

GREEN SHEET REDIGEST

HB 584

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

DIGEST

Proposed law expands the age range of fourteen through eighteen to birth through eighteen.

Proposed law establishes the right for foster children to be provided proper luggage when moving between foster homes to ensure their dignity and safety.

Proposed law defines luggage and specifies the 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.

Proposed law provides for the responsibilities of host families to ensure that luggage remains with the children.

Proposed law provides for local social service districts and DCFS to host biennial luggage donation drives for luggage to be distributed to foster children.

(Amends R.S. 46:286.16)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Health and Welfare to the original bill:

1. Provide that it is the responsibility of the host family to ensure that the luggage provided by DCFS goes with each child.
2. Add that the local social services districts and DCFS will host biennial luggage donation drives for luggage to be distributed to foster children.
3. Make technical amendments.

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Expand the age range of applicability for foster youth from fourteen through eighteen to zero through eighteen.
2. Eliminate the use of the words "right" and "rights" throughout present law and change them to "privilege" and "privileges".
3. Provide that foster children shall receive the listed privileges.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Health and Welfare to the reengrossed bill

1. Removes the word "privilege" and restores the use of the word "right" throughout present law.

2. Changes "foster youth" to "foster children" to reflect the change in the applicable ages.
3. Makes technical changes.