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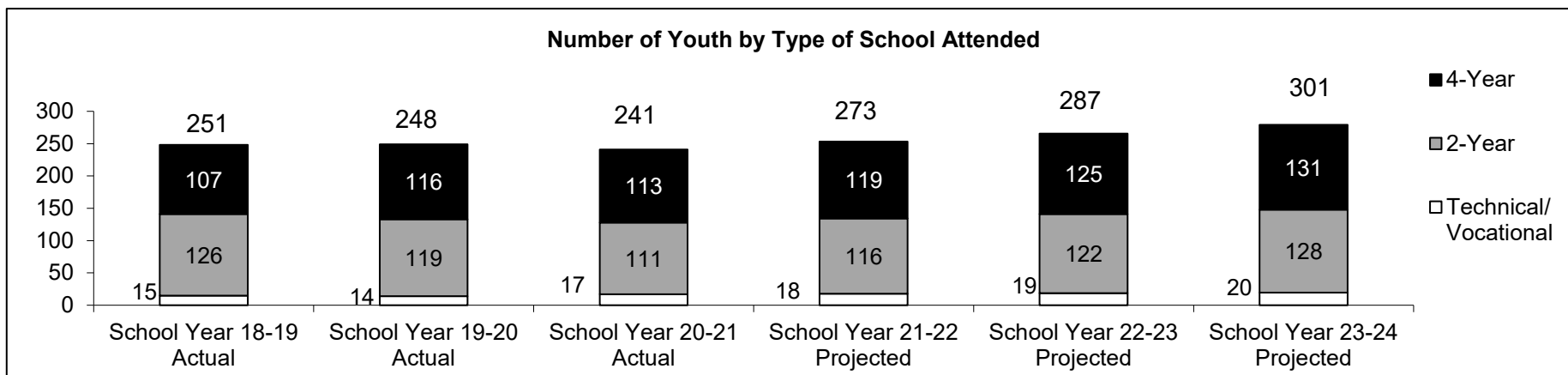**1a. What strategic priority does this program address?**

Safety and wellbeing for foster youth.

1b. What does this program do?

The Children's Division provides youth in foster care or former foster youth (from age 16 - 26) with financial assistance for tuition and other fees associated with the cost to attend post-secondary education or training programs. Early and on-going support for education is extremely important in preparing youth for self-sufficiency. The Foster Youth Education Assistance Program assists eligible youth interested in pursuing higher education with reaching their goals.

This program was expanded in FY 2017, to allow youth up to the age of 26 to pursue other types of post-secondary education such as certificate programs, or vocational and technical education. Additionally, the expansion of the program provides support services such as transportation and housing so the youth has the propensity to complete their program of study, and reduces the need for large student loan debt.

2a. Provide an activity measure(s) for the program.

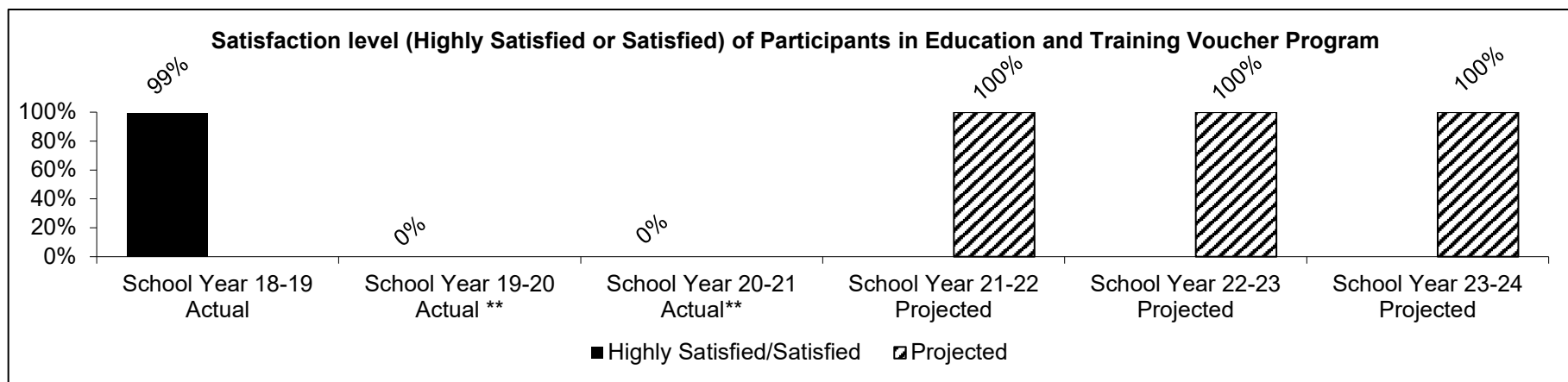Number of Youth by Type of School Attended

