

AN ACT

Bill 20-254

**Emergency
Declaration
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Columbia
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**Foster Youth
Transit
Subsidy
Emergency
Amendment
Act of 2013**

**Note,
§ 35-233**

To amend, on an emergency basis, the School Transit Subsidy Act of 1978 to clarify that foster youth are eligible for the foster youth transit subsidy program for educational and employment purposes until they reach the age of 21 years.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Foster Youth Transit Subsidy Emergency Amendment Act of 2013”.

Sec. 2. Section 2 of the School Transit Subsidy Act of 1978, effective March 3, 1979 (D.C. Law 2-152; D.C. Official Code § 35-233), is amended as follows:

(a) Subsection (c) is amended as follows:

(1) Paragraph (2) is amended by striking the semicolon and inserting the phrase “; and” in its place.

(2) Paragraph (3) is amended by striking the phrase “; and” and inserting a period in its place.

(3) Paragraph (4) is repealed.

(b) A new subsection (f) is added to read as follows:

“(f)(1) Youth in the District's foster care system shall be eligible for a foster youth transit subsidy program (“Program”) as established by the Mayor until they reach 21 years of age.

“(2) The Program shall allow qualified foster youth to travel on Metrobus, Metrorail, and other public transportation services offered by the District at subsidized or reduced fares.

“(3) The subsidized or reduced foster youth fare established pursuant to this subsection shall be valid only for the transportation of foster youth for educational and employment purposes.”.

Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement of the Budget Director as the fiscal impact statement required by section 602(c)(3) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(3)).

Sec. 4. Effective date.

This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), and shall remain in effect for no longer than 90 days, as provided for emergency acts of the Council of the District of Columbia in section 412(a) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 788; D.C. Official Code § 1-204.12(a)).