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An Act To Align the Child and Family Services and Child Protection Act with Federal Law

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Presented by Representative MEYER of Eliot.

1	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
2 3	Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §4037-A, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 2011, c. 402, §5, is amended to read:
4 5 6	1. Extended care requirements. A person who is 18, 19 or 20 years of age and who attained 18 years of age while in the care and custody of the State department may continue to receive care and support if the person:
7 8	A. Is enrolled in secondary school or its equivalent or is enrolled in postsecondary or career and technical school;
9 10	B. Is participating in a program or activity that promotes employment or removes barriers to employment;
11	C. Is employed for at least 80 hours per month; or
12 13 14	D. Is found to be in special circumstances, including but not limited to being incapable of qualifying under paragraphs A to C due to a documented medical or behavioral health condition.
15	SUMMARY
16 17 18 19 20 21	Under the Child and Family Services and Child Protection Act, extended care requirements apply to certain persons who are 18 to 20 years of age and who attained 18 years of age while in the care and custody of the State. In order to comply with federal law, this bill limits the application of those requirements to certain persons who are 18 to 20 years of age and who attained 18 years of age while in the care and custody of the Department of Health and Human Services.
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