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Amendment Form

Subtitle of House Bill No. 1736

TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE RIGHT OF A JUVENILE TO REMAIN IN FOSTER CARE
AFTER REACHING THE AGE OF MAJORITY.

Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 1736

Amend House Bill No. 1736 as originally introduced:

Page 1, line 31, delete "of age;" and substitute "of age; and"

AND

Page 1, delete lines 35 and 36, and substitute the following:

"care; ~~or~~

~~(d) Left foster care and decides to submit to"~~

AND

Page 2, delete lines 2 and 3, and substitute the following:

"~~transitional services;~~"

AND

Page 2, delete line 15, and substitute the following:

"the jurisdiction of the court and discharge the juvenile from foster care.

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 9-27-337(a), concerning required six-month reviews of dependency-neglect or families in need of services cases, is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as follows:

(3) A six-month review hearing shall not be required for a juvenile who:

(A) Is over eighteen (18) years of age; and

(B) Has elected to remain in extended foster care or to return to extended foster care under § 9-27-306(a)(1)(B)(ii)."

AND

Page 2, delete lines 27 through 36, and substitute the following:



"(B) The juvenile's right to remain in extended foster care after reaching eighteen (18) years of age if the juvenile:

(i) Is completing secondary education or a program leading to an equivalent credential;

(ii) Is enrolled in an institution that provides post-secondary or vocational education;

(iii) Is participating in a program or activity designed to promote or remove barriers to employment;

(iv) Is employed for at least eighty (80) hours per month;"

AND

Page 3, delete lines 1 through 4, and substitute the following:

"(v) Has a viable plan to meet the requirements of subdivisions (b)(2)(B)(i)-(iv) of this section; or

(vi) Is incapable of doing one (1) or more of the activities listed in subdivisions (b)(2)(B)(i)-(v) of this section due to a medical condition, which incapability is supported by regularly updated information in the case plan of the juvenile; and"

AND

Page 3, delete lines 24 through 36, and substitute the following:

"(d) Either:

(1) Is completing secondary education or a program leading to an equivalent credential;

(2) Is enrolled in an institution that provides post-secondary or vocational education;

(3) Is participating in a program or activity designed to promote or remove barriers to employment;

(4) Is employed for at least eighty (80) hours per month;

(5) Has a viable plan to meet the requirements of subdivisions (a)(3)(F)(ii)(d)(1)-(4) of this section; or

(6) Incapable of doing any of the activities listed in subdivisions (a)(3)(F)(ii)(d)(1)-(5) of this section due to a medical condition, which incapability is supported by regularly updated information in the case plan of the juvenile;"

AND

Appropriately renumber the sections of the bill

The Amendment was read _____
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