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# Fiscal Note

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<b>Prime Sponsors:</b>	Rep. Daugherty; Van Beber Sen. Zenzinger	<b>Bill Status:</b>	House Judiciary
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**Bill Topic:** FOSTER YOUTH IN TRANSITION PROGRAM CLARIFICATIONS

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**Summary of Fiscal Impact:**

<input type="checkbox"/> State Revenue	<input type="checkbox"/> TABOR Refund
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Expenditure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local Government
<input type="checkbox"/> State Transfer	<input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Public Entity

The bill makes clarifying and technical changes to the Foster Youth in Transition Program. It increases state expenditures on an ongoing basis and increases local expenditures in FY 2022-23 only.

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**Appropriation Summary:** No appropriation is required.

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**Fiscal Note Status:** The fiscal note reflects the introduced bill.

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## Summary of Legislation

The Foster Youth in Transition Program was established in 2021 to serve foster youth ages 18 to 21. The program requires county departments of human or social services to provide services to eligible youth on a voluntary basis with oversight from the Department of Human Services (DHS). This bill makes various technical and clarifying changes to the program, including:

- defining “dependent on the court” as being a youth under the juvenile court’s jurisdiction;
- directing the court to advise these youth on their rights to program services;
- repealing certain provisions related to continuing jurisdiction by the court over youth in out-of-home placement;
- adding program requirements for juveniles or youth who were in a dependency and neglect case;
- making changes to program service requirements related to youth housing and living expenses;
- modifying minimum requirements for voluntary services agreements between county departments of human or social services and youth participating in the program;
- modifying filing options and clarifying what information is required to be included in the petition that youth file to enter the program; and
- adding language and requirements concerning the program’s initial hearing.

## State Expenditures

The bill increases workload in the DHS in FY 2022-23 only, and increases workload in the Judicial Department on an ongoing basis. These impacts are described below.

**Department of Human Services.** Workload will increase in the DHS to update policies and training materials related to the Foster Youth in Transition Program, and to share these with local departments of human or social services and other partners. These costs are absorbable within existing appropriations.

**Judicial Department.** The bill increases workload by a minimal amount in the Judicial Department. The bill may increase hearing time in the trial courts for youth requiring advisement about Foster Youth in Transition Program services, and for youth who are eligible for Special Immigrant Juvenile Status by requiring additional testimony and findings. It may also increase court staff workload for appointment of new counsel to youth in the program and setting additional reviews. Given the relatively small number of cases involved, additional workload for trial courts and court staff is absorbable within existing appropriations.

## Local Government

In FY 2022-23, workload will increase for local departments of human or social services to update their policies and training materials to reflect changes to the Foster Youth in Transition Program.

## Effective Date

The bill takes effect 90 days following adjournment of the General Assembly sine die, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

## State and Local Government Contacts

Counties	Education
Health Care Policy and Financing	Human Services
Information Technology	Judicial
Law	Local Affairs
Public Health and Environment	