



House of Representatives

General Assembly

File No. 161

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House Bill No. 7043

House of Representatives, March 20, 2025

The Committee on Children reported through REP. PARIS of the 145th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING FOSTER CARE MAINTENANCE PAYMENTS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) Not later than January 1, 2026, the
- 2 Commissioner of Children and Families shall submit a report, in
- 3 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes,
- 4 to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
- 5 cognizance of matters relating to children. Such report shall include
- 6 information concerning foster care maintenance payments provided by
- 7 the Department of Children and Families to foster parents in the state,
- 8 including, but not limited to, (1) the rates and schedule of such
- 9 payments, (2) a comparison of foster care maintenance payments
- 10 provided to foster parents in the state and neighboring jurisdictions, (3)
- 11 an analysis of the feasibility of increasing such rates, and (4)
- 12 recommendations for legislation to accomplish such rate increase.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill requires the Department of Children and Families to report, by January 1, 2026, various information regarding foster care maintenance payments as well as recommendations for legislation to accomplish an increase in associated payment rates. This results in no fiscal impact. The department has the requisite expertise to complete the report.

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Committee on Children

Joint Favorable

Yea 17 Nay 0 (03/06/2025)