



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 595

January Session, 2013



AN ACT EQUALIZING SUPPORT FOR CHILDREN WHO AGE OUT OF SERVICES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2013*) (a) The Department of Social
2 Services shall administer an assistance program for children who
3 attain eighteen years of age while in the custody of a nonparent
4 relative who is a legal guardian. The assistance program shall provide
5 the same benefits as those received by children who attain eighteen
6 years of age while in the care and custody of the Department of
7 Children and Families.

8 (b) Such assistance shall be provided until the recipient attains at
9 least twenty-one years of age and shall include, but not be limited to,
10 (1) educational and vocational training and tuition support for those in
11 full-time attendance in a secondary school, a technical school, a college
12 or a state-accredited job training program, (2) medical assistance for
13 those who meet eligibility guidelines under state and federal law, (3)
14 housing subsidies for those enrolled in an educational or job training
15 program as described in subdivision (1) of this subsection, and (4)
16 social, emotional and behavioral health support.

17 (c) Not later than October 1, 2013, the Commissioner of Social
18 Services, in consultation with the Commissioner of Children and
19 Families, shall develop an application process for the assistance

20 program for children who have attained eighteen years of age but not
21 twenty-one years of age.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2013</i>	New section

HS

Joint Favorable Subst. C/R

APP