

## HOUSE MESSAGE SUMMARY

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BILL: CS/CS/CS/SB 512  
SPONSOR: Senator Lynn  
SUBJECT: Independent Living Transition Services  
PREPARED BY: Senate Committee on Children and Families  
DATE: April 30, 2004

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### **I. Amendments Contained in Message:**

House Amendment 1 – 328597 (body and title)

### **II. Summary of Amendments Contained in Message:**

House Amendment 1

- Removes language that foster care includes youth temporarily placed in Department of Juvenile Justice and Department of Corrections facilities.
- Removes language requiring that in the staffings conducted for youth between 15 and 18 years of age, the department is to identify children with developmental disabilities and special mental health needs and coordinate with the Developmental Disabilities program, Mental Health program, and other organizations to assist them with their special needs and coordinate their independent living plans with their school individual education plan.
- Removes language that allowed the department to issue a base award of \$654 to the young adults receiving a scholarship who are in high school or an education institution for which federal financial aid funds cannot be applied.
- Removes language that clearly authorized the department to temporarily cease issuing new awards until funds are available.
- Removes language that required the department to arrange for another foster home if the foster home the youth was living in at 18 years of age did not want the youth to continue there.
- Removes language that provides priority for the transitional support service dollars to the young adults who cannot receive the scholarship funds.
- Removes language extending the deadline to apply for the initial scholarship award for young adults who are developmentally disabled from age 21 to 23 years.
- Adds language to broaden the persons to whom a young adult may direct that any scholarship, aftercare, or transitional support funds are directed.