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Councilmember Yvette Alexander  
At the Request of the Mayor

A BILL

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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To amend, on a temporary basis, the Day Care Policy Act of 1979 to address the growing needs for foster parents and support the foster care community by extending eligibility for subsidized child care to foster parents who may no longer be working but have some form of verifiable income, teen parents under 21 years of age who themselves are in foster care or wards of the District, and foster parents who are not working but who are enrolled in a verified job training or education program.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the "Foster Care Extended Eligibility Temporary Amendment Act of 2015".

Sec. 2. Section 5a(a) of the Day Care Policy Act of 1979, effective September 19, 1979 (D.C. Law 3-16; D.C. Official Code § 4-404.01(a)), is amended as follows:

(a) Paragraph (4) is amended by striking the phrase "services; and" and inserting the phrase "services;" in its place.

(b) Paragraph (5) is amended by striking the phrase "child." and inserting the phrase "child;" in its place.

(c) New paragraphs (6), (7), and (8) are added to read as follows:

1                   “(6) Children of a teen parent under 21 years of age who is either in foster  
2 care or a ward of the District and is either working or enrolled in a verified job training or  
3 education program;

4                   “(7) Children in foster care placement when the foster care provider is not  
5 working but receives some form of verifiable income, such as social security or disability,  
6 and the child care services are in the best interest of the child; and

7                   “(8) Children in foster care placement when the foster care provider is not  
8 working but enrolled in a verified job training or education program, and the child care  
9 services are in the best interest of the child.”.

10                 Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

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

14                 Sec. 4. Effective date.

15                 This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by  
16 the Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), and shall remain in effect for no  
17 longer than 90 days, as provided for emergency acts of the Council of the District of  
18 Columbia in section 412(a) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December  
19 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 788; D.C. Official Code § 1-204.12(a)).