

LEGISLATIVE BILL 457

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FOR AN ACT relating to foster care; to amend section 43-1318, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to require a caregiver information form for foster care proceedings; to provide a duty for the Supreme Court; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. (1) The court shall provide a caregiver information form to the foster parent, preadoptive parent, guardian, or relative providing care for the child when giving notice of a court review described in section 43-1314. The form is to be dated and signed by the caregiver and shall, at a minimum, request the following:

- (a) The child's name, age, and date of birth;
- (b) The name of the caregiver, his or her telephone number and address, and whether the caregiver is a foster parent, preadoptive parent, guardian, or relative;
- (c) How long the child has been in the caregiver's care;
- (d) A current picture of the child;
- (e) The current status of the child's medical, dental, and general physical condition;
- (f) The current status of the child's emotional condition;
- (g) The current status of the child's education;
- (h) Whether or not the child is a special education student and the date of the last individualized educational plan;
- (i) A brief description of the child's social skills and peer relationships;
- (j) A brief description of the child's special interests and activities;
- (k) A brief description of the child's reactions before, during, and after visits;
- (l) Whether or not the child is receiving all necessary services;
- (m) The date and place of each visit by the caseworker with the child;
- (n) A description of the method by which the guardian ad litem has acquired information about the child; and
- (o) Whether or not the caregiver can make a permanent commitment to the child if the child does not return home.

(2) A caregiver information form shall be developed by the Supreme Court. Such form shall be made a part of the record in each court that reviews the child's foster care proceedings.

Sec. 2. Section 43-1318, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

43-1318 Sections 43-1301 to 43-1318 and section 1 of this act shall be known and may be cited as the Foster Care Review Act.

Sec. 3. Original section 43-1318, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is repealed.