

HOUSE BILL NO. 5976

March 24, 2022, Introduced by Reps. Tyrone Carter, Whiteford, Green, Wakeman, Brann, Kahle, Brenda Carter, Young, Pohutsky, O'Malley and Anthony and referred to the Committee on Families, Children, and Seniors.

A bill to amend 1994 PA 203, entitled
"Foster care and adoption services act,"
(MCL 722.951 to 722.960) by adding section 3a.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 **Sec. 3a. (1) Beginning January 1, 2023, and annually each**
2 **January 1 after that, the department must submit an annual report**
3 **to the legislature and the house of representatives and senate**
4 **appropriation committees on the department budget, that identifies**
5 **the cost savings that occur due to reductions in foster youth in**

1 the foster care program and compares that number with the cost when
2 the highest number of foster youth have been in the foster care
3 system for the immediately preceding 10 years. The report must also
4 include details of the department's efforts to reinvest the cost
5 savings identified in the report.

6 (2) The details of the department's efforts required under
7 subsection (1) must include, but are not limited to, information on
8 all of the following reinvestment efforts:

- 9 (a) Prevention services.
- 10 (b) Permanency services.
- 11 (c) Adoption assistance.
- 12 (d) Safety assessments.
- 13 (e) Adoptive and foster family recruitment.
- 14 (f) Training.
- 15 (g) Caseworker bonuses.
- 16 (h) Wage increases.