

SENATE SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 4550

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.

6 (b) The guardian is a licensed foster parent and approved for
7 guardianship assistance by the department. The approval process
8 shall include criminal record checks and child abuse and **child**
9 neglect central registry checks on the guardian, **all successor**



1 **guardians**, and all adults living in the guardian's **or successor**
 2 **guardian's** home as well as ~~fingerprint-based criminal record checks~~
 3 ~~on the guardian. If the guardian's fingerprints are stored in the~~
 4 ~~automated fingerprint identification system under section 5k of~~
 5 ~~1973 PA 116, MCL 722.115k, the department shall use those~~
 6 ~~fingerprints for the criminal record check required in this~~
 7 ~~subdivision.~~ **submission of the guardian's or successor guardian's**
 8 **fingerprints to the department of state police and the Federal**
 9 **Bureau of Investigation for a criminal history check.**

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

