

# SENATE BILL 787

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Children in Out-of-Home Placement – Rights**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Social Services Administration of the Department of  
4 Human Services to provide to a child in an out-of-home placement who is at least a  
5 certain age information regarding the rights of a child in an out-of-home placement;  
6 making certain stylistic changes; and generally relating to the rights of children in  
7 out-of-home placements.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
9 Article – Family Law  
10 Section 5–525(k)  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

13 BY adding to  
14 Article – Family Law  
15 Section 5–525(l)  
16 Annotated Code of Maryland  
17 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

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

20 **Article – Family Law**

21 5–525.

22 (k) (1) At least one time each year, the Administration shall provide **TO** a child  
23 in an out-of-home placement who is at least 13 years old information regarding benefits

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 available to the child on leaving out-of-home care.

2 (2) The information provided under paragraph (1) of this subsection shall  
3 include information regarding tuition assistance, health care benefits, housing, job training  
4 and internship opportunities, and the right to reenter care and procedures for reentering  
5 care under subsection (b)(3) of this section.

6 (3) The Administration may provide **TO** the child the information required  
7 under paragraph (1) of this subsection:

8 (i) at a permanency planning hearing or review hearing held in  
9 accordance with § 3-823 of the Courts Article; or

10 (ii) by certified mail.

11 **(L) AT LEAST ONE TIME EACH YEAR, THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL PROVIDE**  
12 **TO A CHILD IN AN OUT-OF-HOME PLACEMENT WHO IS AT LEAST 13 YEARS OLD**  
13 **INFORMATION REGARDING THE RIGHTS OF A CHILD IN AN OUT-OF-HOME**  
14 **PLACEMENT.**

15 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
16 October 1, 2018.