

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 584

BY REPRESENTATIVES BOYD AND TAYLOR

CHILDREN/FOSTER CARE: Provides relative to children in foster care

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 46:286.16(C)(19), relative to the rights of foster children; to provide for the  
3 elimination of the practice of providing foster children with garbage bags to move  
4 between foster homes; to provide for definitions; to provide for the responsibilities  
5 of local social services districts; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 46:286.16(C)(19) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §286.16. Short title; purpose; rights

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10 C. Youth ages fourteen through eighteen in foster care in this state are  
11 entitled to the following rights granted to them when it is determined by the  
12 department to be in the best interest of the youth:

13 \* \* \*

14 (19)(a) The right to proper luggage that is considered to be durable and  
15 reusable containers that are in new or like-new condition to move between foster  
16 homes to ensure their dignity and safety. Luggage shall include backpacks, boxes,  
17 duffel bags, or suitcases. The use of garbage bags is strictly prohibited.

18 (b) It is the responsibility of the local social services districts to provide  
19 foster children with proper luggage.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Provides for the rights of foster children to have proper luggage to move between foster homes instead of garbage bags and the responsibilities of local social services districts to provide proper luggage.

Proposed law provides foster children the right to proper luggage when moving between foster homes to ensure their dignity and safety.

Proposed law defines luggage and specifies what condition the luggage must be in.

Proposed law strictly prohibits the use of garbage bags as luggage for foster children.

Proposed law provides for the responsibilities of local social services districts to provide foster children with proper luggage.

(Adds R.S. 46:286.16(C)(19))