

Act No. 490
Public Acts of 2018
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**STATE OF MICHIGAN
99TH LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2018**

Introduced by Reps. Runestad, Yanez, Chirkun, Cochran, Liberati, Wittenberg, Zemke, Elder, Brinks, Durhal, Gay-Dagnogo, Moss, Geiss, Lasinski, Hoadley, Greig, Sabo, Guerra, Sowerby, Crawford, Lucido, Tedder, Vaupel, Marino, Greimel, Green, Dianda, Faris, Victory, Iden, McCready, Kelly, Bellino, Pagel, Lilly, Kesto and Kosowski

ENROLLED HOUSE BILL No. 5122

AN ACT to amend 1994 PA 203, entitled “An act to establish certain standards for foster care and adoption services for children and their families; and to prescribe powers and duties of certain state agencies and departments and adoption facilitators,” (MCL 722.951 to 722.960) by adding section 8c.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

Sec. 8c. In addition to the specific policy described in sections 8b and 8d, the department shall draft and maintain a specific policy for children in foster care as provided in this section. This specific policy shall be implemented by no later than 90 days after the effective date of the amendatory act that added this section and shall, in addition to the provisions of sections 8b and 8d, address the child in foster care’s access to the following as age-appropriate and as mandated by the court:

- (a) Regular contact with all of the child in foster care’s caseworkers, attorneys, and advocates.
- (b) Relevant information regarding a change in the child in foster care’s caseworker or attorney.
- (c) Reasonable notification of hearings.
- (d) At 14 years of age or older, involvement in the child in foster care’s own case plan development and development of a plan for his or her future and aging out of the foster care system.
- (e) Help with understanding the services available to children in foster care and how to access those services.
- (f) A permanent plan for placement and the child in foster care’s participation in the development of that plan.
- (g) Protection of the child in foster care’s privacy and confidentiality regarding his or her case.

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

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

- (a) House Bill No. 5121.
- (b) House Bill No. 5123.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.



Clerk of the House of Representatives



Secretary of the Senate

Approved

Governor