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**CHAPTER 141**  
**SENATE BILL 1728**

AN ACT

RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES.

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1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Extended foster care comprehensive service model  
3 fund; extended foster care success coaching  
4 program; quality review committee; reporting  
5 requirements; rules; definitions

6 A. The extended foster care comprehensive service model fund is  
7 established consisting of legislative appropriations. The department  
8 shall administer the fund. Monies in the fund are continuously  
9 appropriated and are exempt from the provisions of section 35-190, Arizona  
10 Revised Statutes, relating to lapsing of appropriations. In fiscal year  
11 2023-2024, the department shall use monies in the fund for the purposes  
12 prescribed in this section.

13 B. Within ten days after the effective date of this act, for fiscal  
14 year 2023-2024, the department shall prepare a scope of work for an  
15 extended foster care comprehensive service model that includes supportive  
16 services and required case management provided by contracted community  
17 providers for young adults who participate in the extended foster care  
18 program. The extended foster care comprehensive service model scope of  
19 work shall include:

- 20 1. Weekly engagement with each young adult.
- 21 2. Life skills training.
- 22 3. Mental and physical health and well-being.
- 23 4. Relational permanency.
- 24 5. Education and enrollment assistance.
- 25 6. Assistance with accessing safe housing attainment and stability  
26 for young adults.
- 27 7. Career and employment planning and readiness.
- 28 8. Assistance with accessing transportation services for young  
29 adults.

30 C. The extended foster care comprehensive service model shall  
31 include extended foster care success coaches for young adults in the  
32 extended foster care program. Each extended foster care success coach  
33 shall have a caseload of not more than twenty young adults. The extended  
34 foster care success coaching program shall be based on a practice that is  
35 youth driven and shall do the following:

- 36 1. Promote permanent connections.
- 37 2. Support the development of an educational foundation and skill  
38 set that enables young adults to gain and maintain employment to support  
39 their financial needs.
- 40 3. Ensure that young adults reside in safe, stable and secure  
41 housing.
- 42 4. Link young adults to appropriate services that address physical  
43 and behavioral health needs.
- 44 5. Build skills for developing personal agency.

- 1           6. Ensure that young adults have the cognitive skills essential to  
2 survival.
- 3           D. The department shall supervise and monitor the success of the  
4 extended foster care success coaching program.
- 5           E. Each extended foster care success coach shall:
- 6           1. Successfully complete a department-administered foster care  
7 success coach training program.
- 8           2. Possess a bachelor's or associate's degree or have equivalent  
9 credits equal to an associate's degree. The degree or credits shall be in  
10 the fields of social work, psychology, counseling, marriage and family  
11 therapy, behavioral health or education. In lieu of a degree or credits,  
12 an extended foster care success coach may possess skills that the coach  
13 acquired through alternative routes such as relevant job training,  
14 community college attendance, military service or an apprenticeship.
- 15           3. Be at least twenty-six years of age.
- 16           4. Have experience working with youth or young adults who are  
17 fourteen through twenty-six years of age and who are involved in systems  
18 of care, which may include:
- 19           (a) Foster care.
- 20           (b) Juvenile justice.
- 21           (c) Runaway and homeless youth programs.
- 22           5. Exhibit the belief that all young adults have the capacity to be  
23 successful in life.
- 24           F. The extended foster care success coaching program shall:
- 25           1. Operate from an evidence-based framework.
- 26           2. Ensure that the young adults served are aware of their rights to  
27 normalcy.
- 28           3. Assist young adults to advocate with caregivers to experience  
29 activities and opportunities that meet individual interests.
- 30           4. Support caregivers in identifying root causes of behaviors that  
31 present barriers to transition and provide opportunities that assist young  
32 adults in healing and addressing underlying trauma.
- 33           5. Develop feedback that allows young adults to communicate their  
34 needs and satisfaction with provided services and that allows a young  
35 adult to request a different extended foster care success coach.
- 36           6. Deliver interventions that are tailored to each young adult's  
37 strengths and experiences.
- 38           7. Contract with a public university to evaluate the effectiveness  
39 of the vendor's delivery of the extended foster care success coaching  
40 program.
- 41           G. The department shall solicit agencies to administer the extended  
42 foster care comprehensive service model within thirty days after the  
43 effective date of this act and select an agency or agencies within ninety  
44 days after the effective date of this act. The department shall implement

1 the extended foster care comprehensive service model within one hundred  
2 fifty days after the effective date of this act.