	School Year 18-19 Actual	School Year 19-20 Actual	School Year 20-21 Actual	School Year 21-22 Projected	School Year 22-23 Projected	School Year 23-24 Projected
Total	251	248	241	273	287	301
4-Year	107	116	113	119	125	131
2-Year	126	119	111	116	122	128
Technical/Vocational	15	14	17	18	19	20

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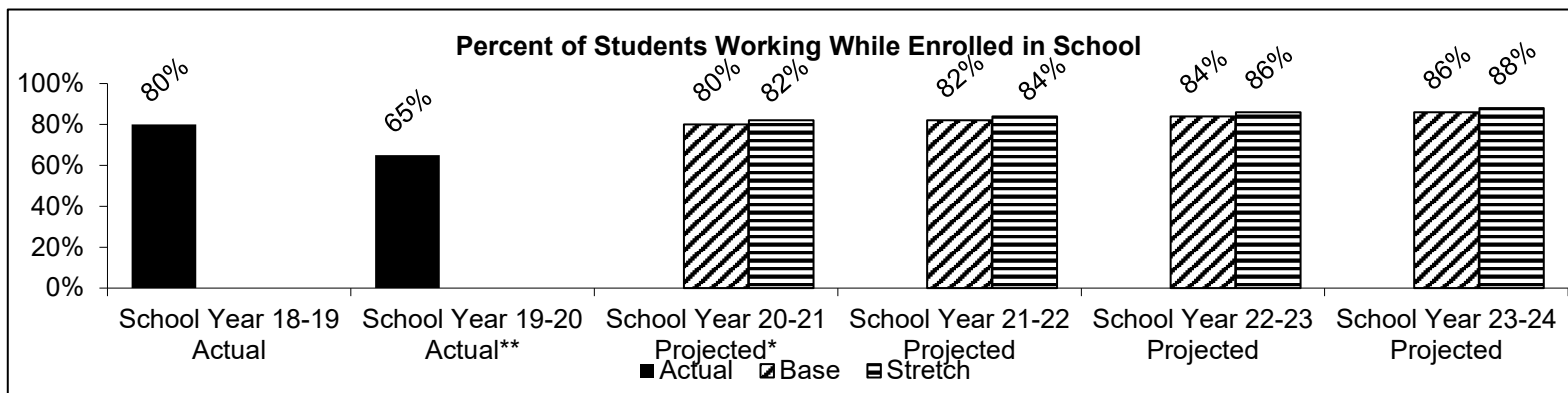**Program Name: Foster Youth Educational Assistance**
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2b. Provide a measure(s) of the program's quality.

Satisfaction level (Highly Satisfied or Satisfied) of Participants in Education and Training Voucher Program

	School Year 18-19 Actual	School Year 19-20 Actual **	School Year 20-21 Actual**	School Year 21-22 Projected	School Year 22-23 Projected	School Year 23-24 Projected
	99%	0%	0%	100%	100%	100%

■Highly Satisfied/Satisfied   ▨Projected

**School Year 19 - 20 and Year 20 - 21 the satisfaction survey was not administered because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

2c. Provide a measure(s) of the program's impact.

Percent of Students Working While Enrolled in School

	School Year 18-19 Actual	School Year 19-20 Actual**	School Year 20-21 Projected*	School Year 21-22 Projected	School Year 22-23 Projected	School Year 23-24 Projected
Actual	80%	65%				
Base			80%	82%	84%	86%
Stretch			82%	84%	86%	88%

■Actual   ▨Base   ▤Stretch

Studies show, young people who work are more engaged in school communities and more fulfilled in their studies than those who do not.

** Opportunity for in-school work was limited due to COVID-19
*School year 20 - 21 data is not available until January 2023.

