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## POLITICS

## Snyder to sign law nudging foster kids to college

By [Rick Pluta \(/people/rick-pluta\)](#)

Foster kids who used to "age out" of the system at 18 years old will continue to get state financial support under legislation Governor Rick Snyder is expected to sign tomorrow.

The measure is designed to help more college bound foster children maintain a support system after they become legal adults.

Jack Kresnak directs the advocacy group Michigan's Children.

"The state is taking an important step forward to help the young people that we as a society have taken out of their parents' care and placed in the state's care succeed – this will help many, many more young people succeed," Kresnak said.

The new law means young adults who grew up in foster care will continue to qualify for a housing subsidy and Medicaid health coverage.

Kresnak said he would like to see the law amended in the future to give former foster kids who opt out of going to college a chance to change their minds and reenter the system. He said colleges and universities can also do more to help former foster kids succeed.

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