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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

20 ILCS 520/1-15
750 ILCS 50/18.4

from Ch. 40, par. 1522.4

Amends the Adoption Act. Requires the following information to be provided to adoptive parents if the child was placed in foster care before adoption: (1) whether the child was in the care of more than one foster home before adoption and the reason why the child was moved from one foster home to another foster home; (2) whether other children lived in the foster home during the time of the child's placement in the foster home; (3) basic information and details about each foster parent who cared for the child; and (4) any developmental milestones that occurred before adoption. Amends the foster Parent Law to delete the right of a foster parent to timely training necessary to meet the hair care needs of the children placed in foster care.

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1 AN ACT concerning civil law.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Foster Parent Law is amended by changing
5 Section 1-15 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 520/1-15)

7 Sec. 1-15. Foster parent rights. A foster parent's rights
8 include, but are not limited to, the following:

9 (1) The right to be treated with dignity, respect, and
10 consideration as a professional member of the child
11 welfare team.

12 (2) The right to be given standardized pre-service
13 training and appropriate ongoing training to meet mutually
14 assessed needs and improve the foster parent's skills.

15 (3) The right to be informed as to how to contact the
16 appropriate child placement agency in order to receive
17 information and assistance to access supportive services
18 for children in the foster parent's care.

19 (4) The right to receive timely financial
20 reimbursement commensurate with the care needs of the
21 child as specified in the service plan.

22 (5) The right to be provided a clear, written
23 understanding of a placement agency's plan concerning the

1 placement of a child in the foster parent's home. Inherent
2 in this right is the foster parent's responsibility to
3 support activities that will promote the child's right to
4 relationships with the child's own family and cultural
5 heritage.

6 (6) The right to be provided a fair, timely, and
7 impartial investigation of complaints concerning the
8 foster parent's licensure, to be provided the opportunity
9 to have a person of the foster parent's choosing present
10 during the investigation, and to be provided due process
11 during the investigation; the right to be provided the
12 opportunity to request and receive mediation or an
13 administrative review of decisions that affect licensing
14 parameters, or both mediation and an administrative
15 review; and the right to have decisions concerning a
16 licensing corrective action plan specifically explained
17 and tied to the licensing standards violated.

18 (7) The right, at any time during which a child is
19 placed with the foster parent, to receive additional or
20 necessary information that is relevant to the care of the
21 child.

22 (7.5) The right to be given information concerning a
23 child (i) from the Department as required under subsection
24 (u) of Section 5 of the Children and Family Services Act
25 and (ii) from a child welfare agency as required under
26 subsection (c-5) of Section 7.4 of the Child Care Act of

1 1969.

2 (8) The right to be notified of scheduled meetings and
3 staffings concerning the foster child in order to actively
4 participate in the case planning and decision-making
5 process regarding the child, including individual service
6 planning meetings, administrative case reviews,
7 interdisciplinary staffings, and individual educational
8 planning meetings; the right to be informed of decisions
9 made by the courts or the child welfare agency concerning
10 the child; the right to provide input concerning the plan
11 of services for the child and to have that input given full
12 consideration in the same manner as information presented
13 by any other professional on the team; and the right to
14 communicate with other professionals who work with the
15 foster child within the context of the team, including
16 therapists, physicians, attending health care
17 professionals, and teachers.

18 (9) The right to be given, in a timely and consistent
19 manner, any information a caseworker has regarding the
20 child and the child's family which is pertinent to the
21 care and needs of the child and to the making of a
22 permanency plan for the child. Disclosure of information
23 concerning the child's family shall be limited to that
24 information that is essential for understanding the needs
25 of and providing care to the child in order to protect the
26 rights of the child's family. When a positive relationship

1 exists between the foster parent and the child's family,
2 the child's family may consent to disclosure of additional
3 information.

4 (10) The right to be given reasonable written notice
5 of (i) any change in a child's case plan, (ii) plans to
6 terminate the placement of the child with the foster
7 parent, and (iii) the reasons for the change or
8 termination in placement. The notice shall be waived only
9 in cases of a court order or when the child is determined
10 to be at imminent risk of harm.

11 (11) The right to be notified in a timely and complete
12 manner of all court hearings, including notice of the date
13 and time of the court hearing, the name of the judge or
14 hearing officer hearing the case, the location of the
15 hearing, and the court docket number of the case; and the
16 right to intervene in court proceedings or to seek
17 mandamus under the Juvenile Court Act of 1987.

18 (12) The right to be considered as a placement option
19 when a foster child who was formerly placed with the
20 foster parent is to be re-entered into foster care, if
21 that placement is consistent with the best interest of the
22 child and other children in the foster parent's home.

23 (13) The right to have timely access to the child
24 placement agency's existing appeals process and the right
25 to be free from acts of harassment and retaliation by any
26 other party when exercising the right to appeal.

