

Bill No. SB 220

Barcode 543158

CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

House

1  
2  
3  
4  
5  
6  
7  
8  
9  
10  
11  
12  
13  
14  
15  
16  
17  
18  
19  
20  
21  
22  
23  
24  
25  
26  
27  
28  
29  
30  
31

.  
. .  
. .  
. .  
. .  
. .

The Committee on Children and Families (Campbell) recommended the following amendment:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete everything after the enacting clause

and insert:

Section 1. Optional Continued Foster Care to Age 21 Pilot Program.--

(1) The Department of Children and Family Services is directed to develop an optional continued foster care pilot program in Miami-Dade county. A young adult who is not eligible for the Road-to-Independence Scholarship may choose to participate in this pilot program. The department may accept no more than 100 former foster youth who are not eligible to receive the Road-to-Independence Scholarship into the pilot program. Any young adult who was formerly in foster care and who chooses to participate in this program will continue to receive all foster care services, remain under continued court jurisdiction, and remain in their current foster or group home placement or another licensed foster home

Bill No. SB 220

Barcode 543158

1 arranged by the department until he or she leaves the pilot  
2 program or until he or she becomes 21 years of age, whichever  
3 comes first.

4 (2) A young adult who elects to participate in the  
5 pilot program must notify the court at the last judicial  
6 review hearing before he or she becomes 18 years of age. The  
7 department must use the independent living assessment tool as  
8 defined in section 409.1451(4)(b)4., Florida Statutes, to  
9 assess each youth no later than one month after he or she  
10 becomes 17 years of age and again upon the young adult's exit  
11 from the pilot program or one month before he or she becomes  
12 21 years of age, whichever comes first.

13 (3) The department shall identify a cohort of 100  
14 former foster youth who were not eligible for the  
15 Road-to-Independence Scholarship and who live in a county  
16 other than Miami-Dade County. This cohort shall be compared to  
17 the participants of the pilot program by using the same  
18 independent living assessment tool.

19 (4) The department must prepare and present a report  
20 to the Legislature on the findings of the pilot program no  
21 later than December 1, 2008. The report must include an  
22 analysis, including a fiscal analysis, and a recommendation of  
23 the benefits and drawbacks of duplicating the pilot program in  
24 the entire state.

25 Section 2. This act shall expire on July 1, 2009.

26 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005.

27  
28

29 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

30 And the title is amended as follows:

31 Delete everything before the enacting clause

Bill No. SB 220

Barcode 543158

1 and insert:

2                                   A bill to be entitled  
3           An act relating to independent living;  
4           directing the Department of Children and Family  
5           Services to create a pilot program in  
6           Miami-Dade County; specifying eligibility;  
7           limiting enrollment; providing elements of the  
8           program; requiring a young adult to notify the  
9           court of a decision to participate in the pilot  
10          program; identifying a cohort group for the  
11          purposes of comparing results; directing the  
12          department to prepare a report to the  
13          Legislature; providing an expiration date and  
14          an effective date.

15  
16  
17  
18  
19  
20  
21  
22  
23  
24  
25  
26  
27  
28  
29  
30  
31