

**FOSTER CARE AND ADOPTION SERVICES ACT (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 203 of 1994**

**722.953 Purpose of act.**

Sec. 3. The purposes of this act are all of the following:

- (a) To assist foster parents to provide a stable, loving family environment for children who are placed outside of their homes on a temporary basis.
- (b) To help eliminate barriers to the adoption of children and to promote the provision of a stable and loving family environment to children who are without permanent families.
- (c) To promote the well-being and safety of all children who receive foster care or are adopted under the laws of this state.
- (d) To protect and assist prospective adoptive families as they negotiate the adoption process.
- (e) To regulate child placing agencies who certify foster parents and serve adoptees and adoptive families in this state.
- (f) To regulate adoption attorneys who facilitate direct placement adoptions.
- (g) To ensure foster parents and prospective adoptive parents receive all applicable resources as described in section 8a.
- (h) To ensure that the department develops and maintains a specific policy of the provisions described in sections 8b, 8c, and 8d to provide to children placed in foster care. The specific policy described in sections 8b, 8c, and 8d shall be known as the children's assurance of quality foster care policy.

**History:** 1994, Act 203, Eff. Jan. 1, 1995;—Am. 2014, Act 524, Eff. Apr. 1, 2015;—Am. 2018, Act 489, Eff. Mar. 27, 2019.