

Assembly Bill No. 824

CHAPTER 636

An act to amend Section 11403.2 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to public social services.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 824, Chu. AFDC-FC benefits: transitional housing.

Existing law establishes the Aid to Families with Dependent Children-Foster Care (AFDC-FC) program, under which counties provide payments to foster care providers on behalf of qualified children in foster care. The program is funded by a combination of federal, state, and county funds, with moneys from the General Fund being continuously appropriated to pay for the state's share of AFDC-FC costs.

Existing law extends eligibility for certain transitional housing placement program services that are available to foster youth to a person less than 21 years of age who has emancipated from the foster care system in a county that has elected to participate in a transitional housing placement program for youths between 18 and 21 years of age, provided that the person has not received these services for more than a total of 24 months.

This bill would raise the age limit for receipt of transitional housing placement program services by an emancipated foster youth to 24 years.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 11403.2 of the Welfare and Institutions Code is amended to read:

11403.2. (a) The following persons shall be eligible for transitional housing placement program services provided pursuant to Article 4 (commencing with Section 16522) of Chapter 5 of Part 4:

(1) Any minor at least 16 years of age and not more than 18 years of age, except as provided in Section 11403, who is eligible for AFDC-Foster Care benefits under this chapter and who meets the requirements in Section 16522.2.

(2) Any person less than 24 years of age who has emancipated from a county that has elected to participate in a transitional housing placement program for youths who are at least 18 years of age and under 24 years of age, as described in subdivision (r) of Section 11400, provided he or she has not received services under this paragraph for more than a total of 24 months, whether or not consecutive. If the person participating in a

transitional housing placement program is not receiving aid under Section 11403.1, he or she, as a condition of participation, shall enter into, and execute the provisions of, a transitional independent living plan that shall be mutually agreed upon, and annually reviewed, by the emancipated foster youth and the county welfare or probation department or independent living program coordinator. The youth participating under this paragraph shall inform the county of any changes to conditions specified in the agreed-upon plan that affect eligibility, including changes in address, living circumstances, and the educational or training program.

(b) Payment on behalf of an eligible person receiving transitional housing services shall be made to the transitional housing placement program pursuant to the conditions and limitations set forth in Section 11403.3.