

1 program or until he or she becomes 21 years of age, whichever
2 comes first.

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

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

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

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

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

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STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN
COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
Senate Bill 220

Removes the provisions amending s. 409.1451, F.S.

Removes statewide expansion of services to young adults not eligible for the Road-to-Independence Scholarship.

Creates an optional continued foster care pilot program in Miami-Dade County and provides for the conditions, eligibility, elements and duration of the pilot.

Requires the department to identify a cohort of 100 former foster youth not eligible for the Road-to-Independence Scholarship and who do not live in Miami-Dade County to compare to the pilot program participants.

Requires the department to submit a report to the Legislature on the findings of the pilot program no later than December 1, 2008.

Provides for repeal of this act.