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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois (for himself and Mrs. WALORSKI) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on

A BILL

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

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.
This Act may be cited as the “Continued State Flexi-

bility to Assist Older Foster Youth Act”.

(Original Signature of Member)
SEC. 2. EXTENSION OF PANDEMIC PROVISIONS AFFECTING OLDER FOSTER YOUTH.

(a) EXTENSION OF CHAFEE PROGRAM FLEXIBILITY.—Section 3 of division X of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (42 U.S.C. 677 note) is amended—

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

(2) in subsection (d)—

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

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

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

(D) in paragraph (3), by striking “Notwithstanding” and inserting “Through fiscal year 2022, notwithstanding”; and

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

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

Section 4 of such division (42 U.S.C. 671 note) is amended—

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

(B) by adding at the end the following:

“(3) ADDITIONAL CHAFEE FUNDING FLEXIBILITIES.—Notwithstanding paragraph (2) of this subsection, a State to which additional funds are made available as a result of section 3(a) of this division may use the funds to meet any costs referred to in paragraph (1) of this subsection incurred on or before September 30, 2022, with respect to children who—

“(A) have attained 18 years of age;

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

“(C) are not eligible for foster care maintenance payments under section 472 of the Social Security Act.”; and

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