

# SB1743



## 101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2019 and 2020

SB1743

Introduced 2/15/2019, by Sen. Robert Peters

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

20 ILCS 505/42 new

Amends the Children and Family Services Act. Requires the Department of Children and Family Services, in coordination with specified entities, to develop and process a standardized survey to gather feedback from children who are aging out of foster care and from children who have transitioned out of the foster care system. Provides that the survey shall include requests for information regarding the children's experience with and opinion of State foster care services, the children's recommendations for improvement of such services, the amount of time the children spent in the foster care system, and any other information deemed relevant by the Department. Provides that after the survey is created the Department shall circulate the survey to all youth participating in transitional living programs, independent living programs, or Youth in College and to all youth receiving scholarships or tuition waivers under the DCFS Scholarship Program. Requires the Department to conduct the survey every 5 years and to submit a report to the Governor and the General Assembly at the completion of each survey. Provides that the first report shall be submitted no later than December 1, 2021 and shall provide a detailed review of the survey results.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT  
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning State government.

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

4 Section 5. The Children and Family Services Act is amended  
5 by adding Section 42 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 505/42 new)

7 Sec. 42. Foster care survey. The Department, in  
8 coordination with the Foster Care Alumni of America Illinois  
9 Chapter, the School of Social Work at the University of  
10 Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and the Department's Statewide  
11 Youth Advisory Board, shall develop and process a standardized  
12 survey to gather feedback from children who are aging out of  
13 foster care and from children who have transitioned out of the  
14 foster care system. The survey shall include requests for  
15 information regarding the children's experience with and  
16 opinion of State foster care services, the children's  
17 recommendations for improvement of such services, the amount of  
18 time the children spent in the foster care system, and any  
19 other information deemed relevant by the Department. After the  
20 survey is created the Department shall circulate the survey to  
21 all youth participating in transitional living programs,  
22 independent living programs, or Youth in College and to all  
23 youth receiving scholarships or tuition waivers under the DCFS

1 Scholarship Program. The Department shall conduct the survey  
2 every 5 years. At the completion of each survey, the  
3 Department, in coordination with the Foster Care Alumni of  
4 America Illinois Chapter, the School of Social Work at the  
5 University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and the  
6 Department's Statewide Youth Advisory Board, shall submit a  
7 report with a detailed review of the survey results to the  
8 Governor and the General Assembly. The first report shall be  
9 submitted no later than December 1, 2021 and every 5 years  
10 thereafter.