Representative Jed Davis Is Calling Upon Democrats And Republicans To Help Foster Parents

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Springfield, IL - Representative Jed Davis is calling upon democrats and republicans to help foster parents with HB 2995.

"From my experience as a foster parent, you spend hundreds if not thousands purchasing essentials for placements. These essentials include things like car seats, clothes, and mattresses." Representative Davis continued, "Foster parents outlay dollars early, but don't receive their first full stipend until 60 to 80 days later. Why are we creating these financial hurdles when we desperately need more foster parents. My bill, HB2995, addresses this issue."

This bill provides foster parents an initial stipend within 24 hours of a permanent placement and this stipend is then credited against the final month's stipend. So, it accelerate stipends without increasing the state's obligations.

Representative Davis added, "This bill is a simple fix. We either value foster parents and truly want to partner with them or we don't. It all ultimately helps the kids which should always be the end goal of foster care. I'm calling on democrats and republicans to pass this bill. I also want people to know it's not about the money. The money never covers the cost, but it definitely helps, so let's help foster parents here."

Representative Davis encourages you to contact your local representative and senator, asking them to support HB2995. DCFS is failing and we need to rebuild from the bottom up, starting with foster parents.

For more information about Representative Davis, please call his district office in Yorkville at (331) 867-8200. You may also call or text the Representative's cell at (630) 724-7600. Feel free to share any recommendations or suggestions as they relate to child welfare.

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