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Coladipietro Advances Bill Protecting Foster Kids

Springfield ... Citing recent media reports on preventable foster children deaths while in the State's care, State Representative Franco Coladipietro (R-Bloomington) today advanced legislation in the Illinois House that would mandate that the Department of Child and Family Services report foster care deaths to members of the General Assembly and the Governor. HB 3767 requires that the Department of Children and Family Services on an annual basis file a report on the number of children who died while in the custody of the Department. This report would be broken down by county, categorized by the cause and type of out of home placement. The Department of Children and Family Services currently collects this information thru their Office of the Inspector General. However, this information is not available to the public or members of the General Assembly.

“The safety and well being of the children of Illinois should be a top priority for the state. It's important that we learn from past tragedies to prevent future tragedies and ultimately find a solution so no child will perish while in the state's custody.” Coladipietro said, “HB 3767 will make DCFS better at serving our children.”

Having passed the House DCFS Oversight Committee unanimously today the legislation now advances to the floor for consideration by the full House. For additional information, Rep. Coladipietro can be contacted at (630) 582-0045.