

Overview

Substitute House Bill 50

Passed: May 25, 2016

Signed: June 13, 2016

Effective: September 11, 2016

Federal Authorization

- **Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act of 2008**
- **Offers states option**
- **Title IV-E reimbursable foster care, adoption or guardianship assistance up to 19, 20 or 21**

Youth Eligibility

- **Completing** secondary education or program leading to a certification
 - **Enrolled** in an institution that provides post-secondary or vocational education
 - **Participating** in a program that is designed to remove barriers to employment
 - **Employed** 80 hours per month
- or
- **Incapable** because of medical condition

Expanded Living Options

- **Amended definition of child-care institution to include:**

*...a supervised setting in which
the individual is living independently...*

Substitute House Bill 50

- **Introduced February 2015**
- **Prime Sponsors:**
 - **Representative Dorothy Pelandia**
 - **Representative Cheryl Grossman**
- **Passed Ohio Senate May 25, 2016**
- **Signed by Governor Kasich June 13, 2016**
- **Effective September 11, 2016 (90 Days)**

Substitute House Bill 50: Who?

○ Youth:

- **18** and older; not yet **21**
- In the custody of PCSA **upon attaining age of 18**
- Signs a **voluntary** participation agreement
- May apply **at any time**; may leave and **reapply** at any time.

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- **or**
- **Incapable** because of medical condition
 - * Must be regularly updated in case record or plan

Substitute House Bill 50: Voluntary Agreement

- **Required** for youth participation
- Agreement for **care and placement**
- Youth & ODJFS **or** youth and ODJFS' designee
- **Expires** within 180 days
- May be renewed **with court approval**

Substitute House Bill 50: Court Role

- **Retains jurisdiction**
- **Journalizes** continuing jurisdiction
- **Need not** approve voluntary agreement
- **Must** approve agreement renewal
- **Best interest** determination

Substitute House Bill 50: ODJFS Role

- Submit a **revised Title IV-E State Plan** for approval
- Pay full **non-federal share**
- *“Have, exercise, and perform **all new duties** required under the plan”*
- **May contract** with a designee
- Create **Advisory Council**
- Adopt administrative code **rules**

Substitute House Bill 50: Rules

- **Maintain eligibility while transitioning in or out of education or employment**
- **Require a 30-day notice of termination**
- **Establish scope of practice and necessary training**

Substitute House Bill 50: **Living Arrangement**

- **Supervised independent living setting:**
 - **Apartment** living
 - **Room & board** arrangements
 - **College or university dormitories**
 - **Host** homes
 - **Shared roommate** settings

Substitute House Bill 50: Timelines

○ **September 11, 2016**

Start clock

(Sub. HB 50 effective date)

○ **October 11, 2016**

Create Advisory Council (1 month)

○ **June 11, 2017**

Submit revised Title IV-E State Plan

Adopt rules (9 months)

○ **December 11, 2017**

Implement Plan (15 months)

- Amended plan is approved by HHS
- Sufficient funds appropriated by Ohio General Assembly

Substitute House Bill 50: Funding

Substitute House Bill 390

FOSTER CARE ADMINISTRATION 8077

The foregoing appropriation item, 600466, Foster Care Administration, shall be used by the Department of Job and Family Services to plan the expansion of foster care services for individuals 18 to 21 years of age.

\$550,000

Substitute House Bill 50: Additional Provisions

○ Guardianship guide

- Prepared by attorney general; judicial conference may create alternate
- *Provided to guardian* by probate court
- Guardian signs written acknowledgement

○ Planned Permanent Living Arrangement

- Child must *16 years or older*

○ Independent Living Services

- Provided to child *fourteen years or older*

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- **Adoption Assistance available when:**
 - Adopted person was ***16 or 17 when adopted*** and had been in ***custody of PCSA*** or the parent enters into an ***adoption assistance agreement***
 - Adopted person is ***18 but not yet 21***
 - Parent ***maintains parental responsibility*** to adopted person.
 - Adopted person ***meets one*** criterion (equal to Title IV-E 18-21 eligibility):
 - ***Completing*** secondary education or program leading to equivalent
 - ***Enrolled*** in post-secondary or vocational education
 - ***Participating*** in an employment program
 - ***Employed*** at least 80 hours
 - ***Incapable*** of meeting other criteria due to medical condition