

1 Title: To provide any State with a child welfare demonstration project that is scheduled to
2 terminate at the end of fiscal year 2019 the option to extend the project for up to 2 additional
3 years.
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6 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in
7 Congress assembled,

8 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

9 This Act may be cited as the “_____ Act of _____”.

10 **SEC. 2. STATE OPTION TO EXTEND A CHILD WELFARE**
11 **DEMONSTRATION PROJECT.**

12 (a) In General.—Section 1130(d)(2) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1320a–9(d)(2)) is
13 amended—

14 (1) by striking “In no event” and inserting the following:

15 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subparagraph (B), in no event”; and

16 (2) by adding at the end the following:

17 “(B) STATE OPTION TO EXTEND TERMINATION DATE.—

18 “(i) NOTICE OF EXTENSION.—Any State conducting a demonstration project
19 under this section that is scheduled to terminate on September 30, 2019, may
20 notify the Secretary at any time prior to August 31, 2019, and in such form and
21 manner as the Secretary may require, that the State elects to extend the
22 termination date of the demonstration project, on the same terms and conditions,
23 for such additional period as the State may determine, but in no event beyond
24 September 30, 2021.

25 “(ii) TRANSITION PLAN REQUIRED.—No State conducting a demonstration
26 project described in clause (i) may extend the termination date of the project
27 unless the State includes with the notice provided under clause (i) a plan
28 specifying—

29 “(I) how the State will transition from the demonstration project to
30 compliance with the requirements of the amendments made by sections
31 50741(a), 50741(b), and 50742 of Public Law 115–123 by September 30,
32 2021; and

33 “(II) the measures the State will implement to improve permanency
34 outcomes and reduce emancipation from foster care during the remainder of
35 the demonstration project.

36 “(iii) EFFECT OF EXTENSION ON CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS.—If a State submits a
37 notice under clause (i) and a transition plan described in clause (ii) to the
38 Secretary, then—

1 “(I) during the period the State continues to conduct a demonstration
2 project under this section, the amendments made by sections 50741(a),
3 50741(b), and 50742 of Public Law 115–123, to the extent such amendments
4 are inconsistent with the terms of the demonstration project, shall not apply
5 with respect to that State; and

6 “(II) the State shall be deemed to have requested a delayed effective date
7 under section 50746(b)(2) of Public Law 115–123 for the same period.

8 “(iv) APPLICATION TO COUNTY-ADMINISTERED AND HYBRID-ADMINISTERED
9 CHILD WELFARE SERVICES.—In the case of a demonstration project described in
10 clause (i) that is administered by 1 or more counties of a State, or that is partially
11 administered by a State and partially administered by a 1 or more counties of a
12 State, each State with such an administrative system shall, as a condition of
13 having the State plans under parts B and E of title IV approved for fiscal year
14 2020—

15 “(I) determine whether any county administering the demonstration
16 project as of the date of enactment of this subparagraph wants to continue the
17 project, on the same terms and conditions, and have the conditions described
18 in clause (iii) applied with respect to that county while the demonstration
19 project remains in effect (without regard to whether the State submits a
20 notice under clause (i) or requests a delayed effective date under section
21 50746(b)(2) of Public Law 115–123);

22 “(II) agree to allow any such county to continue to administer the
23 demonstration project in that county for such additional period as the county
24 may determine (but in no event beyond September 30, 2021);

25 “(III) notify the Secretary, in such form and manner as the Secretary may
26 require, of the counties electing to continue to administer the demonstration
27 project for an additional period and specify what the additional period will
28 be; and

29 “(IV) include with the notice described in subclause (III) a transition plan
30 prepared by each county identified in the notice that contains the information
31 described in subclauses (I) and (II) of clause (ii) (but prepared with respect to
32 that county instead of with respect to the State).”.

33 (b) Conforming Amendment.—Section 50746(d) of Public Law 115–123 (42 U.S.C. 622 note)
34 is amended by inserting “other than extensions made under subsection (d)(2)(B) of such section”
35 after “determined without regard to any extensions”.