

HB 497 -- Public Assistance for Foster Children

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This bill allows medical assistance to be provided to foster children beyond their eighteenth birthday under certain circumstances. A foster child who reaches the age of 18 and is enrolled in and attending high school may continue to receive medical assistance until the child completes high school or reaches the age of 21, whichever comes first. A foster child who is enrolled in a vocational or higher education institution by October 1 following graduation from high school or the completion of an equivalency degree may continue to receive medical assistance until the child completes his or her education or reaches the age of 23, whichever comes first. The child must enroll in at least 12 hours of credit per semester and maintain grades sufficient to re-enroll at the institution.