

SENATE BILL 567

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CF HB 643

By: **Senator Gladden**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Department of Human Resources – State Child Welfare System – Report**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Human Resources, on or before a certain
4 date each year, to report to the General Assembly certain information regarding
5 children and foster youth in the State child welfare system; requiring the
6 Department to maintain the confidentiality of certain information, ensure that no
7 personally identifiable information is disclosed, and disaggregate certain
8 information in a certain manner; requiring the Department to publish certain
9 reports on the Department's Web site within a certain time; defining a certain term;
10 and generally relating to children and foster youth in the State child welfare system.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
12 Article – Family Law
13 Section 5–1301(a), (d), and (i)
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

16 BY adding to
17 Article – Family Law
18 Section 5–1312
19 Annotated Code of Maryland
20 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

21 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
22 Article – Human Services

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 Section 5-304(a)(4)
2 Annotated Code of Maryland
3 (2007 Volume and 2014 Supplement)

4 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
5 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

6 **Article – Family Law**

7 5-1301.

8 (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

9 (d) “Child” means any individual under the age of 18 years.

10 (i) “Out-of-home placement” means placement of a child into foster care, kinship
11 care, group care, or residential treatment care.

12 **5-1312.**

13 **(A) IN THIS SECTION, “FOSTER YOUTH” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN §**
14 **5-304 OF THE HUMAN SERVICES ARTICLE.**

15 **(B) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, ON OR BEFORE**
16 **DECEMBER 1 OF EACH YEAR, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REPORT TO THE GENERAL**
17 **ASSEMBLY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE,**
18 **THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION REGARDING CHILDREN AND FOSTER YOUTH IN THE**
19 **STATE CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM:**

20 **(1) THE NUMBER OF CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT REPORTS,**
21 **ALTERNATIVE RESPONSES, INVESTIGATIVE RESPONSES, AND FINDINGS FOR**
22 **COMPLETED INVESTIGATIONS;**

23 **(2) THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN AND FOSTER YOUTH RECEIVING**
24 **IN-HOME SERVICES;**

25 **(3) THE NUMBER OF NEW OUT-OF-HOME PLACEMENTS BY**
26 **PLACEMENT TYPE;**

27 **(4) THE NUMBER OF EXITS FROM THE CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM BY**
28 **EXIT TYPE;**

29 **(5) THE NUMBER OF EXITS TO REUNIFICATION AND REENTRIES**
30 **WITHIN 12 MONTHS AFTER EXIT;**

1 (iii) was in out-of-home care under the responsibility of the State on
2 the individual's 18th birthday.

3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
4 October 1, 2015.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.