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VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY - CHAPTER

2 An Act to amend and reenact § 63.2-905.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to foster care and independent living services.

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Approved

6 Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

7 1. That § 63.2-905.1 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

8 § 63.2-905.1. Independent living services.

Local departments and licensed child-placing agencies may provide independent living services to 9 10 persons any person between 18 and 21 years of age who are is in the process of transitioning from foster care to self-sufficiency. Any person who was committed or entrusted to a local board or licensed 11 12 child-placing agency may choose to discontinue receiving independent living services any time before 13 his 21st twenty-first birthday in accordance with regulations adopted by the Board. The local board or licensed child-placing agency shall restore independent living services at the request of that person 14 15 provided that (i) the person has not yet reached 21 years of age and (ii) the person has entered into a written agreement, less than 60 days after independent living services have been discontinued, with the 16 local board or licensed child-placing agency regarding the terms and conditions of his receipt of 17 independent living services. Local departments that provide independent living services to persons 18 19 between 18 and 21 years of age shall provide any person who chooses to leave foster care or terminate 20 independent living services before his twenty-first birthday written notice of his right to request 21 restoration of independent living services in accordance with this section by including such written 22 notice in the person's transition plan. Such transition plan shall be created at least 90 days prior to the 23 person's discharge from foster care. Local departments and licensed child-placing agencies may provide 24 independent living services as part of the foster care services provided to any child 14 years of age or 25 older. All independent living services shall be provided in accordance with regulations adopted by the 26 board.