

**FOSTER CARE AND ADOPTION SERVICES ACT (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 203 of 1994**

**722.953 Purpose of act.**

Sec. 3. The purposes of this act are all of the following:

- (a) To assist foster parents to provide a stable, loving family environment for children who are placed outside of their homes on a temporary basis.
- (b) To help eliminate barriers to the adoption of children and to promote the provision of a stable and loving family environment to children who are without permanent families.
- (c) To promote the well-being and safety of all children who receive foster care or are adopted under the laws of this state.
- (d) To protect and assist prospective adoptive families as they negotiate the adoption process.
- (e) To regulate child placing agencies who certify foster parents and serve adoptees and adoptive families in this state.
- (f) To regulate adoption attorneys who facilitate direct placement adoptions.
- (g) To ensure foster parents and prospective adoptive parents receive all applicable resources as described in section 8a.

**History:** 1994, Act 203, Eff. Jan. 1, 1995;—Am. 2014, Act 524, Eff. Apr. 1, 2015.