3 H. The department shall adopt rules to implement this act.

4 I. The department shall establish an extended foster care quality  
5 review committee within the department. Members of the committee consist  
6 of department staff members. The committee shall confirm that a young  
7 adult who participates in extended foster care meets all of the following:

8 1. Eligibility criteria.

9 2. Has connections to a permanent family and supportive adults who  
10 are actively involved in the young adult's life.

11 3. Has a person-centered case and transition plan that supports the  
12 young adult's identified goals and future planning.

13 4. Is acquiring individualized skills to develop the tools that are  
14 needed to thrive outside of the foster care program.

15 J. Within one hundred fifty days after the effective date of this  
16 act, the department shall submit to the joint legislative budget  
17 committee, the senate health and human services committee and the house of  
18 representatives health and human services committee a report on the  
19 extended foster care comprehensive service model developed pursuant to  
20 subsection B of this section. The report shall include data and  
21 statistics on:

22 1. The support and services to be offered by the extended foster  
23 care comprehensive service model.

24 2. The extended foster care program's eligibility requirements.

25 3. The young adult's program responsibilities.

26 4. Case and transition planning opportunities.

27 5. Health insurance coverage for young adults in the extended  
28 foster care program.

29 6. Educational opportunities for young adults in the extended  
30 foster care program.

31 7. Opportunities for mentors through the extended foster care  
32 program.

33 8. Transportation services for young adults in the extended foster  
34 care program, including obtaining a driver license.

35 9. Housing, including semi-supervised living arrangements if such  
36 arrangements best meet the young adult's needs.

37 K. The department shall provide to the joint legislative budget  
38 committee a quarterly report that includes all of the following:

39 1. The number of young adults served in the extended foster care  
40 comprehensive service model.

41 2. The young adult's participation in regular reviews with extended  
42 foster care staff.

43 3. Other performance measures as updated by the extended foster  
44 care quality review committee established pursuant to subsection I of this

1 section and as determined by the chairperson of the joint legislative  
2 budget committee.

3 L. For the purposes of this section:

4 1. "Department" means the department of child safety.

5 2. "Young adult" means a person who is at least seventeen and  
6 one-half years of age and under twenty-one years of age and who  
7 participates or will participate in the extended foster care program  
8 established pursuant to section 8-521.02, Arizona Revised Statutes.

9 Sec. 2. Department of economic security; drug testing; TANF  
10 cash benefits recipients

11 During fiscal year 2023-2024, the department of economic security  
12 shall screen and test each adult recipient who is otherwise eligible for  
13 temporary assistance for needy families cash benefits and who the  
14 department has reasonable cause to believe engages in the illegal use of  
15 controlled substances. Any recipient who tests positive for the use of a  
16 controlled substance that was not prescribed for the recipient by a  
17 licensed health care provider is ineligible to receive benefits for a  
18 period of one year.

19 Sec. 3. Homeless shelter and services fund; annual report;  
20 delayed repeal

21 A. The homeless shelter and services fund is established consisting  
22 of legislative appropriations, other monies directed to be deposited in  
23 the fund and investment earnings on monies in the fund. The Arizona  
24 department of housing shall administer the fund. Monies in the fund are  
25 continuously appropriated.

26 B. In fiscal years 2023-2024, 2024-2025, 2025-2026 and 2026-2027,  
27 the Arizona department of housing shall use monies in the fund for the  
28 purposes prescribed in this section. Monies in the fund shall be used to  
29 award grants pursuant to title 41, chapter 23, Arizona Revised Statutes,  
30 to counties, cities, towns, Indian tribes and nonprofit organizations for  
31 programs that provide shelter and services to unsheltered persons who are  
32 experiencing homelessness.

33 C. Monies in the fund are exempt from the provisions of section  
34 35-190, Arizona Revised Statutes, relating to lapsing of appropriations.

35 D. On or before December 31 of each fiscal year, the Arizona  
36 department of housing shall submit a report to the governor, the president  
37 of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives describing  
38 all grants awarded in that year.

39 E. This section is repealed from and after September 30, 2027.

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