

FOSTER CARE AND ADOPTION SERVICES ACT (EXCERPT)
Act 203 of 1994

***** 722.958c.added THIS ADDED SECTION IS EFFECTIVE MARCH 27, 2019 *****

722.958c.added Children's assurance of quality foster care; specific policy regarding access to certain services and information.

Sec. 8c. In addition to the specific policy described in sections 8b and 8d, the department shall draft and maintain a specific policy for children in foster care as provided in this section. This specific policy shall be implemented by no later than 90 days after the effective date of the amendatory act that added this section and shall, in addition to the provisions of sections 8b and 8d, address the child in foster care's access to the following as age-appropriate and as mandated by the court:

- (a) Regular contact with all of the child in foster care's caseworkers, attorneys, and advocates.
- (b) Relevant information regarding a change in the child in foster care's caseworker or attorney.
- (c) Reasonable notification of hearings.
- (d) At 14 years of age or older, involvement in the child in foster care's own case plan development and development of a plan for his or her future and aging out of the foster care system.
- (e) Help with understanding the services available to children in foster care and how to access those services.
- (f) A permanent plan for placement and the child in foster care's participation in the development of that plan.
- (g) Protection of the child in foster care's privacy and confidentiality regarding his or her case.

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