

Florida foster care could cut college funds earlier

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TALLAHASSEE, Fla. - Only two-percent of Florida foster kids graduate from college. Legislation being discussed in Tallahassee could lower the success rate even more.

Right now, teenagers who age out of the foster care system can receive money to go to college until they are 23. A bill being considered would lower the age to 21.

Child advocates say this would leave the kids who are trying to improve their situation with no where to turn.

"There's really only a handful in the whole system that qualify for this. They have to be in college full time. They have to be doing really well and so to take that away will be effectively telling them quite school, drop out, don't become productive citizens, it's a horrible bill," says Christina Spudeas from 'Florida Children First.'

'Florida Children First' is supporting two other bills that would allow foster youth who change schools in the middle of the year to participate in extra curricular activities.

The bills would also give every foster child an education advocate.

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