A bill to be entitled An act relating to young adult aftercare services; amending s. 409.1451, F.S.; revising eligibility requirements for aftercare services for certain young adults; authorizing the Department of Children and Families to distribute federal funds to eligible young adults in certain circumstances; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Present subsection (11) of section 409.1451, Florida Statutes, is redesignated as subsection (12), a new subsection (11) is added to that section, and paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of that section is amended, to read:

409.1451 The Road-to-Independence Program.—

(3) AFTERCARE SERVICES.—

(a) Aftercare services are available to a young adult who has reached 18 years of age but is not yet 23 years of age and, pursuant to a court order under s. 39.811, was placed and lived in out-of-home care for at least 6 months after turning 14 years of age. Young adults who receive support under subsection (2) or s. 39.6251 are only eligible for aftercare services and support services that are not already provided by those programs is:

a. Not in foster care.

b. Temporarily not receiving financial assistance under subsection (2) to pursue postsecondary education.

2. Subject to available funding, aftercare services as specified in subparagraph (b)8. are also available to a young

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adult who is between the ages of 18 and 22, is receiving

financial assistance under subsection (2), is experiencing an

emergency situation, and whose resources are insufficient to

meet the emergency situation. Such assistance shall be in

addition to any amount specified in paragraph (2)(b).

(11) FUNDING DURING EMERGENCY.—Notwithstanding the

eligibility criteria in subsections (2) and (3), the department

may distribute federal funds to all young adults deemed eligible

by the funding source in the event of a state or national

emergency.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.