

Subparagraph (v) of paragraph (2) of subdivision (b) of section 428.3 is amended and a new subparagraph (vi) is added to read as follows:

(v) the child's transition plan prepared in accordance with the standards set forth in section 430.12(j) of this Title; and

(vi) the foster child's consumer report provided in accordance with section 430.12(k) of this Title.

Subparagraph (i) of paragraph (1) of subdivision (c) of section 430.11 is amended to read as follows:

(1)(i) Standard. Whenever possible, a child shall be placed in a foster care setting which permits the child to retain contact with the persons, groups and institutions with which the child was involved while living with his or her parents, and to which the child will be discharged. It shall be deemed inappropriate to place a child in a setting which conforms with this standard only if the child's service needs can only be met in another available setting at the same or lesser level of care. The initial placement of the child into foster care and all subsequent placements must take into account the appropriateness of the child's existing educational setting and the proximity of such setting to the child's placement location. When it is in the best interest of the foster child to continue to be enrolled in the same school in which the child [was] is currently enrolled [when placed into foster care], the agency with case management, case planning or casework responsibility for the foster child must coordinate with applicable local school authorities to ensure that the child remains in such school. When it is not in the best interests of the foster child to continue to be enrolled in the same school in which the child [was] is currently enrolled [when placed into foster care], the agency with case management, case planning or casework responsibility for the foster child must coordinate with applicable local school authorities where the foster child is placed in order that the foster child be provided with immediate and appropriate enrollment in a new school; and the agency with case management, case planning or casework responsibility for the foster child must coordinate with the applicable local school authorities where the foster child previously attended in order that all of the applicable school records of the child can be provided to the new school.

A new subdivision (k) of section 430.12 is added to read as follows:

(k) Consumer Reports (i) Standard. Upon attaining the age of 16 years and each year thereafter until discharged from foster care, each foster child must receive a copy of a consumer report on such child, at no cost to the child. The agency with case management, case planning or casework responsibility for the child, as determined by the social services district with legal custody of the foster child, must provide or arrange for the provision of assistance to the foster child, including, where feasible, from any court-

appointed advocate, in interpreting and resolving any inaccuracies in the report. For the purpose of this subdivision, a consumer report means information by a consumer reporting agency bearing on the consumer's credit worthiness, credit standing, credit capacity, character, general reputation, or mode of living which is used or expected to be used or collected in whole or in part for the purpose of serving as a factor in establishing the consumer's eligibility for:

- a) credit or insurance to be used primarily for personal, family, or household purposes;
- b) employment purposes; or
any other purpose authorized by federal law.

(ii) Documentation. Documentation must include that the consumer report was provided to the foster child annually and any assistance provided by the agency to the foster child in interpreting the consumer report or resolving any inaccuracies in such report.