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AN ACT

RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES.

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1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Extended foster care comprehensive service model
3 fund; extended foster care success coaching
4 program; quality review committee; reporting
5 requirements; rules; definitions

6 A. The extended foster care comprehensive service model fund is
7 established consisting of legislative appropriations. The department
8 shall administer the fund. Monies in the fund are continuously
9 appropriated and are exempt from the provisions of section 35-190, Arizona
10 Revised Statutes, relating to lapsing of appropriations. In fiscal year
11 2023-2024, the department shall use monies in the fund for the purposes
12 prescribed in this section.

13 B. Within ten days after the effective date of this act, for fiscal
14 year 2023-2024, the department shall prepare a scope of work for an
15 extended foster care comprehensive service model that includes supportive
16 services and required case management provided by contracted community
17 providers for young adults who participate in the extended foster care
18 program. The extended foster care comprehensive service model scope of
19 work shall include:

- 20 1. Weekly engagement with each young adult.
- 21 2. Life skills training.
- 22 3. Mental and physical health and well-being.
- 23 4. Relational permanency.
- 24 5. Education and enrollment assistance.
- 25 6. Assistance with accessing safe housing attainment and stability
26 for young adults.
- 27 7. Career and employment planning and readiness.
- 28 8. Assistance with accessing transportation services for young
29 adults.

30 C. The extended foster care comprehensive service model shall
31 include extended foster care success coaches for young adults in the
32 extended foster care program. Each extended foster care success coach
33 shall have a caseload of not more than twenty young adults. The extended
34 foster care success coaching program shall be based on a practice that is
35 youth driven and shall do the following:

- 36 1. Promote permanent connections.
- 37 2. Support the development of an educational foundation and skill
38 set that enables young adults to gain and maintain employment to support
39 their financial needs.
- 40 3. Ensure that young adults reside in safe, stable and secure
41 housing.
- 42 4. Link young adults to appropriate services that address physical
43 and behavioral health needs.
- 44 5. Build skills for developing personal agency.

- 1 6. Ensure that young adults have the cognitive skills essential to
2 survival.
- 3 D. The department shall supervise and monitor the success of the
4 extended foster care success coaching program.
- 5 E. Each extended foster care success coach shall:
- 6 1. Successfully complete a department-administered foster care
7 success coach training program.
- 8 2. Possess a bachelor's or associate's degree or have equivalent
9 credits equal to an associate's degree. The degree or credits shall be in
10 the fields of social work, psychology, counseling, marriage and family
11 therapy, behavioral health or education. In lieu of a degree or credits,
12 an extended foster care success coach may possess skills that the coach
13 acquired through alternative routes such as relevant job training,
14 community college attendance, military service or an apprenticeship.
- 15 3. Be at least twenty-six years of age.
- 16 4. Have experience working with youth or young adults who are
17 fourteen through twenty-six years of age and who are involved in systems
18 of care, which may include:
- 19 (a) Foster care.
- 20 (b) Juvenile justice.
- 21 (c) Runaway and homeless youth programs.
- 22 5. Exhibit the belief that all young adults have the capacity to be
23 successful in life.
- 24 F. The extended foster care success coaching program shall:
- 25 1. Operate from an evidence-based framework.
- 26 2. Ensure that the young adults served are aware of their rights to
27 normalcy.
- 28 3. Assist young adults to advocate with caregivers to experience
29 activities and opportunities that meet individual interests.
- 30 4. Support caregivers in identifying root causes of behaviors that
31 present barriers to transition and provide opportunities that assist young
32 adults in healing and addressing underlying trauma.
- 33 5. Develop feedback that allows young adults to communicate their
34 needs and satisfaction with provided services and that allows a young
35 adult to request a different extended foster care success coach.
- 36 6. Deliver interventions that are tailored to each young adult's
37 strengths and experiences.
- 38 7. Contract with a public university to evaluate the effectiveness
39 of the vendor's delivery of the extended foster care success coaching
40 program.
- 41 G. The department shall solicit agencies to administer the extended
42 foster care comprehensive service model within thirty days after the
43 effective date of this act and select an agency or agencies within ninety
44 days after the effective date of this act. The department shall implement

1 the extended foster care comprehensive service model within one hundred
2 fifty days after the effective date of this act.

