

Chapter 451

(House Bill 1307)

AN ACT concerning

Children in Out-of-Home Placement – Annual Notice of Benefits

FOR the purpose of requiring the Social Services Administration to provide a certain child in out-of-home placement certain information at least once a year; specifying the contents of the information; authorizing the Administration to provide the information to the child at a certain hearing or by certified mail; requiring the Secretary of Human Resources to submit a report on the implementation of this Act to certain committees of the General Assembly by a certain date; and generally relating to children in out-of-home placement.

BY adding to

Article – Family Law

Section 5–525(k)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2012 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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

Article – Family Law

5–525.

(K) (1) AT LEAST ONE TIME EACH YEAR, THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL PROVIDE A CHILD IN AN OUT-OF-HOME PLACEMENT WHO IS AT LEAST 13 YEARS OLD INFORMATION REGARDING BENEFITS AVAILABLE TO THE CHILD ON LEAVING OUT-OF-HOME CARE.

(2) THE INFORMATION PROVIDED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL INCLUDE INFORMATION REGARDING TUITION ASSISTANCE, HEALTH CARE BENEFITS, AND JOB TRAINING AND INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES.

(3) THE ADMINISTRATION MAY PROVIDE THE CHILD THE INFORMATION REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION:

(I) AT A PERMANENCY PLANNING HEARING OR REVIEW HEARING HELD IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 3–823 OF THE COURTS ARTICLE; OR

(II) BY CERTIFIED MAIL.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Secretary of Human Resources shall report on or before December 31, 2014, to the Senate ~~Finance~~ *Judicial Proceedings* Committee and the House Appropriations Committee, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, on how the Department of Human Resources has implemented the provisions of this Act.

SECTION ~~2~~ 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2014.

Approved by the Governor, May 5, 2014.