

# SENATE BILL NO. 1573

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR CRAWFORD.

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KRISTINA MARTIN, Secretary

## AN ACT

To repeal section 210.670, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to children in custody of the state.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Section 210.670, RSMo, is repealed and one new  
2 section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 210.670,  
3 to read as follows:

210.670. 1. Children in foster care under the  
2 responsibility of the state who have attained the age of  
3 fourteen shall be consulted in the development of, revision  
4 of, or addition to their case plan.

5 2. The children may choose individuals to participate  
6 as members of the family support team. The division may  
7 reject members chosen by the child if the division has good  
8 cause to believe the individual would not act in the best  
9 interests of the child. The child may designate one member  
10 to be his or her advisor and, as necessary, advocate with  
11 respect to the application of the reasonable and prudent  
12 parent standard to the child.

13 3. The child shall receive:

14 (1) A document which describes the rights of the child  
15 with respect to education, health, visitation, court  
16 participation, the child's right to documents pursuant to

**EXPLANATION-Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.**

subsection 4 of this section, and the child's right to stay safe and avoid exploitation; and

(2) A signed acknowledgment by the child indicating he or she has been provided with a copy of the document, and the child's rights contained in the document have been explained to the child in an age- and developmentally appropriate manner.

4. If a child is leaving foster care by reason of having attained eighteen years of age or such greater age as the state has elected, the division shall provide the child **[with] the following:**

(1) An official or certified copy of his or her United States birth certificate~~[,]~~;

(2) A Social Security card issued by the Commissioner of Social Security~~[,]~~;

(3) Health insurance information~~[,]~~;

(4) A copy of the child's medical records~~[, and]~~;

(5) A driver's license or identification card issued by the state~~[,]~~;

(6) **Written information on how to access the child's medical records and court documents;**

(7) **A letter confirming the child's prior foster care status for purposes of program eligibility;**

(8) **Contact information for relevant social service agencies; and**

(9) **A summary of available state and federal programs and supports, including, but not limited to, health coverage, housing assistance, and postfoster care services,**

unless the child has been in foster care for less than six months and unless the child is ineligible to receive such documents.

48           5. If guardianship is deemed the permanency plan or is  
49 being considered by the court, the division or the division  
50 of youth services shall include any proposed or nominated  
51 guardian for the child, including a public administrator, in  
52 the development of the permanency plan at least six months  
53 prior to the child leaving foster care or state custody by  
54 reason of having attained eighteen years of age or such  
55 greater age as the state has elected. The proposed or  
56 nominated guardian shall receive a copy of the proposed  
57 permanency plan from the division or the division of youth  
58 services. The proposed or nominated guardian shall also  
59 receive a copy of any documents, records, or other  
60 information provided to the child under subsection 4 of this  
61 section prior to the child leaving foster care or state  
62 custody.

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