

SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 5122

A bill to amend 1994 PA 203, entitled
"Foster care and adoption services act,"
(MCL 722.951 to 722.960) by adding section 8c.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 SEC. 8C. IN ADDITION TO THE SPECIFIC POLICY DESCRIBED IN
2 SECTIONS 8B AND 8D, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DRAFT AND MAINTAIN A
3 SPECIFIC POLICY FOR CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE AS PROVIDED IN THIS
4 SECTION. THIS SPECIFIC POLICY SHALL BE IMPLEMENTED BY NO LATER THAN
5 90 DAYS AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE AMENDATORY ACT THAT ADDED
6 THIS SECTION AND SHALL, IN ADDITION TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTIONS
7 8B AND 8D, ADDRESS THE CHILD IN FOSTER CARE'S ACCESS TO THE
8 FOLLOWING AS AGE-APPROPRIATE AND AS MANDATED BY THE COURT:
9 (A) REGULAR CONTACT WITH ALL OF THE CHILD IN FOSTER CARE'S
10 CASEWORKERS, ATTORNEYS, AND ADVOCATES.

1 (B) RELEVANT INFORMATION REGARDING A CHANGE IN THE CHILD IN
2 FOSTER CARE'S CASEWORKER OR ATTORNEY.

3 (C) REASONABLE NOTIFICATION OF HEARINGS.

4 (D) AT 14 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER, INVOLVEMENT IN THE CHILD IN
5 FOSTER CARE'S OWN CASE PLAN DEVELOPMENT AND DEVELOPMENT OF A PLAN
6 FOR HIS OR HER FUTURE AND AGING OUT OF THE FOSTER CARE SYSTEM.

7 (E) HELP WITH UNDERSTANDING THE SERVICES AVAILABLE TO CHILDREN
8 IN FOSTER CARE AND HOW TO ACCESS THOSE SERVICES.

9 (F) A PERMANENT PLAN FOR PLACEMENT AND THE CHILD IN FOSTER
10 CARE'S PARTICIPATION IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THAT PLAN.

11 (G) PROTECTION OF THE CHILD IN FOSTER CARE'S PRIVACY AND
12 CONFIDENTIALITY REGARDING HIS OR HER CASE.

13 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 90 days
14 after the date it is enacted into law.

15 Enacting section 2. This amendatory act does not take effect
16 unless all of the following bills of the 99th Legislature are
17 enacted into law:

18 (a) House Bill No. 5121.

19 (b) House Bill No. 5123.