

1 **DRIVER LICENSE FOR YOUTHS IN FOSTER CARE**

2 2016 GENERAL SESSION

3 STATE OF UTAH

4 **Chief Sponsor: Johnny Anderson**

5 Senate Sponsor: Daniel W. Thatcher

7 **LONG TITLE**

8 **General Description:**

9 This bill directs the Division of Child and Family Services to complete a study and
10 report to the Child Welfare Legislative Oversight Panel.

11 **Highlighted Provisions:**

12 This bill:

- 13 ▶ directs the Division of Child and Family Services to:
- 14 • conduct a study of the costs and benefits of implementing a program under
 - 15 which youths in foster care may obtain a driver license and be insured to drive
 - 16 under a motor vehicle insurance policy; and
 - 17 • report the study findings to the Child Welfare Legislative Oversight Panel on or
 - 18 before November 1, 2016.

19 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

20 None

21 **Other Special Clauses:**

22 None

23 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

24 AMENDS:

25 **63I-2-262**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2015, Chapter 258

26 ENACTS:

27 **62A-4a-213**, Utah Code Annotated 1953



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Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **62A-4a-213** is enacted to read:

62A-4a-213. Study item.

(1) The division, in collaboration with the Division of Risk Management, Department of Administrative Services, shall conduct a study of the costs and benefits of implementing a program under which youths in foster care may obtain a driver license and be insured to drive under a motor vehicle insurance policy.

(2) The study shall include findings on the costs and benefits of implementing at least the following alternative policy options:

(a) requiring a foster parent to add a foster youth to the foster parent's motor vehicle insurance policy and directing the division to reimburse the foster parent the cost of any premium increase on the foster parent's policy as a result of the foster youth's operation of a vehicle, including any insurance claims involving the foster youth;

(b) directing the division to issue a request for proposals or a request for information to learn whether or which motor vehicle insurance companies may be available to bid on or may be interested in bidding on offering motor vehicle insurance coverage to foster youth;

(c) directing the division to obtain a motor vehicle insurance policy or create a fund to cover the liability cost associated with foster youth who obtain a driver license and operate a motor vehicle;

(d) directing the division to assume costs associated with foster youth obtaining learner permits or driver licenses, including learner permit, driver license, and driver education fees; and

(e) leaving in place the state's current policy regarding foster youth driver licenses, foster youth driving, and associated liability.

(3) The division shall, when possible, for each option:

(a) estimate the cost per foster youth; and

(b) compare other states' approaches.

(4) The division shall include in the findings the division's preferred policy option.

(5) The division shall report the study findings to the Child Welfare Legislative Oversight Panel on or before November 1, 2016.

59 Section 2. Section **63I-2-262** is amended to read:
60 **63I-2-262. Repeal dates, Title 62A.**
61 Section [62A-4a-213](#) is repealed January 1, 2017.

Legislative Review Note
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