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 Title: Foster Care Age Limit/Tuition Waiver RDU: Office of Children's Services
 Component: Family Preservation
 Sponsor: Davis
 Requester: Senate HSS Component Number: 1628

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

	Appropriation Required		Information				
	FY 2010	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
OPERATING EXPENDITURES							
Personal Services							
Travel							
Contractual							
Supplies							
Equipment							
Land & Structures							
Grants & Claims	4,833.1		1,907.8	1,907.8	1,907.8	1,907.8	1,907.8
Miscellaneous							
TOTAL OPERATING	4,833.1	0.0	1,907.8	1,907.8	1,907.8	1,907.8	1,907.8

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES							
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CHANGE IN REVENUES (
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FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts			238.4	316.5	316.5	316.5	316.5
1003 GF Match			1,669.4	1,591.3	1,591.3	1,591.3	1,591.3
1004 GF	4,833.1						
1005 GF/Program Receipts							
1037 GF/Mental Health							
Other Interagency Receipts							
TOTAL	4,833.1	0.0	1,907.8	1,907.8	1,907.8	1,907.8	1,907.8

Estimate of any current year (FY2009) cost: _____

POSITIONS

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

The intent of CSSB27 is to address the educational, financial and housing challenges that face youth as the transition out of foster care and to support foster care providers who are willing to help youth during that period of transition.

CSSB 27, as it relates to the Department of Health and Social Services Office of Children's Services, amends AS 47.10.080(c) to provide the court the authority to commit a child to placement to age 21 if in the best interest of the youth and the youth is in agreement; amends AS 47.10.990(3) by further defining a child to include youth under 21 years of age if that youth is living in out-of-home care; and expands the current Foster Care Transition Program (AS 47.18.300-390) to include children in state custody who were placed in out-of-home care and (continued on next page)

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ANALYSIS CONTINUATION

identified as likely to remain in out-of-home care until age 18; and allows for a one-year monetary living expense stipend to eligible youth who have left out-of-home care up to age 23. This fiscal note addresses increased costs related to the one-year monetary living expense stipend to eligible youth up to age 23 who have left out-of-home care.

The OCS, lacking historical data or comparative program results, has made the following assumptions and applied them to this fiscal note:

- 1) The monetary stipend will be made available to youth age 18 to 23 who leave out-of-home care at any time during that age span.
- 2) The monetary stipend is not tied to post secondary education.
- 3) The number of youth who age out of foster care will remain somewhat stagnant at about 110 youth annually;
- 4) Assumes that 70% of youth ages 18 to 23 who are eligible to participate in the Independent Living Program (IL) will make use of the monetary stipends in FY2010. This equates to approximately 380 full time equivalents (FTEs) who will become eligible, resulting in higher program costs the first year the stipend is available. FTEs are used to account for the constant change in the population as more youth turn 18 to 23 and move on and off the program at varying rates.
- 5) The out years will lose children aging out of foster care and pick up new youth between ages 19 and 23 who have not yet utilized the program, still maintaining the assumption that 70% will eventually utilize the program. There is no available data or program results upon which to base these assumptions.
- 6) Calculations are based on 360 days at an average daily rate of \$35.33; $\$35.33 \times 30 = \$1,060/\text{month}$.
- 7) Currently, federal reimbursement for the extension of the IL program is not available. However, the Adoption and Guardianship Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act of 2008 includes the option to enhance the program. This fiscal note assumes that option can be implemented when available, October 1, 2010, and therefore is available for the final three quarters of FY2011 forward, only.
- 8) The foster care penetration rate and the Medical Assistance Percentage Rate will remain somewhat stable over the time period of this fiscal note.

	FFP	IL FTE	MOS FC/FTE	TOTAL EXP	Federal	GF
SFY 2010	0.00%	380	\$1,060	\$4,833,144	\$0	\$4,833,144
SFY2011	12.50%	150	\$1,060	\$1,907,820	\$238,414	\$1,669,406
SFY2012	16.59%	150	\$1,060	\$1,907,820	\$316,546	\$1,591,274
SFY2013	16.59%	150	\$1,060	\$1,907,820	\$316,546	\$1,591,274
SFY2014	16.59%	150	\$1,060	\$1,907,820	\$316,546	\$1,591,274
SFY2015	16.59%	150	\$1,060	\$1,907,820	\$316,546	\$1,591,274