

(3) adopt policies and procedures that relate to reports and any other information that is required for any public or private agency or institution;

(4) make recommendations to the General Assembly that relate to [foster care] OUT-OF-HOME PLACEMENT policies and procedures; and

(5) subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, report to the General Assembly on the first day of each year on the status of [foster care] children IN OUT-OF-HOME PLACEMENT in this State.

5-540.

(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, there shall be at least 1 local board of review [of foster care] for minor children IN OUT-OF-HOME PLACEMENT in each county.

(b) Instead of a local board in each county, 2 or more counties may agree to establish a single multicounty local board.

5-541.

(a) (1) A local board consists of 7 members appointed by the Governor.

(2) If a single multicounty local board is established for 2 or more counties, and if it is necessary that 1 or more of those counties have a greater number of members on the local board in order for the local board to have 7 members, the greater number of members shall be appointed from the counties that have the largest [foster care] OUT-OF-HOME PLACEMENT populations, in order of the size of the [foster care] OUT-OF-HOME PLACEMENT populations.

(b) (1) Each member of a local board shall be a resident of a county that is served by the local board.

(2) Each member of a local board shall:

(i) be a citizen who has demonstrated an interest in minor children through community service, professional experience, or similar activities; or

(ii) have a background in law, sociology, psychology, psychiatry, education, social work, or medicine.

(c) (1) The term of a member is 4 years.

(2) At the end of a term, a member continues to serve until a successor is appointed and qualifies.

(3) A member who is appointed after a term has begun serves only for the rest of the term and until a successor is appointed and qualifies.