

HOUSE BILL NO. 5978

March 24, 2022, Introduced by Reps. Wakeman, Green, Whiteford, Brann, Kahle, Brenda Carter, Young, Pohutsky, Tyrone Carter, O'Malley and Anthony and referred to the Committee on Families, Children, and Seniors.

A bill to amend 1994 PA 203, entitled
"Foster care and adoption services act,"
(MCL 722.951 to 722.960) by adding section 3b.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 3b. (1) Upon appropriation and by not later than October
2 1, 2022, the department must work in conjunction with entities that
3 perform family finding and engagement services to help foster youth
4 who are separated from their family to connect to family and
5 friends who may assist in the foster youth's care.

1 (2) By December 31, 2022, the department must make efforts in
2 family finding and engagement services on behalf of all foster
3 youth currently in the foster care program. The department must
4 incorporate family finding and engagement services in all current
5 and future child abuse and child neglect investigations.