1 (14) The right to be informed of the Foster Parent
2 Hotline established under Section 35.6 of the Children and
3 Family Services Act and all of the rights accorded to
4 foster parents concerning reports of misconduct by
5 Department employees, service providers, or contractors,
6 confidential handling of those reports, and investigation
7 by the Inspector General appointed under Section 35.5 of
8 the Children and Family Services Act.

9 (15) (Blank.) ~~The right to timely training necessary~~
10 ~~to meet the hair care needs of the children placed in the~~
11 ~~foster parent's care.~~

12 (Source: P.A. 103-22, eff. 8-8-23; 103-850, eff. 1-1-25;
13 104-417, eff. 8-15-25.)

14 Section 10. The Adoption Act is amended by changing
15 Section 18.4 as follows:

16 (750 ILCS 50/18.4) (from Ch. 40, par. 1522.4)

17 Sec. 18.4. Information provided to adoptive parents. (a)
18 The agency, Department of Children and Family Services, Court
19 Supportive Services, Juvenile Division of the Circuit Court,
20 or the Probation Officers of the Circuit Court involved in the
21 adoption proceedings shall give in writing the following
22 non-identifying information, if known, to the adoptive parents
23 not later than the date of placement with the petitioning
24 adoptive parents: (i) age of biological parents; (ii) their

1 race, religion and ethnic background; (iii) general physical
2 appearance of biological parents; (iv) their education,
3 occupation, hobbies, interests and talents; (v) existence of
4 any other children born to the biological parents; (vi)
5 information about biological grandparents; reason for
6 emigrating into the United States, if applicable, and country
7 of origin; (vii) relationship between biological parents;
8 (viii) detailed medical and mental health histories of the
9 child, the biological parents, and their immediate relatives;
10 (ix) the actual date and place of birth of the adopted person;
11 ~~and~~ (x) the reason or reasons the birth parent or parents
12 stated for placing the child for adoption, how and why the
13 adoptive parent or parents were selected and who selected the
14 adoptive parent or parents, and whether the birth parent or
15 parents requested or agreed to post-adoption contact with the
16 child at the time of placement, and, if so, the frequency and
17 type of contact; (xi) and whether the child was placed in
18 foster care before adoption, and if so, available information
19 about significant developmental milestones observed or
20 documented that occurred while the child was placed under the
21 custody and guardianship of the Department. This information
22 may include, but is not limited to, the child's first steps,
23 first words, toilet training, and other notable developmental
24 progress. However, no information provided under this
25 subsection shall disclose the name or last known address of
26 the biological parents, grandparents, the siblings of the

1 biological parents, the adopted person, or any other relative
2 of the adopted person. Disclosure under this subsection is
3 subject to applicable State or federal confidentiality laws.
4 On or before January 1, 2027, the Department of Children and
5 Family Services shall adopt any rules necessary to implement
6 the changes made to this subsection by this amendatory Act of
7 the 104th General Assembly.

8 (b) Any adoptee 18 years of age or over shall be given the
9 information in subsection (a) upon request.

10 (c) The Illinois Adoption Registry shall release any
11 non-identifying information listed in (a) of this Section that
12 appears on the certified copy of the original birth
13 certificate or the Certificate of Adoption to an adopted
14 person, adoptive parent, or legal guardian who is a registrant
15 of the Illinois Adoption Registry.

16 (d) The Illinois Adoption Registry shall release the
17 actual date and place of birth of an adopted person who is 21
18 years of age or over to the birth parent if the birth parent is
19 a registrant of the Illinois Adoption Registry and has
20 completed a Medical Information Exchange Authorization.

21 (e) The Illinois Adoption Registry shall release
22 information regarding the date the adoption was finalized and
23 the county in which the adoption was finalized to a certified
24 confidential intermediary upon submission of a court order.

25 (f) In cases where the Illinois Adoption Registry
26 possesses information indicating that an adopted person who is

1 21 years of age or over was adopted in a state other than
2 Illinois or a country other than the United States, the
3 Illinois Adoption Registry shall release the name of the state
4 or country where the adoption was finalized and, if available,
5 the agency involved in the adoption to a registrant of the
6 Illinois Adoption Registry, provided the registrant is not the
7 subject of a Denial of Information Exchange and the registrant
8 has completed a Medical Information Exchange Authorization.

9 (g) Any of the above available information for any
10 adoption proceedings completed before the effective date of
11 this Act shall be supplied to the adoptive parents or an
12 adoptee 18 years of age or over upon request.

13 (h) The agency, Department of Children and Family
14 Services, Court Supportive Services, Juvenile Division of the
15 Circuit Court, the Probation Officers of the Circuit Court and
16 any other governmental bodies having any of the above
17 information shall retain the file until the adoptee would have
18 reached the age of 99 years.

19 (Source: P.A. 99-832, eff. 1-1-17.)