

HB 515 -- Opportunities for Foster Children

Sponsor: Burlison

This bill requires, beginning July 1, 2014, children older than 15 years of age who are in the foster care system or the Division of Youth Services Program within the Department of Social Services to receive a visit to a state university or community or technical college in the child's area before being adopted or terminated by foster care or completing the division's custody or training unless the visit is waived by the youth's family support team or his or her treatment team. The visit must include an entry application process, financial support application and availability, career options with academic or technical training, a campus tour, and other information and experience desired.