

SENATE BILL No. 1001

May 16, 2018, Introduced by Senator MACGREGOR and referred to the Committee on Oversight.

A bill to amend 1994 PA 203, entitled
"Foster care and adoption services act,"
by amending section 8 (MCL 722.958), as amended by 2015 PA 106.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 8. (1) The department shall promulgate rules under the
2 administrative procedures act of 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.201 to
3 24.328, to ensure the comprehensive, high-quality training of
4 foster care and adoption workers. The department shall consult and
5 may contract with colleges and universities, child placing
6 agencies, and professional organizations for the design and
7 implementation of the training. The training shall stress cultural
8 sensitivity, interagency cooperation, and respect for individuals
9 and families.

1 (2) The department shall maintain a directory of children
2 under the jurisdiction of the department who are available for
3 adoption. The department shall ensure that interested individuals
4 have reasonable access to the directory.

5 (3) The department shall maintain a registry of adoptive homes
6 to be used as a central clearinghouse for information about
7 prospective adoptive parents. The department shall accept
8 information from a prospective adoptive parent who has received a
9 preplacement assessment with a finding that the individual is
10 suitable to be the parent of an adoptee. The information shall be
11 filed in a form and manner that will permit it to be readily
12 accessible to biological parents or child placing agencies seeking
13 adoptive homes for children. The department shall provide
14 information in the registry without charge to biological parents or
15 child placing agencies who request it.

16 (4) The department may establish as pilot projects foster
17 parent resource centers. Each resource center shall provide at
18 least support for and coordination of respite care and assistance
19 to foster parents in obtaining ~~day~~**CHILD** care. Resource center
20 staff shall pursue other activities designed to promote permanency
21 for children, particularly children with special needs, such as
22 support aimed at retaining foster parents. The department may fund
23 the pilot foster parent resource centers using money appropriated
24 to the department for the current fiscal year. After the pilot
25 project has been in operation for 2 years, the department shall
26 evaluate the pilot project on its organization, effectiveness, and
27 success. ~~The department shall report the results of this evaluation~~

1 ~~to the legislature, including in the report the number of foster~~
2 ~~parents who utilized the particular resource center and the top 10~~
3 ~~concerns raised by those foster parents and how those concerns were~~
4 ~~handled.~~

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