

SAFE FAMILIES FOR CHILDREN ACT (EXCERPT)
Act 434 of 2018

***** 722.1561.new THIS NEW SECTION IS EFFECTIVE MARCH 20, 2019 *****

722.1561.new Home safety assessment.

Sec. 11. A family service agency shall conduct a home safety assessment and inspection as follows:

(a) A family service agency shall conduct a home safety assessment for each home where a minor child may be temporarily hosted according to a power of attorney. The home safety assessment must include an inspection of the physical dwelling, assessment of the person's or family's financial ability to provide care for the minor child, and assessment of the person's or family's ability and capacity to provide care for the minor child. As part of the home safety assessment, the family service agency shall obtain 3 current references from persons not related to the person or family.

(b) A family service agency shall conduct a home safety assessment every 2 years while a home is hosting or is available to host a minor child according to a power of attorney.

(c) A family service agency shall conduct periodic inspections of a home that is hosting a minor child to monitor the well-being of the minor child and any change impacting the most recent home safety assessment. The family service agency must conduct this inspection within 48 hours after a person or family begins hosting a minor child in a home, 1 day per week for the first month during which a minor child is hosted in the home, and 1 day per month after that for the duration of the period of time that the minor child is being hosted in the home.

(d) A family service agency's home safety assessment and inspection under subdivisions (a), (b), and (c) must result in a determination that a home is safe for a minor child before the home may host or continue to host a minor child under this section.

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