

# HOUSE BILL NO. 4550

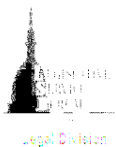
May 02, 2019, Introduced by Reps. Brenda Carter and Crawford and referred to the Committee on Families, Children, and Seniors.

A bill to amend 2008 PA 260, entitled  
"Guardianship assistance act,"  
by amending section 4 (MCL 722.874), as amended by 2015 PA 227.

## **THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1       Sec. 4. (1) Subject to subsection (2), a guardian who meets  
2 all of the following criteria may receive guardianship assistance  
3 on behalf of an eligible child:

4       (a) The guardian is the eligible child's relative or legal  
5 custodian.



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1 (b) The guardian is a licensed foster parent and approved for  
2 guardianship assistance by the department. The approval process  
3 shall include criminal record checks and child abuse and **child**  
4 neglect central registry checks on the guardian, **all successor**  
5 **guardians**, and all adults living in the guardian's **or successor**  
6 **guardian's** home as well as **national and state** fingerprint-based  
7 criminal record checks on the guardian **or successor guardians**. ~~If~~  
8 ~~the guardian's fingerprints are stored in the automated fingerprint~~  
9 ~~identification system under section 5k of 1973 PA 116, MCL~~  
10 ~~722.115k, the department shall use those fingerprints for the~~  
11 ~~criminal record check required in this subdivision.~~

12 (c) The eligible child has resided with the prospective  
13 guardian in the prospective guardian's residence for a minimum of 6  
14 months before the application for guardianship assistance is  
15 received by the department.

16 (2) Only a relative who is a licensed foster parent caring for  
17 a child who is eligible to receive title IV-E-funded foster care  
18 payments for 6 consecutive months is eligible for federal funding  
19 under title IV-E for guardianship assistance. A child who is not  
20 eligible for title IV-E funding who is placed with a licensed  
21 foster parent, related or unrelated, and who meets the requirements  
22 of section 3(a) to (e) may be eligible for state-funded  
23 guardianship assistance.

24 (3) If a child is eligible for title IV-E-funded guardianship  
25 assistance under section 3 but has a sibling who is not eligible  
26 under section 3, both of the following apply:

27 (a) The child and any of the child's siblings may be placed in  
28 the same relative guardianship arrangement in accordance with  
29 chapter XIIIA of the probate code, **MCL 712A.1 to 712A.32**, if the



1 department and the relative agree on the appropriateness of the  
2 arrangement for the sibling.

3 (b) Title IV-E-funded relative guardianship assistance  
4 payments may be paid on behalf of each sibling placed in accordance  
5 with this subsection.

6 (4) A successor guardian may receive guardianship assistance  
7 payments if the eligibility criteria set forth in section 3 are  
8 met.

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

