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The FS for SB 141 requires the court to develop a permanency plan in coordination with the child placed in foster care. The child may designate an advocate and another individual to help him or her develop a permanency plan. The Department of Human Services may reject a child's chosen advocate if the Department has good cause to believe that the individual would not act in the best interests of the child. Additionally, the measure requires children leaving the foster care system at the age of 18 to be provided with documentation necessary to show that the child was previously in foster care. Additionally, the measure increases the minimum age at which a child is entitled to adult services whenever they are released from the Department of Human Services due to the entry of an adoption decree or guardianship order from fourteen to sixteen.

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