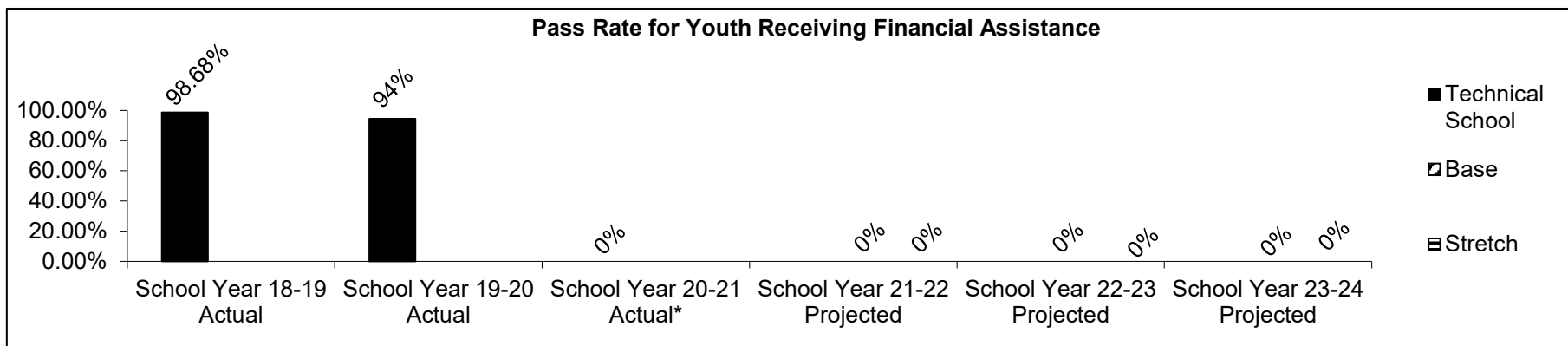**Department: Social Services**   **HB Section(s):**   **11.350**
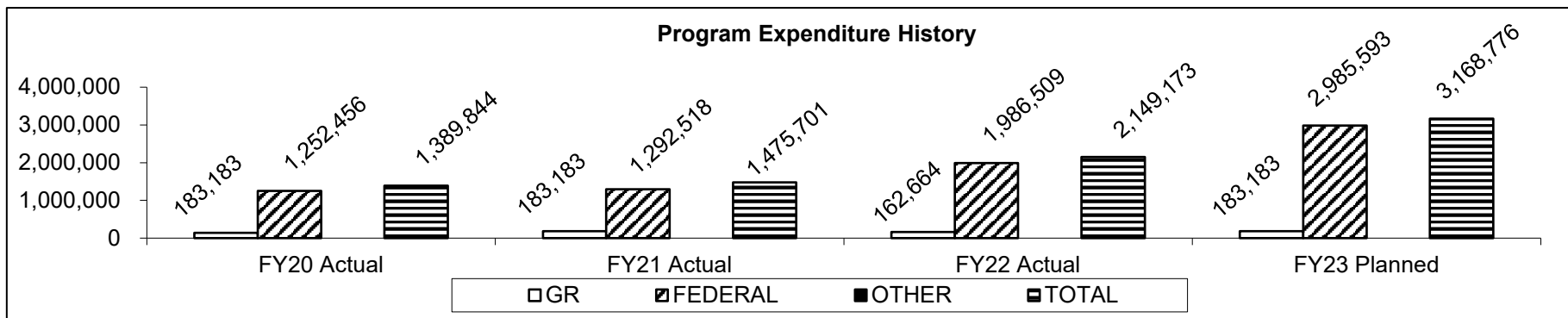**Program Name: Foster Youth Educational Assistance**
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2d.   Provide a measure(s) of the program's efficiency.

Pass Rate for Youth Receiving Financial Assistance

* During COVID-19 Pandemic within the CARES Act allowed schools to exclude from the quantitative component (GPA) of Satisfactory
  Academic Progress (SAP) of any attempted credits that a student was unable to complete as a result of the national emergency. The waiver
  ended in October 2021 and data will be compiled in the coming years.

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3. Provide actual expenditures for the prior three fiscal years and planned expenditures for the current fiscal year. (*Note: Amounts do not include fringe benefit costs.*)

Program Expenditure History

Planned FY 2023 expenditures are net of reverted and reserve.

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4. What are the sources of the "Other " funds?

N/A

5. What is the authorization for this program, i.e., federal or state statute, etc.? (Include the federal program number, if applicable.)

Education Training Voucher (ETV): Promoting Safe and Stable Families Act of 2001. Amended section 477 of the Social Security Act to add the sixth purpose for the Chafee Foster Care Independence Act. The Families First Prevention Act of 2018 expanded the eligibility population for ETV up to age 26.
Tuition Waiver: Section 173.270, RSMo.

6. Are there federal matching requirements? If yes, please explain.

ETV: State must match 20% of funds with in-kind or cash.
Tuition Waiver: No.
Credential Completion and Employment (CCE): No

7. Is this a federally mandated program? If yes, please explain.

ETV: States receive funding to provide this service to youth and are required to report on the goals and objectives each year through the Annual Progress and Services Report.
Tuition Waiver: No
CCE: No