



General Assembly

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**Substitute Bill No. 5001**

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**AN ACT ADOPTING A FOSTER PARENT BILL OF RIGHTS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2006*) There is established a  
2 foster parent bill of rights for any person who acts as a foster parent for  
3 the Department of Children and Families. The foster parent bill of  
4 rights shall require the department to:

5 (1) Notify foster parents of scheduled meetings concerning the  
6 foster child in order to allow the foster parent to actively participate  
7 and have input into the case-planning and decision-making process  
8 regarding the foster child;

9 (2) Provide the foster parent with support services to assist in the  
10 care of the foster child that are consistent with the foster child's  
11 approved permanency plan;

12 (3) Provide the foster parent open, complete and timely responses to  
13 requests;

14 (4) Provide the foster parent information about the foster child's  
15 medical history, general behavior and information regarding the  
16 relationships between the foster child and the foster child's parents as  
17 soon as that information is obtained by the department;

18 (5) Provide the foster parent, within a reasonable amount of time,

19 information concerning the educational history, life experiences and  
20 placement circumstances of the foster child;

21 (6) Provide the foster parent information on all department policies  
22 and procedures that relate to the role of a foster parent;

23 (7) Provide the foster parent appropriate training to enhance  
24 relevant skills and abilities of the foster parent;

25 (8) Provide the foster parent (A) information on how to receive  
26 services, and (B) contact information that allows the foster parent to  
27 contact the department on a twenty-four-hour-a-day, seven-day-a-  
28 week basis;

29 (9) Provide an opportunity for the foster parent to be heard  
30 regarding department decisions and practices, and not retaliate  
31 against, discharge or threaten the foster parent for questioning or  
32 appealing the decisions or practices of the department; and

33 (10) Provide the foster parent a copy of the foster parent bill of  
34 rights upon request and when a child is placed in foster care with the  
35 foster parent.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2006</i>	New section

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*Joint Favorable Subst. C/R*

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