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<u>Senate</u>	.	<u>House</u>
Comm: RCS	.	
4/22/2008	.	
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1 The Committee on Health and Human Services Appropriations (Gaetz)  
 2 recommended the following **amendment**:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendments)**

5 Between line(s) 150 and 151,  
6 insert:

7 Section 2. Section 743.046, Florida Statutes, is created to  
8 read:

9 743.046 Removal of disabilities of minors; agreements for  
 10 utility services.--For the sole purpose of enabling a minor in  
 11 foster care to secure utility services at a residential property  
 12 upon becoming an adult, the disability of nonage of minors is  
 13 removed for all minors who have reached 17 years of age, have  
 14 been adjudicated dependent, and are in the legal custody of the  
 15 Department of Children and Family Services through foster care or  
 16 subsidized independent living. Such minors may make and execute  
 17 contracts, agreements, releases, and all other instruments



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18 necessary for securing utility services at a residential property  
 19 upon becoming 17 years of age. The contracts or other agreements  
 20 made by the minor shall have the same effect as though they were  
 21 the obligations of persons who are adults. A minor seeking to  
 22 enter into such contracts or agreements or execute other  
 23 necessary instruments that are incidental to securing utility  
 24 services must present a court order removing the disabilities of  
 25 nonage for the purpose of this section.

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

28 And the title is amended as follows:

29       On line(s) 11, after the semicolon,  
30 insert:

31       creating s. 743.046, F.S.; removing the disability of  
32       nonage for minor executing a contract for the purpose of  
33       securing utility services upon reaching 17 years of age;