

HOUSE BILL No. 5226

November 8, 2017, Introduced by Rep. Kosowski 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 4f.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 **SEC. 4F. (1) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROMULGATE RULES ON THE**
2 **DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A FOSTER YOUTH SUMMER INTERNSHIP**
3 **PILOT PROGRAM FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FOSTER YOUTH WITH**
4 **PROFESSIONAL TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE THROUGH INTERNSHIPS. THE**
5 **DEPARTMENT MAY COLLABORATE WITH OTHER APPROPRIATE STATE AGENCIES TO**
6 **ESTABLISH THE PILOT PROGRAM.**

7 **(2) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROMULGATE RULES ON THE APPLICATION**
8 **PROCESS AND ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS UNDER THE PILOT PROGRAM**
9 **DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1). THE RULES SHALL INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE**

1 LIMITED TO, A RULE ESTABLISHING THAT INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE AT LEAST
2 15 YEARS OLD AND ARE CURRENT OR FORMER FOSTER YOUTH ARE ELIGIBLE TO
3 PARTICIPATE IN THE PILOT PROGRAM.

4 (3) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROMULGATE RULES TO USE THE REQUEST-
5 FOR-PROPOSAL PROCESS WHEN SOLICITING AND ENTERING INTO CONTRACTUAL
6 AGREEMENTS WITH ORGANIZATIONS WANTING TO AWARD INTERNSHIPS UNDER
7 THE PILOT PROGRAM.

8 (4) THE PILOT PROGRAM MAY BE ESTABLISHED IN MULTIPLE REGIONS
9 OF THIS STATE.

10 (5) INTERNSHIPS PROVIDED UNDER THE PILOT PROGRAM MAY BE PAID
11 OR UNPAID.

12 (6) SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATIONS, BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2020, THE
13 DEPARTMENT SHALL IMPLEMENT THE PILOT PROGRAM. THE PILOT PROGRAM
14 SHALL OPERATE FOR A 2-YEAR PERIOD. AT THE END OF THE 2-YEAR PERIOD,
15 THE DEPARTMENT SHALL EVALUATE THE PILOT PROGRAM AND SUBMIT A REPORT
16 TO THE LEGISLATURE WITH ITS FINDINGS, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED
17 TO, ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

18 (A) THE NUMBER OF FOSTER YOUTH WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE PILOT
19 PROGRAM.

20 (B) THE LOCATION AND TYPE OF INTERNSHIPS PROVIDED UNDER THE
21 PILOT PROGRAM.

22 (C) THE DEPARTMENT'S EFFORTS TO RECRUIT ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS
23 TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PILOT PROGRAM.

24 (D) WHETHER THE DEPARTMENT INTENDS TO CONTINUE THE PILOT
25 PROGRAM, USING PERFORMANCE METRICS TO EXPLAIN THE RATIONALE FOR ITS
26 DECISION.

27 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 90 days

1 after the date it is enacted into law.