

HOUSE BILL No. 5359

December 13, 2017, Introduced by Rep. Kosowski and referred to the Committee on Families, Children, and Seniors.

A bill to amend 1994 PA 203, entitled
"Foster care and adoption services act,"
by amending section 4c (MCL 722.954c), as amended by 2014 PA 337.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 4c. (1) The supervising agency shall obtain from the
2 parent, guardian, or custodian of each child who is placed in its
3 care the name and address of the child's medical provider and a
4 signed document for the release of the child's medical records. The
5 supervising agency shall require that a child's medical provider
6 remain constant while the child is in foster care, unless the
7 child's current primary medical provider is a managed care health
8 plan or unless doing so would create an unreasonable burden for the

1 relative, foster parent, or other custodian.

2 (2) The supervising agency shall develop a medical passport
3 for each child who comes under its care. The medical passport shall
4 contain all of the following:

5 (a) All medical information required by policy or law to be
6 provided to foster parents.

7 (b) Basic medical history.

8 (c) A record of all immunizations.

9 (d) Any other information concerning the child's physical and
10 mental health, including information that the child may be a victim
11 of human trafficking.

12 (3) Each foster care worker who transfers a child's medical
13 passport to another foster care worker shall sign and date the
14 passport, verifying that he or she has sought and obtained the
15 necessary information required under subsection (2) and any
16 additional information required under department policy. The
17 supervising agency shall provide a copy of each medical passport
18 and updates as required by the department for maintenance in a
19 central location.

20 (4) If a child under the care of a supervising agency has
21 suffered sexual abuse, serious physical abuse, mental illness, or
22 is alleged to be the victim of human trafficking, the supervising
23 agency shall have an experienced and licensed mental health
24 professional as defined under section 100b(16)(a), (b), or (d) of
25 the mental health code, 1974 PA 258, MCL 330.1100b, who is trained
26 in children's psychological assessments perform an assessment or
27 psychological evaluation of the child. The costs of the assessment

1 or evaluation shall be borne by the supervising agency.

2 (5) A child's supervising agency shall ensure that the child
3 receives a medical examination when the child is first placed in
4 foster care. One objective of this examination is to provide a
5 record of the child's medical and physical status upon entry into
6 foster care.

7 (6) BEFORE A CHILD UNDER A SUPERVISING AGENCY'S CARE IS PLACED
8 FOR ADOPTION, THE SUPERVISING AGENCY SHALL HAVE AN EXPERIENCED AND
9 LICENSED MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL AS DEFINED UNDER SECTION
10 100B(16) (A), (B), OR (D) OF THE MENTAL HEALTH CODE, 1974 PA 258,
11 MCL 330.1100B, WHO IS TRAINED IN CHILDREN'S PSYCHOLOGICAL
12 ASSESSMENTS PERFORM AN ASSESSMENT OR PSYCHOLOGICAL EVALUATION OF
13 THE CHILD.

14 (7) ~~(6)~~—If an assessment or psychological evaluation required
15 under subsection (4) indicates that a child may have been a victim
16 of human trafficking, the supervising agency shall provide, in
17 addition to any reunification, adoption, or other services provided
18 to a child under the supervising agency's care, counseling services
19 appropriate for minor victims of human trafficking.

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