

SENATE BILL 787

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By: **Senators Simonaire, Bates, Kagan, Nathan–Pulliam, Robinson, Salling,
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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

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

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

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article – Family Law
11 Section 5–525(k)
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

14 BY adding to
15 Article – Family Law
16 Section 5–525(l)
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

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

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 Article – Family Law

2 5–525.

3 (k) (1) At least one time each year, the Administration shall provide TO a child
4 in an out-of-home placement who is at least 13 years old information regarding benefits
5 available to the child on leaving out-of-home care.

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

10 (3) The Administration may provide TO the child the information required
11 under paragraph (1) of this subsection:

12 (i) at a permanency planning hearing or review hearing held in
13 accordance with § 3–823 of the Courts Article; or

14 (ii) by certified mail.

15 (L) (1) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DEVELOP A FOSTER YOUTH BILL OF
16 RIGHTS DELINEATING THE RIGHTS OF CHILDREN IN OUT-OF-HOME PLACEMENTS.

17 (2) AT LEAST ONE TIME EACH YEAR, THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL
18 PROVIDE TO A EACH CHILD IN AN OUT-OF-HOME PLACEMENT WHO IS AT LEAST 13
19 YEARS OLD ~~INFORMATION REGARDING THE RIGHTS OF A CHILD IN AN~~
20 ~~OUT-OF-HOME PLACEMENT~~ A COPY OF THE FOSTER YOUTH BILL OF RIGHTS
21 DEVELOPED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

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

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.