

117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

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To extend flexible use of John H. Chafee Foster Care Independence Program funding to address pandemic-related challenges for older foster youth.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Ms. STABENOW (for herself and Mr. GRASSLEY) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Continued State Flexi-
5 bility to Assist Older Foster Youth Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXTENSION OF PANDEMIC PROVISIONS AFFECTING**
2 **OLDER FOSTER YOUTH.**

3 (a) EXTENSION OF CHAFEE PROGRAM FLEXI-
4 BILITY.—Section 3 of division X of the Consolidated Ap-
5 propriations Act, 2021 (42 U.S.C. 677 note) is amended—

6 (1) in subsection (b), by striking “and 2021”
7 and inserting “through 2022”; and

8 (2) in subsection (d)—

9 (A) by striking “During the COVID–19
10 public health emergency period.”;

11 (B) in paragraph (1), by striking “The”
12 and inserting “Through December 31, 2021,
13 the”;

14 (C) in paragraph (2), by striking “A” and
15 inserting “Through fiscal year 2022, a”;

16 (D) in paragraph (3), by striking “Not-
17 withstanding” and inserting “Through fiscal
18 year 2022, notwithstanding”; and

19 (E) in paragraph (4), by inserting after
20 the paragraph heading the following: “Through
21 fiscal year 2022.”.

22 (b) EXTENSION OF STATE FUNDING FLEXIBILITY
23 RELATED TO YOUTH AGING OUT OF FOSTER CARE.—
24 Section 4 of such division (42 U.S.C. 671 note) is amend-
25 ed—

26 (1) in subsection (d)—

1 (A) in paragraph (2)(A), by striking
2 “2021” and inserting “2022”; and

3 (B) by adding at the end the following:

4 “(3) ADDITIONAL CHAFEE FUNDING FLEXIBILI-
5 TIES.—Notwithstanding paragraph (2) of this sub-
6 section, a State to which additional funds are made
7 available as a result of section 3(a) of this division
8 may use the funds to meet any costs referred to in
9 paragraph (1) of this subsection incurred on or be-
10 fore September 30, 2022, with respect to children
11 who—

12 “(A) have attained 18 years of age;

13 “(B) are in foster care, or re-enter care;

14 and

15 “(C) are not eligible for foster care mainte-
16 nance payments under section 472 of the Social
17 Security Act.”; and

18 (2) in subsection (e), by striking “2021” and
19 inserting “2022”.