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TO: Honorable Patrick M. Rose, Chair, House Committee on Human Services

FROM: John S. O'Brien, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB1912 by Rodriguez (Relating to the Transitional Living Services Program and the Preparation for Adult Living Program for foster children transitioning to independent living.),
Committee Report 1st House, Substituted

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would expand the population of transition-aged children in the permanent managing conservatorship of the Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) who would receive transitional planning services from 16 or older to 14 or older, and include enrolling the youth in the Preparation for Adult Living program before the age of 16 among those services. The bill would require DFPS to require a foster care provider to provide or assist youth who are age 14 or older in obtaining experiential life-skills training.

The bill would require DFPS to allow a youth who is at least 18 years of age to receive transitional living services, other than foster care benefits, while residing with a person who was previously designated as a perpetrator of abuse or neglect if DFPS determines that the person does not pose a threat to the health and safety of the youth.

The bill would require DFPS to ensure that each youth acquires certain documents for personal identification on or before the date on which the youth turns 16 years of age. The bill would set forth requirements for the administration of the preparation for adult living program. The bill would require DFPS to require a person with whom DFPS contracts for transitional living services for foster youth to provide or assist youth in obtaining certain transition services.

The bill would set forth requirements for DFPS relating to outcomes for foster care youth transitioning to independent living, including establishing a workgroup and submitting a report to the legislature relating to transitional living services.

DFPS assumes that the costs associated with the bill would not be significant and could be absorbed within existing resources.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 530 Family and Protective Services, Department of

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