

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.