COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE AMENDMENT

Bill No. HB 185 (2024)

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COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE	ACTION
ADOPTED	(Y/N)
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Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Children, Families & Seniors Subcommittee

Representative Trabulsy offered the following:

Amendment

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Between lines 2043 and 2044, insert:

7 Section 37. Section 414.56, Florida Statutes, is amended 8 to read:

9 414.56 Office of Continuing Care.-The department shall 10 establish an Office of Continuing Care to ensure young adults 11 who age out of the foster care system between 18 and 21 years of age, or 22 years of age with a documented disability, have a 12 point of contact until the young adult reaches the age of 26 in 13 14 order to receive ongoing support and care coordination needed to 15 achieve self-sufficiency. Duties of the office include, but are not limited to: 16

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(1) Informing young adults who age out of the foster care system of the purpose of the office, the types of support the office provides, and how to contact the office.

20 (2) Serving as a direct contact to the young adult in 21 order to provide information on how to access services to 22 support the young adult's self-sufficiency, including, but not 23 limited to, food assistance, behavioral health services, 24 housing, Medicaid, and educational services.

(3) Assisting in accessing services and supports for the young adult to attain self-sufficiency, including, but not limited to, completing documentation required to apply for services.

(4) Collaborating with community-based care lead agencies to identify local resources that can provide support to young adults served by the office and to assist young adults in accessing these supports.

33 (5) Developing and administering the Step into Success
34 Workforce Education and Internship Pilot Program for foster
35 youth and former foster youth as required under s. 409.1455.

36 (6) Work in coordination with the Statewide Guardian ad 37 Litem Office to identify supportive adults for children 38 transitioning out of foster care to live independently, in 39 accordance with s. 39.6036.

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