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House Bill 5484 (Substitute H-1 as passed by the House)
Sponsor: Representative Sue Tabor
House Committee: Family and Children Services
Senate Committee: Families, Mental Health and Human Services

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CONTENT

The bill would amend the Social Welfare Act to require the Family Independence Agency (FIA) to establish and administer a State Plan for foster care according to the provisions of Section 477 of Part E of Title IV of the Social Security Act (42 USC 677). (That section provides funding to states that adopt a State Plan to identify children likely to remain in foster care until 18 years of age and to help them make the transition to self-sufficiency, including educational, emotional, financial, and employment support.)

The bill also would require the State Plan to include programs and services that promoted, implemented, and supported foster care youth focus groups to provide consultation and input into foster care policy. Programs and services established within the State Plan to carry out the bill could use locally-based foster care youth focus groups, which could include youths currently in foster care, youths previously in foster care, or both.

Proposed MCL 400.18e

Legislative Analyst: Patrick Affholter

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact. Currently the FIA matches Federal Title IV-E funds 20% State, 80% Federal to support contracts for services such as independent living and foster care for the transition to self-sufficiency.

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