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Bill Summary

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Overview

This bill permits certain youth to request continuation of foster care benefits until age 21. It requires the responsible social service agency to assist youths 17 years of age and older develop a transition plan to exit foster care.

Section

- 1** **Administrative or court review of placements.** Amends § 260C.212, subd. 7. Adds paragraph (e). Requires the responsible social service agency to assist youths 17 years of age and older develop a transition plan to exit foster care within 90 days of the anticipated discharge from care. Provides that the child is to guide the development of the plan. Requires the agency to provide the child with information so the child can make contact for assistance through age 21.
- 2** **Foster care benefits until age 21.** Amends § 260C.456. Permits a person between the ages of 18 and 21 who:
 - had received foster care benefits during the six consecutive months prior to turning 18;
 - was discharged from foster care as a runaway after age 15; or
 - was under state guardianship as a dependent childto request the local social service agency develop a plan and provide foster care benefits until the person turns 21.