3 H. The department shall adopt rules to implement this act.

4 I. The department shall establish an extended foster care quality
5 review committee within the department. Members of the committee consist
6 of department staff members. The committee shall confirm that a young
7 adult who participates in extended foster care meets all of the following:

8 1. Eligibility criteria.

9 2. Has connections to a permanent family and supportive adults who
10 are actively involved in the young adult's life.

11 3. Has a person-centered case and transition plan that supports the
12 young adult's identified goals and future planning.

13 4. Is acquiring individualized skills to develop the tools that are
14 needed to thrive outside of the foster care program.

15 J. Within one hundred fifty days after the effective date of this
16 act, the department shall submit to the joint legislative budget
17 committee, the senate health and human services committee and the house of
18 representatives health and human services committee a report on the
19 extended foster care comprehensive service model developed pursuant to
20 subsection B of this section. The report shall include data and
21 statistics on:

22 1. The support and services to be offered by the extended foster
23 care comprehensive service model.

24 2. The extended foster care program's eligibility requirements.

25 3. The young adult's program responsibilities.

26 4. Case and transition planning opportunities.

27 5. Health insurance coverage for young adults in the extended
28 foster care program.

29 6. Educational opportunities for young adults in the extended
30 foster care program.

31 7. Opportunities for mentors through the extended foster care
32 program.

33 8. Transportation services for young adults in the extended foster
34 care program, including obtaining a driver license.

35 9. Housing, including semi-supervised living arrangements if such
36 arrangements best meet the young adult's needs.

37 K. The department shall provide to the joint legislative budget
38 committee a quarterly report that includes all of the following:

39 1. The number of young adults served in the extended foster care
40 comprehensive service model.

41 2. The young adult's participation in regular reviews with extended
42 foster care staff.

43 3. Other performance measures as updated by the extended foster
44 care quality review committee established pursuant to subsection I of this

1 section and as determined by the chairperson of the joint legislative
2 budget committee.

3 L. For the purposes of this section:

4 1. "Department" means the department of child safety.

5 2. "Young adult" means a person who is at least seventeen and
6 one-half years of age and under twenty-one years of age and who
7 participates or will participate in the extended foster care program
8 established pursuant to section 8-521.02, Arizona Revised Statutes.

9 Sec. 2. Department of economic security; drug testing; TANF
10 cash benefits recipients

11 During fiscal year 2023-2024, the department of economic security
12 shall screen and test each adult recipient who is otherwise eligible for
13 temporary assistance for needy families cash benefits and who the
14 department has reasonable cause to believe engages in the illegal use of
15 controlled substances. Any recipient who tests positive for the use of a
16 controlled substance that was not prescribed for the recipient by a
17 licensed health care provider is ineligible to receive benefits for a
18 period of one year.

19 Sec. 3. Homeless shelter and services fund; annual report;
20 delayed repeal

21 A. The homeless shelter and services fund is established consisting
22 of legislative appropriations, other monies directed to be deposited in
23 the fund and investment earnings on monies in the fund. The Arizona
24 department of housing shall administer the fund. Monies in the fund are
25 continuously appropriated.

26 B. In fiscal years 2023-2024, 2024-2025, 2025-2026 and 2026-2027,
27 the Arizona department of housing shall use monies in the fund for the
28 purposes prescribed in this section. Monies in the fund shall be used to
29 award grants pursuant to title 41, chapter 23, Arizona Revised Statutes,
30 to counties, cities, towns, Indian tribes and nonprofit organizations for
31 programs that provide shelter and services to unsheltered persons who are
32 experiencing homelessness.

33 C. Monies in the fund are exempt from the provisions of section
34 35-190, Arizona Revised Statutes, relating to lapsing of appropriations.

35 D. On or before December 31 of each fiscal year, the Arizona
36 department of housing shall submit a report to the governor, the president
37 of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives describing
38 all grants awarded in that year.

39 E. This section is repealed from and after September 30, 2027.