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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Section A. Section 210.670, RSMo, is repealed and one new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.**

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

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

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

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

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

32 (3) Health insurance information[,];

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

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

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

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

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

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

45 unless the child has been in foster care for less than six
46 months and unless the child is ineligible to receive such
47 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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