HOUSE BILL 1307

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Assigned to: Appropriations

A BILL ENTITLED

1   AN ACT concerning

2   **Children in Out–of–Home Placement – Annual Notice of Benefits**

3   FOR the purpose of requiring the Social Services Administration to provide a certain
4   child in out–of–home placement certain information at least once a year;
5   specifying the contents of the information; authorizing the Administration to
6   provide the information to the child at a certain hearing or by certified mail;
7   and generally relating to children in out–of–home placement.

8   BY adding to
9   Article – Family Law
10   Section 5–525(k)
11   Annotated Code of Maryland
12   (2012 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

13   SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
14 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

15   **Article – Family Law**

16 5–525.

17   **(K)   (1)   AT LEAST ONE TIME EACH YEAR, THE ADMINISTRATION
18 SHALL PROVIDE A CHILD IN AN OUT–OF–HOME PLACEMENT WHO IS AT LEAST 13
19 YEARS OLD INFORMATION REGARDING BENEFITS AVAILABLE TO THE CHILD ON
20 LEAVING OUT–OF–HOME CARE.**

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1   **(2)   THE INFORMATION PROVIDED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF**
2   **THIS SUBSECTION SHALL INCLUDE INFORMATION REGARDING TUITION**
3   **ASSISTANCE, HEALTH CARE BENEFITS, AND JOB TRAINING AND INTERNSHIP**
4   **OPPORTUNITIES.**

5   **(3)   THE ADMINISTRATION MAY PROVIDE THE CHILD THE**
6   **INFORMATION REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION:**

7   **(I)   AT A PERMANENCY PLANNING HEARING OR REVIEW**
8   **HEARING HELD IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 3–823 OF THE COURTS ARTICLE; OR**

9   **(II)   BY CERTIFIED MAIL.**

10   SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
11   October 1, 2014.