adult's own efforts to achieve self-sufficiency  
5 and to develop a personal support system, they shall be  
6 terminated.

7 (d) Payment of aftercare, scholarship or transitional  
8 support funds shall be made directly to the recipient unless  
9 the recipient requests that the payments or a portion of the  
10 payments be made directly to a licensed foster family or group  
11 care provider with whom the recipient was residing at the time  
12 of attaining the 18th birthday and with whom the recipient  
13 desires to continue to reside. If a young adult and the former  
14 foster parent agree that the young adult shall continue to  
15 live in the foster home while receiving aftercare, scholarship  
16 or transitional support funds, the caregiver shall establish  
17 written expectations for the young adult's behavior and  
18 responsibilities. The young adult who continues with a foster  
19 family shall not be included as a child in calculating any  
20 licensing restriction on the number of children in the foster  
21 home.

22 (e) Appeals process.--

23 1. The Department of Children and Family Services  
24 shall adopt by rule a procedure by which a young adult may  
25 appeal an eligibility determination or the department's  
26 failure to provide aftercare, scholarship or transitional  
27 support services if such funds are available.

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31 And the title is amended as follows:

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1           On page 1, line 29, after the semicolon  
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3 insert:  
4           specifying the services, eligibility and  
5           conditions for the transitional support  
6           services; providing for payment directly to a  
7           licensed foster family or group care provider  
8           with whom a young adult continues to reside;  
9           providing that the young adult not be counted  
10          in licensing restrictions;  
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