

BILL SUMMARY
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Research Analysis

HB 2361, as introduced, amends the Successful Adulthood Act to add that a child who has been in foster care for at least six months and is about to leave because they have turned 18 must be given information on how to obtain health insurance as well as any educational transcripts, diplomas, and professional certificates earned under DHS custody. Additionally, the measure provides that individuals 14 years or older who have been released from custody due to the entry of an adoption decree or guardianship order will be eligible to receive successful adulthood services until age 21. Previously this was for children age 16 and up. The measure also requires that a person who has been placed in custody with the Office of Juvenile Affairs and has turned 18 and is being released with a plan to re-enter the community must be given the personal documents listed in the measure upon release.

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Fiscal Analysis

HB 2361 modifies the age from sixteen to fourteen years of age in which an individual can begin receiving adulthood services if released from custody due to an adoption decree or guardianship order.

Additionally, the measure outlines specific documents individuals are required to receive when released from custody of the Office of Juvenile Affairs (OJA) as a resident of the State. According to OJA, "this bill codifies what is already established practice at OJA. Assuming the volume of vital records secured does not skyrocket all of a sudden, the fiscal impact of this bill is immaterial. OJA has, and expects to continue, covering these costs for youth re-entering the community." Therefore, in its current form, HB 2361 is not expected to directly impact the state budget or appropriations.

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Other Considerations

None.