

SENATE SUBSTITUTE FOR

HOUSE BILL NO. 5242

(As passed the Senate, December 12, 2002)

A bill to amend 1994 PA 203, entitled
"Foster care and adoption services act,"
by amending section 8 (MCL 722.958).

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 8. (1) The department shall promulgate rules ~~pursuant~~
2 ~~to~~ UNDER the administrative procedures act of 1969, ~~Act No. 306~~
3 ~~of the Public Acts of 1969, being sections 24.201 to 24.328 of~~
4 ~~the Michigan Compiled Laws~~ 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.201 TO 24.328, to
5 ensure the comprehensive, high-quality training of foster care
6 and adoption workers. It shall consult and may contract with
7 colleges and universities, child placing agencies, and profes-
8 sional organizations for the design and implementation of the
9 training. The training shall stress cultural sensitivity,
10 interagency cooperation, and respect for individuals and
11 families.

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1 (2) The department shall produce or contract with another
2 person to produce a directory of children under the jurisdiction
3 of the department who are available for adoption. The department
4 shall make copies available throughout the state to ensure that
5 interested individuals have reasonable access to the directory.

6 (3) The department shall establish and maintain a registry
7 of adoptive homes to be used as a central clearinghouse for
8 information about prospective adoptive parents. The department
9 shall accept information from a prospective adoptive parent who
10 has received a preplacement assessment with a finding that the
11 individual is suitable to be the parent of an adoptee. The
12 information shall be filed in a form and manner that will permit
13 it to be readily accessible to biological parents or child plac-
14 ing agencies seeking adoptive homes for children. The department
15 shall charge a prospective adoptive parent an initial fee of
16 \$100.00 for maintaining the information in the registry and a
17 renewal fee of \$50.00 for each year the prospective adoptive
18 parent remains in the registry. The department shall provide
19 information in the registry without charge to biological parents
20 or child placing agencies who request it.

21 (4) THE DEPARTMENT MAY ESTABLISH AS PILOT PROJECTS FOSTER
22 PARENT RESOURCE CENTERS. EACH RESOURCE CENTER SHALL PROVIDE AT
23 LEAST SUPPORT FOR AND COORDINATION OF RESPITE CARE AND ASSISTANCE
24 TO FOSTER PARENTS IN OBTAINING DAY CARE. RESOURCE CENTER STAFF
25 SHALL PURSUE OTHER ACTIVITIES DESIGNED TO PROMOTE PERMANENCY FOR
26 CHILDREN, PARTICULARLY CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS, SUCH AS
27 SUPPORT AIMED AT RETAINING FOSTER PARENTS. THE DEPARTMENT MAY

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1 FUND THE PILOT FOSTER PARENT RESOURCE CENTERS USING MONEY
2 APPROPRIATED TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR.
3 AFTER THE PILOT PROJECT HAS BEEN IN OPERATION FOR 2 YEARS, THE
4 DEPARTMENT SHALL EVALUATE THE PILOT PROJECT ON ITS ORGANIZATION,
5 EFFECTIVENESS, AND SUCCESS. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REPORT THE
6 RESULTS OF THIS EVALUATION TO THE LEGISLATURE, INCLUDING IN THE
7 REPORT THE NUMBER OF FOSTER PARENTS WHO UTILIZED THE PARTICULAR
8 RESOURCE CENTER AND THE TOP 10 CONCERNS RAISED BY THOSE FOSTER
9 PARENTS AND HOW THOSE CONCERNS WERE HANDLED.