

The House Committee on Juvenile Justice offers the following substitute to HB 1074:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to social services, so
2 as to provide for certain reports regarding foster parents; to provide for agency statistics on
3 foster parent recruitment and retention; to provide for a short title; to provide for related
4 matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

7 This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "GLA Act of 2020" or the "Georgia Loves
8 Our Adolescents Act of 2020."

9 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 2.**

10 Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to social services, is amended
11 in Article 1 of Chapter 2, relating to general provisions regarding the Department of Human
12 Services, by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

13 "49-2-6.1.

14 (a) The Division of Family and Children Services of the department shall compile
15 quarterly statistics demonstrating:

16 (1) The number of foster families currently approved, licensed, or certified by it,
17 categorized by:

18 (A) The county of residence;

19 (B) The capacity of the foster home; and

20 (C) The types of children for whom the foster home is approved;

21 (2) The number of foster parents who submitted applications to the Division of Family
22 and Children Services to serve as foster parents during the quarter; and

23 (3) The outcome of such applications.

24 (b) Such information shall be published on the department's public website and shall be
25 updated at least every six months."

26 **SECTION 3.**

27 Said title is further amended in Article 1 of Chapter 5, relating to programs and protection
28 for children and youth, by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

29 "49-5-4.2.

30 (a) Each child-placing agency shall provide to the Division of Family and Children
31 Services of the department quarterly statistics demonstrating:

32 (1) The number of foster families currently approved, licensed, or certified by the
33 agency, categorized by:

34 (A) The county of residence;

35 (B) The capacity of the foster home; and

36 (C) The types of children for whom the foster home is approved;

37 (2) The number of foster parents who submitted applications to the agency to serve as
38 foster parents during the quarter; and

39 (3) The outcome of such applications.

40 (b) Such information shall be published on the department's public website and shall be
41 updated at least every six months."

42 **SECTION 4.**

43 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.