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S. 3078

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

OCTOBER 26, 2021

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

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”.

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

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

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

3 (2) in subsection (d)—

4 (A) by striking “During the COVID-19
 5 public health emergency period.”;

6 (B) in paragraph (1), by striking “The”
 7 and inserting “Through December 31, 2021,
 8 the”;

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

11 (D) in paragraph (3), by striking “Not-
 12 withstanding” and inserting “Through fiscal
 13 year 2022, notwithstanding”; and

14 (E) in paragraph (4), by inserting after
 15 the paragraph heading the following: “Through
 16 fiscal year 2022:”.

17 (b) EXTENSION OF STATE FUNDING FLEXIBILITY
 18 RELATED TO YOUTH AGING OUT OF FOSTER CARE.—

19 Section 4 of such division (42 U.S.C. 671 note) is amend-
 20 ed—

21 (1) in subsection (d)—

22 (A) in paragraph (2)(A), by striking
 23 “2021” and inserting “2022”; and

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

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

9 “(A) have attained 18 years of age;

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

11 and

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

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

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