

HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS**HB 1135****2016 Regular Session****Moreno**

CHILDREN/PARENTAL RIGHTS: Provides for the termination of parental rights in certain circumstances

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Specifies the penalties for a sex offense perpetrator when his parental rights are terminated, including loss of custody, visitation, contact, and the payment of court costs, attorney fees, and other costs associated with the termination of parental rights proceedings.
2. Adds language to allow for the confidentiality of the petitioner's home address and parish when a petition for termination of parental rights is filed.

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

Present law provides for parties that may petition for termination of parental rights and provides the grounds under which an individual's parental rights may be terminated.

Proposed law adds the victim of a sex offense who is the custodial parent to the list of persons who may petition for termination of parental rights when the victim wishes to terminate the parental rights of the perpetrator.

Proposed law expands the grounds for termination of parental rights to include an individual who has been convicted of or who has committed a sex offense defined in present law (R.S. 15:541).

Proposed law adds penalties which result from termination of the parental rights of a sex offense perpetrator. Provides that the petitioner shall not be required to pay court costs or costs of service for filing such petition.

Proposed law allows the petitioner's home address and parish, and that of each person for whom the petition is filed, to remain confidential when filing a petition for termination of parental rights of a sex offense perpetrator.

(Amends Ch.C. Arts. 1007 and 1015; Adds Ch.C. Arts. 1004(I) and 1015.1)