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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to motor vehicle insurance and driver
3 licenses for foster youth; amending s. 409.1454, F.S.;
4 deleting a requirement that a foster youth receiving
5 postsecondary educational services and support must
6 have also been in licensed care at the time of turning
7 18 years of age in order to be eligible to participate
8 in a specified program covering certain costs for a
9 driver license and motor vehicle insurance; providing
10 an effective date.

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12 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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14 Section 1. Subsection (4) of section 409.1454, Florida
15 Statutes, is amended to read:

16 409.1454 Motor vehicle insurance and driver licenses for
17 children in care and certified unaccompanied homeless youth.—

18 (4) Payment must be made to eligible recipients in the
19 order of eligibility until available funds are exhausted. If a
20 child determined to be eligible reaches permanency status or
21 turns 18 years of age, the program may pay for that child to
22 complete a driver education program and obtain a driver license
23 for up to 6 months after the date the child reaches permanency
24 status or 6 months after the date the child turns 18 years of
25 age. A child may be eligible to have the costs of and incidental
26 to licensure paid if he or she demonstrates that such costs are
27 creating barriers to obtaining employment or completing
28 educational goals, if the child meets any of the following
29 criteria:

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- 30 (a) Is continuing in care under s. 39.6251;
- 31 (b) ~~Was in licensed care when the child reached 18 years of~~
32 ~~age and~~ Is currently receiving postsecondary education services
33 and support under s. 409.1451(2); or
- 34 (c) Is an unaccompanied homeless youth certified under s.
35 743.067 who is a citizen of the United States or legal resident
36 of this state and is:
- 37 1. Completing secondary education;
 - 38 2. Employed at least part time;
 - 39 3. Attending any postsecondary education program at least
40 part time; or
 - 41 4. Has a disability that precludes full-time work or
42 education.
- 43 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2023.