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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2005—06 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 2194**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Bass**

February 22, 2006

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An act to add Section 10609.45 to the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to human services.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2194, as amended, Bass. Independent Living Program.

Existing law requires the State Department of Social Services to develop statewide standards for the Independent Living Program for emancipated foster youth established and funded pursuant to federal law, to assist these individuals in making the transition to self-sufficiency. Under existing law, a child in receipt of Kin-GAP benefits is also entitled to request and receive these independent living services.

This bill would require services under the Independent Living Program to be provided to ~~an~~ *specified wards of nonrelated legal guardians and otherwise eligible child who is adopted at 14 years of age or older former foster children, as specified.*

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 10609.45 is added to the Welfare and  
 2 Institutions Code, to read:  
 3 10609.45. Notwithstanding any other provision of law,  
 4 services under the Independent Living Program, established  
 5 pursuant to the federal Consolidated Omnibus Budget  
 6 Reconciliation Act of 1985 (Public Law 99-272) shall be  
 7 ~~provided to an otherwise eligible child who is adopted at 14 years~~  
 8 ~~of age or older.~~ *provided to an otherwise eligible former foster*  
 9 *child placed with a nonrelated legal guardian, who is receiving*  
 10 *permanent placement services pursuant to subdivision (b) of*  
 11 *Section 16508. In addition, services under the Independent*  
 12 *Living Program may be provided to both of the following:*  
 13 (a) *A ward of a nonrelated legal guardian whose guardianship*  
 14 *was established pursuant to Section 1513 of the Probate Code*  
 15 *and who receives AFDC-FC benefits and case management*  
 16 *pursuant to Section 11405.*  
 17 (b) *An otherwise eligible foster child who is adopted at 14*  
 18 *years of age or older.*

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